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**Department of Finance
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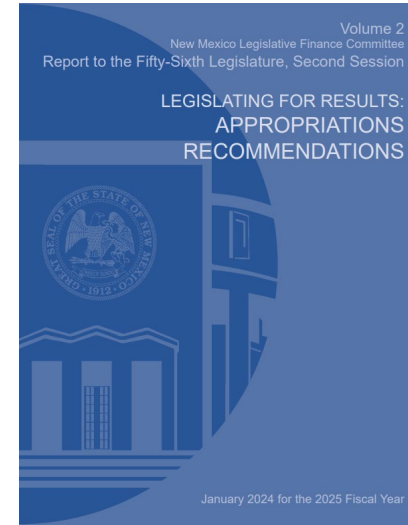
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Accountability in Government Act

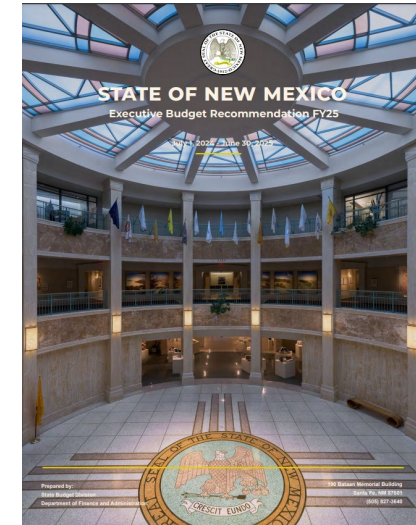
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Accountability in Government Act

- In 1999, New Mexico enacted the Accountability in Government Act.
- The Act moved from a line-item budgeting process based solely on costs to a process focused more on performance.
- Performance focus includes performance measures, goals, and quarterly reporting.
- As a result, DFA and LFC make recommendations that reflect larger categories and include performance measures.



LFC Budget Rec



DFA Budget Rec

Pre AGA: 1997

(2) Second judicial district:	General Fund	Other State Funds	Intrnl Srvs/ Interagency Transfers	Federal Funds	Total
(a) Personal services	7,054.4	287.3	188.8		7,530.5
(b) Employee benefits	2,201.4	96.5	60.7		2,358.6
(c) Travel	18.9	.4	1.2		20.5
(d) Maintenance and repairs	130.2	14.7	.6		145.5
(e) Supplies and materials	242.9	27.0	8.2		278.1
(f) Contractual services	224.6	43.0	1.7		269.3
(g) Operating costs	354.1	62.8	14.2		431.1
(h) Other costs	95.2				95.2
(i) Capital outlay	67.0	26.3	2.0		95.3
(j) Out-of-state travel	12.9	9.7	1.5		24.1
Authorized FTE:	229.50 Permanent;		12.00 Term		

Post AGA: 2024

(2) Second judicial district:

The purpose of the second judicial district attorney program is to provide litigation, special programs and administrative support for the enforcement of state laws as they pertain to the district attorney and to improve and ensure the protection, safety, welfare and health of the citizens within Bernalillo county.

Appropriations:

(a) Personal services and employee benefits	30,571.2	585.4	657.3	422.8	32,236.7
(b) Contractual services	694.9		75.0	487.7	1,257.6
(c) Other	1,913.4	35.0	162.2	120.0	2,230.6

Performance measures:

- (a) Explanatory: Number of pretrial detention motions made
- (b) Explanatory: Percent of pretrial detention motions granted

Performance Measures

- DFA and LFC follow statute collaborating with agencies on performance measure development.
- DFA and LFC recommend performance measure goals as a part of budget recommendations released in January.
- Key agencies report on performance measures quarterly and reports are publicly available.

Public Health

The Public Health Division (PHD) mission is to work with individuals, families, communities, and partners to improve health, eliminate disparities, and ensure timely access to quality, culturally competent healthcare. The program reported mixed performance during the third quarter, with programs dedicated to smoking cessation activities continuing to report low performance. Research has shown that comprehensive tobacco cessation programs can significantly reduce smoking rates and improve health outcomes. Effective strategies include behavioral counseling, pharmacotherapy, and community-based interventions. CDC also emphasizes the importance of policies, such as smoke-free laws, increasing the price of tobacco products, and mass media campaigns to discourage smoking. Additionally, the program did not meet targeted performance overdose reversals, which is, harm reduction program. Drug harm reduction is a public health approach aimed at minimizing the negative health, social, and legal impacts associated with drug use.

