



# New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities

## HB2 Appropriations

### Detention Reimbursement Fund

Fully fund the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act Fund to reimburse counties for the actual cost of housing state inmates. The average 5-year cost to house NMCD inmates is \$8.2 million. Current fund at \$5 million.

### Courthouse Funding

Authorize continued funding to AOC for the construction and renovation of state district courthouses. Counties maintain that courthouses are a state responsibility and that the rising costs of construction, security, and IT necessitate a shared revenue stream.

### Detention Recruitment & Retention

Authorize continued funding for the newly formed Corrections Workforce Capacity Building Fund administered by DFA. Adequate detention staff are essential to a safe, well-operated facility, which is directly correlated to community safety.

### Firefighter/EMS Recruitment Fund

Authorize continued funding for the Fire & EMS Recruitment Fund administered by DFA for fire departments to staff, recruit, and retain career and volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. Call volumes have increased by 50% and response systems are over-burdened. The average volunteer age is 65 years.

### Emergency Medical Services

Ensure that SB 151 (2024 as amended by Senate Tax) authorizing a redirect of 10% of the Premium Tax from health insurance business to the EMS Fund is implemented as stated.

### 700 MHz Radios

Authorize continued funding for the monthly operational costs of 700 MHz radios to build out state interconnectivity infrastructure.

## Equitable Disclosure

Treat residential and non-residential property transfers equitably to allow for accurate valuation of non-residential real property. Information would be used for statistical and analytical purposes only.

## IPRA Improvements

Amend the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) to exempt from disclosing specific information and prohibit certain requests used to compromise and obstruct critical local government services.

## Resources to Support Border-Related Humanitarian and Crime Efforts

Appropriate \$5 million to counties for services provided to state and federal agencies to support border humanitarian and crime efforts. This funding will be used to combat drug and human trafficking networks; to coordinate with community services that provide food, transportation, shelter, and family location; and to coordinate with state and federal agencies on information sharing and coordination of state law enforcement activities.

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