



**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
FY23 APPROPRIATION REQUEST
19 NOVEMBER 2021
HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL FUND REQUEST**

Advance Judicial Excellence

- **\$5,029.2K** - General Fund Request for FY23
 - **\$294.9K** - requested increase from FY22 (6.2% increase)
 - **\$137K** - transfers 2.5 clerks that are funded with warrant fees to General Fund
 - **\$64.4K** – IT Technician - only District without dedicated IT support – position approved in FY17, never funded
 - **\$52.6K** – expansion request for a Surveillance Officer: supporting new Family Domestic Violence Court – FTE authorized, never funded
 - **\$21.2K** – 2% Judges salary increase funded one time to AOC in FY22
 - **\$14.9K** – Magistrate Court security camera maintenance
 - **\$4.8K** – Workforce Improvement Plan scheduled staff increases

District Initiative and Accomplishments

- Most of our District proceedings have been conducted virtually since June 2020
- Over 100 bench and jury trials in person since June 2021
- Over 90% District judges and staff vaccinated
- Taos Courthouse modified to better serve public: unified Clerks area, purpose-built Jury Assembly, expanded Jury Deliberation
- Grant-Funded new Family Domestic Violence Court: integrate Drug Court model to reduce DV recidivism
- Pro bono court of the year
- Taos Drug Court fully certified according to New Mexico Treatment Court Standards

FY23 Special Requests

- \$21.3K – Special request to add digital video system in the new Jury Assembly room to provide juror audience with information regarding their jury service and provide meeting and training equipment for staff and justice partner use.
- \$15.0K – Special request submitted to purchase 3rd video conference cart at the Taos Courthouse in order to fulfill increased demand for conducting remote court hearings and meetings.
- \$55.0K – Special request for microfilming district court case records in Taos, Colfax, and Union counties.

FY23 Capital Requests

- \$243.2K – Capital request to provide backup generator power to Colfax and Union County Courthouses where frequent power outages cause internet and phone outages often days after the power is restored. The unreliable power causes disruption in service to court users and technology equipment damage. Eight lost days calendar year to date 2021.

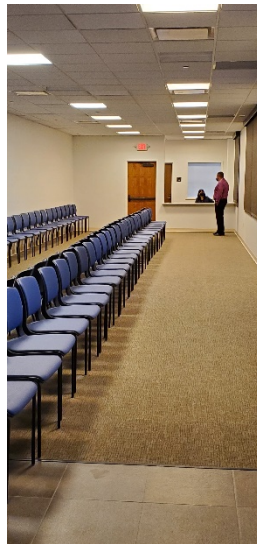
SERVING THE PUBLIC IN TAOS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FY21 Capital/Supplemental Projects
District/DA Support for Crime Victims



District and Magistrate Unified Clerks' Office



New Jury Assembly Room



Expanded Jury Deliberation Room



District/DA Court Therapy Dog