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December 7, 2018

Re: City of Albuquerque 2019 Legislative Priorities

Dear Governor Lujan Grisham, Senator Smith, Senator Cisneros, Representative Lundstrom, Representative Trujillo, and Representative Martinez:

As New Mexico’s largest city, Albuquerque functions as a major economic engine for the rest of the state. As Albuquerque’s economy grows, so does New Mexico’s as a whole. As a city, Albuquerque has made improving public safety, addressing homelessness, fostering economic development, and supporting childhood education and opportunities top priorities.

The City has made some progress – it is finally starting to recover from the recession and is catching up to the rest of the country. The City has stepped up and exercised the political courage to tax our populace to fund recurring revenue for public safety. But Albuquerque cannot fix our present situation alone. Albuquerque needs funding and support from the State in order to tackle the challenges the City is facing. Albuquerque’s success is New Mexico’s success, and with this legislative agenda, our City can help lift up the entire state. We are setting our sights on tangible projects that can make a real difference in our communities, and have focused our top priorities on projects that have statewide or regional impact, with an emphasis on projects that can be fully funded, or projects with distinct phases that can be fully funded.

Following this letter, you will find detailed information regarding the City’s top legislative priorities, including Statewide funding priorities and local priorities, as well as contact information for the City’s legislative team.

The City of Albuquerque looks forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature during the 2019 Session. Please feel free to contact the team leader, Katy Duhigg, at (505) 263-1797, if you would like any additional information regarding the City’s priorities.

Respectfully,

Timothy M. Keller
Mayor of Albuquerque
MAYOR’S 2019 TOP STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure Replacement Project, Homeless Shelter, Rail Yards Redevelopment, and Improvements for Balloon Fiesta Transportation

Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure Replacement Project
$34.6 million
State ICIP Project ID: 35514

The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County’s public safety agencies are using antiquated communication technology that hinders their ability to communicate during emergencies and joint operations with other agencies. The City and the County are working together to request funding to develop an updated regional emergency communications infrastructure (RECI) that will bring them into line with Congressionally-mandated public safety communications and equipment standards and ensure adequate public safety communications statewide. Fifty percent of the state’s population lives within a 30 minute drive of the Albuquerque metro area. This means that 50% of the state’s population is being served by first responders without access to adequate communication technology.

24/7 Emergency Shelter Capital Outlay
$28 million
State ICIP Project ID: 30963

In New Mexico, 12 out of every 10,000 people are experiencing homelessness. These people need a safe place to go that provides safety, dignity, and a path to other community resources that are available. Unfortunately, this type of resource is limited in Albuquerque, despite an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the city. While Albuquerque has several emergency shelters, they are usually operating at full capacity. In Albuquerque 400 to 750 people are sleeping outside on any given night, depending on whether the Westside Emergency Housing Center is open. Additionally, most emergency shelters in Albuquerque are closed during the day, leaving people with limited safe places to stay during the day. To address this need, we plan to open a new permanent emergency shelter that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, has 450 beds and provides onsite supportive services to help residents obtain long-term housing.

Rail Yards Redevelopment
$15 million
State ICIP Project ID: 30502

The Rail Yards site will be redeveloped to become a vibrant mixed use center of employment, housing, cultural, and educational uses. It will celebrate the historical and cultural legacy of the site and be connected to the community through on site activity, public access and transportation options. Funding would be used for environmental remediation, expanding market and event space with improvements the Flue Shop, and improvements to house CNM’s Film School of Excellence, as well as other site improvements. Redeveloping the 27-acre site as a vibrant destination for both residents and tourists, while preserving its historic architecture, will have a significant economic impact on the entire Central New Mexico region.

Balloon Fiesta Park Traffic Improvements
$7.5 million
State ICIP Project ID: 30953

The Balloon Fiesta Park hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors from around New Mexico and outside the state each year during the International Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque Wine Festival, Freedom Fourth, and other events. In 2018 alone, almost 900,000 people from around the world attended the Balloon Fiesta. These large events have a significant, positive effect on New Mexico’s economy. Traffic flows in and out of the park are often congested during these kinds of events. The City is requesting funding for a Rail Runner spur and a slip ramp from I-25 near the park to help alleviate the traffic challenges during established events. These infrastructure upgrades would also expand and create new opportunities for special events, further increasing the economic impact of the Balloon Fiesta Park.
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**BACKGROUND**

The new Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure would eliminate these issues, reducing risk to public safety officers and the community as a whole. APD and BCSO would be better positioned to collaborate with other organizations around the city, county, and state to help make New Mexico a safer place to live.