Budget: \$248,764.8 FTE: 816.5

	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Target	FY24 Actual	Rating
Percent of female New Mexico department of health's public health office family planning clients, ages fifteen to nineteen, who were provided most or moderately effective contraceptives	86%	88%	88%	84%	R
Percent of school-based health centers funded by the department of health that demonstrate improvement in their primary care or behavioral healthcare focus area	91%	96%	95%	96%	G
Percent of New Mexico adult cigarette smokers who access New Mexico Department of Health cessation services	1.9%	1.3%	2.6%	0.9%	R
Number of successful overdose reversals in the harm reduction program	3,420	3,025	3,200	3,153	Y
Percent of preschoolers ages nineteen to thirty-five months indicated as being fully immunized	66%	69%	66%	72%	G
Number of community members trained in evidence-based suicide prevention practices	New	775	700	1,169	G
Program Rating	R	R			Y

The road to effectiveness (Senate Bill 58, 2019 Session)

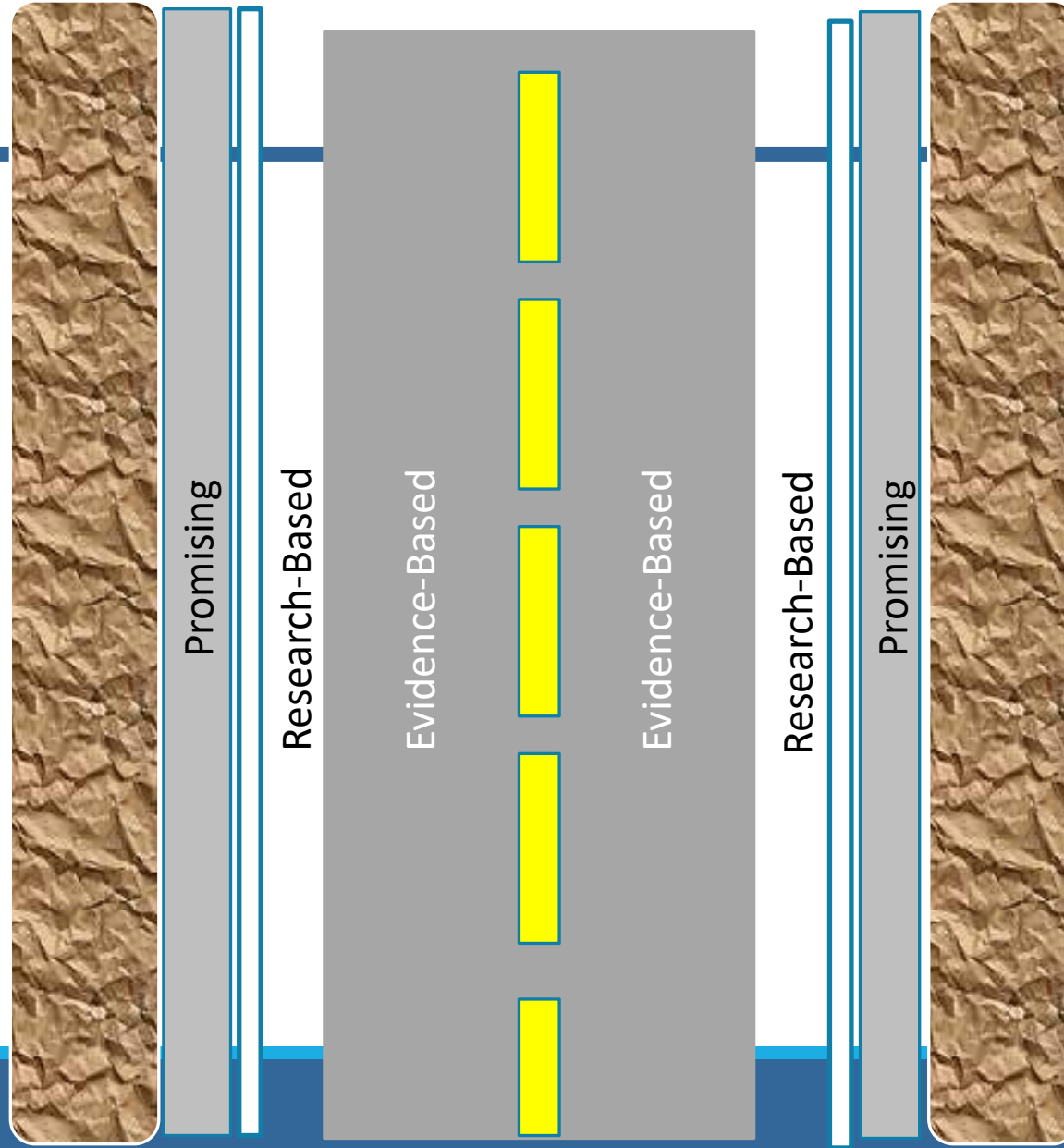
In 2019 NM amended the AGA through enactment of SB58:

