

## New Mexico District Attorneys Association

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On behalf of the New Mexico District Attorneys and the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys, we thank you for all the help and support you have given us in the past. As citizen Legislators and budget analysts, your sacrifice and service to New Mexico are greatly appreciated.

Diana Luce  
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The unified priority request of all District Attorneys and the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys is a much needed increase to base to the General Fund of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys due to a significant decrease of revenues from 2018-2022 in the AODA (Fund 11180) which is used for the required District Attorney Training/Continuing Legal Education and costs associated with network bandwidth infrastructure services throughout the State.

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Previous to legislative changes made in 2018, funds were collected by District Attorney Offices from Pre-Prosecution Diversion and deposited to Administrative Office of the District Attorneys via the DA Fund. NMSA 31-16A-1 et seq. removed the ability to collect fees, thereby causing an annual deficit/loss of revenue to the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys of nearly \$400,000.00. This loss of revenue significantly impacts all District Attorney Office's abilities to supply statewide network bandwidth, as well as, provide statutory and professionally required continuing legal education training. Enabling the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys to provide network services and continuing education classes is a financial burden that will not be forced upon the individual District Attorneys Offices.

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The second unified priority request by the District Attorneys is for expansion of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys for two (2) full-time permanent employees. The first one of high priority is an IT Application Developer. This position will assist the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys in its statutory mission to both update and develop a case management system and work on various data-sharing projects with other criminal justice agencies to increase statewide efficiency through automation. The second high priority expansion request is for a Special Program Director. This position is currently a term position in the DA Fund (11180) and needs to be converted and funded to make it permanent and a general fund position.

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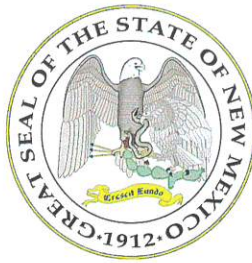
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The final priority for the District Attorneys is continued funding to each office for recruitment and retention. As discussed ad nauseum by this agency and all other state agencies, the overwhelming vacancy rate and inability to compete with current salary demands makes prosecuting serious violent crimes much more difficult and denies citizens of New Mexico justice that our agencies are entrusted to provide.

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We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and on Behalf of the New Mexico District Attorneys Association,

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