

2024 NM GRO Fund Process

Guidelines for Representatives

Each House member has a total of \$480,000 they may allocate. Every member may choose to sponsor up to three (3) non-recurring appropriations of \$160,000 each that can be expended over the course of two (2) fiscal years. Minimum threshold for an appropriation is \$160,000. No capital or DFA-LGD outside the designated scope identified below. Members may choose any three (3) items from the categories below.

Guidelines for Senators

Each Senate member has a total of \$800,000 that they can appropriate. Every member may choose to sponsor up to four (4) one-time non-recurring appropriations of \$200,000 each that can be expended over the course of two (2) fiscal years. Minimum threshold for an appropriation is \$200,000. No capital or DFA-LGD outside the designated scope identified below. Members may choose any four (4) items from the categories below.

Statewide Agency Budgets

- A. Any requested specials from the list provided to members from HAFC/SFC. This list includes all items agencies requested to be funded for FY25. Note: No deviation from the language on the list permitted. These items are not eligible for recurring funding after completion of the funding period. *[Specials - Section 5]*
- B. New pilot projects that are either evidence-based, promising or research-based or in need of additional research. New pilot projects must specify the locations and population the pilot project will serve. Preference is for statewide pilot projects. Members should ensure the designated agency has capacity for implementation by having the agency complete a [certification form](#). Funding for any Higher Education Institution's existing or newly requested RPSPs are permitted as pilot projects. *[NM GRO Fund - Section 9/10]*

Local Community Support

- C. All local government body funding shall be directed to a Council of Government (COG). COGs shall agree in writing to receive, manage, and report outcomes for each appropriation as intended by the sponsor by Tuesday 1/23 @ 5pm. All local appropriations subject to the statewide procurement process. Please have the COG complete a [certification form](#) for each appropriation they have agreed to receive. COGs retain the ability to reject an appropriation if it determines at a later date that it is unable or unwilling to expend the appropriation as intended by the sponsor. *[NM GRO - Section 9/10]*

Other Funding Opportunities

These items will not be eligible for recurring funding after completion of the funding period. Appropriations for any of the following items are allowed:

- D. Agency directed studies. *[Specials - Section 5]*
- E. Supplemental funding for any existing statutory or proposed fund. Contingency language will be required for any newly proposed fund. Note: if a proposed fund creation fails during the legislative process, then that appropriation fails as well. *[Fund Transfers - Section 11]*

All requested appropriations shall be vetted by HAFC, SFC, LFC, and DFA. You may be required to change your appropriation to avoid a potential line item veto or appropriation that can not be implemented.

Examples of items currently funded below executive request for consideration.

Judiciary

- To any court (AOC, Supreme, Appeals, District, Metro, or Magistrate):
 1. to address case backlog.
- To any district attorney or public defender office:
 2. for information technology or audio/visual upgrades.

General Government

- State Auditor
 3. to assist small local public bodies in attaining financial compliance.
- Department of Finance and Administration:
 4. for homelessness initiatives.

Commerce and Industry

- Tourism Department
 5. for grants to Tribal and local governments for tourism related infrastructure projects through the destination forward grant program.
- Economic Development Department
 6. for the healthy food financing initiative.

Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources

- Cultural Affairs
 7. for exhibits, seasonal youth education activities and/or equipment to any state museum or historical site.
- Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
 8. to contract for the purpose of providing services relating to the administration and operation of programs making low interest loans, primarily in underserved and low income communities to facilitate the adoption of technologies such as wind, solar, weatherization and geothermal energy that are intended to reduce carbon emissions.

Health, Hospitals, and Human Services

- Indian Affairs
 9. for homelessness, veteran initiatives
 10. for corrections, law enforcement, firefighter or EMT equipment.
- Department of Environment
 11. for waste reduction efforts.
- Veteran Services Department
 12. for veteran services and initiatives.

Public Safety

- Crime Victims Reparation Commission
 13. for crime victim reimbursements.
- Corrections Department
 14. to implement the medication-assisted treatment program.

Education

- Public Education Department
 - 15. for career technical education.
 - 16. for out-of-school learning, summer enrichment, tutoring and programs to address learning gaps.
 - Higher Education Department
 - 17. for college basic needs.
 - 18. for behavioral and mental health initiatives at higher education and tribal institutions.
 - Higher Education Institutions or Special Schools (choice)
 - 19. direct to any existing institutional program.
 - 20. for cybersecurity infrastructure improvements or initiatives.
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Examples of items for local community support.

- 21. for corrections, law enforcement, firefighter, and EMT equipment. *Note: this type of appropriation is not eligible for recurring funding at the end of the pilot period.*
 - 22. for any Council of Governments:
 - a. to provide grant research, grant writing and technical assistance for communities within the district;
 - b. to support victims of domestic or sexual violence;
 - c. federal grant matching funds.
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Examples items for Other category

(Note: no items in other category are eligible for recurring funding at the end of the pilot period)

- Cultural Affairs
 - 23. for the rural libraries endowment fund.
- Aging and Long-Term Services Department
 - 24. to the Kiki Saavedra senior dignity fund to address high-priority services for senior citizens in New Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving.
- Children, Youth and Families Department
 - 25. for the children's trust fund.
- Public Education Department
 - 26. to the Indian education trust fund (contingent).
- Studies to improve, consolidate, or expand statewide agency operations
 - 27. **EXAMPLE:** *“For a joint study with the department of finance and administration, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, on the State Personnel Act and the state's system of classification and compensation.”*

Timeline

1/17 (Wednesday)	Members receive guidelines, funding sheets, and supporting documentation both electronically and hard copy.
1/17 - 1/23 (Wednesday - Tuesday)	Members should meet with COGs to communicate their intent for local funding and provide COGs with required supporting documentation.
1/24 @ noon (Wednesday)	Member and Governor funding sheets and all supporting documentation due.
1/25 or 1/26 (Thursday/Friday)	HAFC/SFC Change Order Requests to members.
1/26 - 1/28 (Friday-Sunday)	LFC and/or DFA to vet and provide any supplemental Change Order Requests.
1/29 (Monday)	LFC/DFA Change Order Requests to members.
1/30 (Tuesday)	Final Member Share Adds to HB2 are provided to LFC for incorporation into HB2.

***Examples** of how your appropriations work under this mechanism.*

Senate Appropriation Minimums

	Appropriation 1	Appropriation 2	Appropriation 3	Appropriation 4
1st Fiscal Year	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
2nd Fiscal Year	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Appropriation of \$800,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Senate Appropriation Split

	Appropriation 1	Appropriation 2	OR	Appropriation 1	Appropriation 2	
1st Fiscal Year	\$200,000	\$200,000			\$100,000	\$300,000
2nd Fiscal Year	\$200,000	\$200,000			\$100,000	\$300,000
Total Appropriation of \$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000			\$200,000	\$600,000

Senate Max Appropriation for 1 project (\$400,000 per fiscal year, \$800,000 total)