Added definitions

- Evidence-based
- Research-based
- Promising

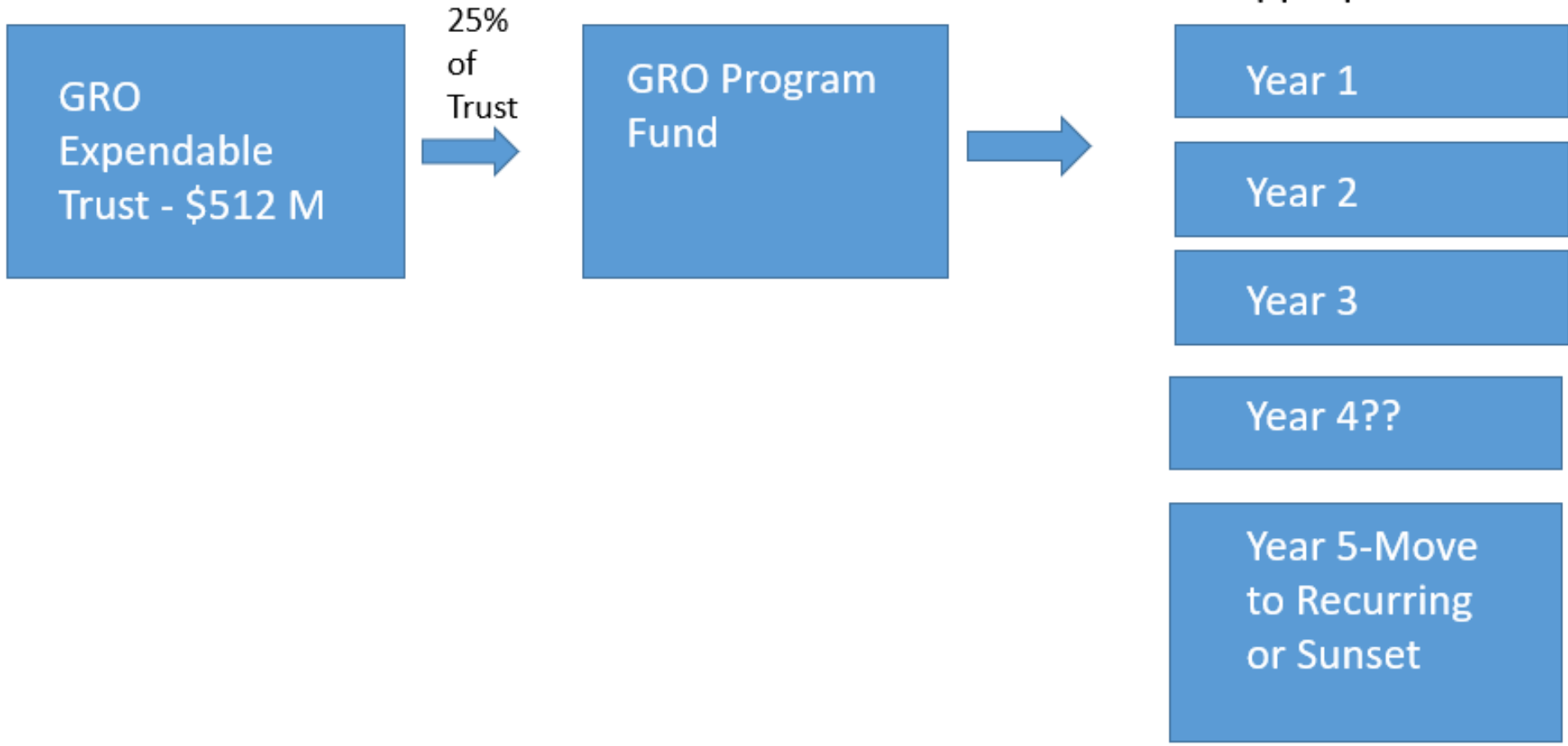
Provides Leg and Exec Authority to ask agencies to...

- Inventory programs
- Provide cost and performance data



Government Results and Opportunity (HB196)

Trust is an explicit back up to operating reserve



Improved Requests and Transparency

- DFA and LFC have collaborated to improve budget requests and transparency of the state budget.
 - Agency expansion requests must now add additional information
 - Information includes 7 elements that are also referenced in LFC budget guidelines

1 Program Premise

What public problem does this program seek to address? How will this program address the problem? Does the proposed program link to a goal in the agency's strategic plan?

What is the extent of the problem stated in numerical, geographic, and equity terms? What portion of the total need identified does this program seek to address?

2 Needs Assessment

3 Program Description

What specific activities in the program will achieve these expected program outcomes? What are costs per person or activity? Once the program is fully operational, what are the estimated ongoing annual costs?

Is the program based on evidence or research or a promising practice? Will it need formal evaluation?

4 Research and Evidence

5 Implementation Plan

What activities are needed to implement the program? How much will it cost? What is the timeline for each startup activity?

Will the program be implemented with equity and fidelity? Do you have a checklist of the program components need to achieve the impacts?

6 Fidelity Plan

7 Measurement and Evaluation

What specific outcomes are expected? What are key performance measures? How often will the program be measured and evaluated?

DFA's Additional Guidelines for Budget Requests

- Required additional reports, including justifications for specific line items and lists of agencies' current and anticipated contracts
- Required agencies to submit a detailed list of their federal grants and expected funding levels
- Moved deadline to submit special appropriation requests to align with recurring budget requests to allow more time for analysis
- Moved deadline supplemental, deficiency, reauthorizations and BAR language to Nov. 15 to allow agencies more time to determine needs
 - Requirements: Projections for supplementals, accounting documentation for deficiencies, spending plans for reauthorizations.
- Goal: Increase quantity and quality of information available to executive and legislative analysts and leadership when crafting their budget recommendations

Increased Transparency

- DFA and LFC have both been working to bring increased transparency to the state budget.

- DFA:

- Providing agency budget requests to the public.
- Have implemented multiple dashboards including an expenditure dashboard for junior appropriations

- LFC:

- Released a Citizen’s Guide to the budget
- Have implemented multiple dashboards for revenue estimation and risk settlements

DFA Jr Dashboard

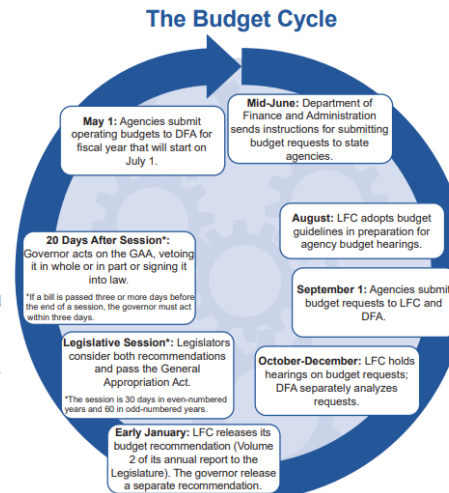
The junior bill is a supplemental appropriation bill wherein legislators may allocate funds to specific agencies, projects or entities. Such projects do not rise to the scale of those in the capital outlay bill, although some appropriations may be capital in nature.

Measures	Count of Records	Appropriated Amount	Expenditure Amount	Reversion Amount	Balance Amount	
Selected Records	Distinct count o..	1,216 ▲ 1,216	\$592,968,500	\$379,216,401 ▲ \$379,216,401	\$17,105,017	\$196,647,082
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Citizens’ Guide to the New Mexico State Budget

Although state spending includes capital investments, special initiatives, and tax breaks, references to the “state budget” generally mean the ongoing (recurring) and one-time (nonrecurring) spending authorized in the annual General Appropriation Act, often called “House Bill 2.” The Legislature is constitutionally required to produce a balanced budget for each state fiscal year, or July 1 to June 30.

The creation of the General Appropriation Act starts in mid-June, almost 13 months before the year being budgeted, with agencies developing their budget requests. The Legislative Finance Committee and the executive (the governor and the state agencies under the governor) enter “budget season” in the fall, reviewing agency requests and available revenues to develop separate budget recommendations. The Legislature considers both recommendations, builds the General Appropriation Act, and generally passes it by the end of the legislative session in mid-February or mid-March, handing it off to the governor for final action. The budget cycle ends with state agencies submitting operating budgets based on the enacted General Appropriation Act by May 1.



AGA Proposed Changes

Section A: Required Elements of Requests

A. The division and the committee shall approve instructions and the division shall send the instructions or before May 1 to agencies receiving appropriations from the government results and opportunity program fund in Section 6-4-31 to submit an accountability and evaluation plan for approval to the division and committee. The notification shall set forth the process for completing and submitting the accountability and evaluation plan and shall direct each agency to:

- (1) identify the goals, objectives, and expected outputs and outcomes of the program receiving the appropriations;
- (2) describe the specific activities of the program and how those activities will achieve expected program outcomes;
- (3) provide a summary of whether the program is evidence-based, research-based, promising, or does not yet have rigorous research on its effectiveness;
- (4) provide a list of performance measures and a monitoring plan to regularly assess program performance;
- (5) provide a program evaluation plan to assess the causal impact of the program on expected outcomes; and
- (6) a description of methods and timeline for releasing performance and program evaluation results to the division, committee and the public.

LFC Proposed Section A

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DFA Proposed Section A

AGA Proposed Changes

Section B: Required Timing of Plans

- B. An agency required to submit an accountability and evaluation plan shall submit the plan to the division and committee on or before June 15 prior to the first year of the appropriation, and a final accountability and evaluation plan shall be approved by the division and committee, on or before September 1 of the first year of the appropriation.

LFC Proposed Section A

- B. An agency required to submit an accountability and evaluation plan shall submit the plan to the division and committee on or before June 15 prior to the first year of the appropriation, and a final accountability and evaluation plan shall be approved by the division, in consultation with the ~~and~~ committee, on or before September 1 of the first year of the appropriation.

DFA Proposed Section B

AGA Proposed Changes

Section C: Required Review for Recurring Funding

- C. By July 15 of the final fiscal year of an appropriation made from the government results and opportunity program fund, the division, in consultation with the committee and agency, shall consider the evaluation performed on the program done to that point and make recommendations to the Governor and committee regarding inclusion of the program in the agency's operating budget the following fiscal year.

SBD's Executive Program and Performance Analysts

- Legislature provided funding in 2024 session
- John Campbell (john.campbell@dfa.nm.gov) and Jackie Steele (jacqueline.steele@dfa.nm.gov)
- Leading agency performance measure training (reinstated in 2023), Senate Bill 58 implementation, helping agencies improve their performance measures
- We all share the same goal of helping to address the needs of the state and would like to work with you any way we can. Should you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding the state budget process or agency operations please do not hesitate to reach out.

Questions?



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