**Areas without Coverage**
- Throughout Bernalillo County, there are areas of no or limited coverage that place first responders and the community at risk because officers cannot communicate in these areas.
- Currently, BCSO Deputies have to use satellite phones to communicate when they are in certain areas of the East Mountains.

**Outdated technology**
- The current system was built in the 1990s and is well beyond its original life expectancy estimate.
- Replacement parts for the communication infrastructure are no longer being manufactured. The City and County have had to acquire replacement parts from jurisdictions that are upgrading their systems.
- The system is only compatible with one brand of equipment. Newer radios utilized by other state public safety agencies are unable to operate on this system. This runs counter to Department of Homeland Security and FEMA recommendations that all jurisdictions use radio communications products that can be used on any system regardless of manufacturer.

**Lack of Compatibility across Agencies**
- New Mexico State Police and a number of federal agencies use communication technologies that are not compatible with the one being used by the City and the County. This is a barrier to effective and efficient collaboration between public safety entities in the state.
- City and county fire departments also use communication technologies that are incompatible with APD and BCSO and cannot communicate using the current system.

**ISSUES WITH CURRENT SYSTEM**

**REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure (RECI)

- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $34.6 million in capital outlay.

- The City of Albuquerque seeks up to $34.6 million to plan, design, construct, purchase, and install the Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure project as the City of Albuquerque’s overall #1 capital priority, in coordination and conjunction with Bernalillo County for capital outlay and/or other capital funding.

- The City and County have published RFP #2019000002 in order to obtain proposals from vendors capable of replacing the three existing radio systems with a single system. Two vendors responded to the RFP and a combined county and city selection committee is evaluating these proposals as of January 2019.

- This system is used by over 20 different entities, including APS and UNM Police, and is crucial in enabling first responders to effectively communicate during emergencies.

- The existing system needs replacement because of its age, outdated technology, lack of interoperability, and vast areas without coverage. County and city needs no longer are met by the system. The City and County systems were built in the 1990s and are well beyond their life expectancy. The manufacturer no longer supports the radio systems and some replacement parts/equipment are no longer available. The existing system fails to meet current nationwide guidelines for radio communication interoperability because of the proprietary radio technology from the 1990s. Existing coverage in the East Mountains is poor. Further, neighborhoods and buildings that were developed within the City and County after the original system design in the 1990s were not part of the coverage requirements.

- The new system will be P25 compliant, thereby meeting current national standards and guidelines. P25 allows interoperability to occur between jurisdictions so that, for example, the US Forest Service could be on the same frequency and channel as Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico, and City of Albuquerque emergency personnel in the event of an East Mountain forest fire. Replacing the existing radio systems is the only way to achieve interoperability.

- It is not possible for the City and County to migrate over the State of New Mexico’s LMR system. The State’s LMR infrastructure does not have the capacity to handle the amount of radio calls that the City and County generate. Along with call volume, the infrastructure will not be able to provide an acceptable level of radio coverage throughout the City and County.
HOMELESS

DIVIDER
In New Mexico, 12 out of every 10,000 people are experiencing homelessness.¹ For some, the situation is temporary and caused by a difficult financial or family situation. For others, behavioral health, physical health and substance abuse issues add complexity. The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates that one-third of people experiencing homelessness are living with some kind of mental illness. Yet regardless of why people are on the streets, they share one common need. People experiencing homelessness need a safe place to go that provides safety, dignity, and a path to housing and other community resources that are available.

Unfortunately, this type of resource is limited in Albuquerque, despite an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the city. While Albuquerque has several emergency shelters, they are usually operating at full capacity. At least 385 to 750 homeless people are sleeping outside on any given night in Albuquerque, depending on whether the Westside Emergency Housing Center is open.² Some emergency shelters in Albuquerque are closed during the day, leaving people with limited safe places to stay during the day.

There is no single place where people requiring emergency shelter can stay all day and receive meals and services. To address this need, we plan to open a new permanent emergency shelter that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides onsite supportive services to help residents obtain long-term housing. Although the City is still in the process of identifying potential sites, the shelter will be easy to access by those needing shelter and for public safety personnel, and can serve as a central point for connecting people to permanent housing and community resources.

This facility would work closely with the proposed joint Bernalillo County/UNM Hospital Crisis Triage Center which plans to provide intensive behavioral health care and resource referral to ensure people experiencing homelessness in Albuquerque are connected to the services they need.

The shelter will be designed according to national best practice on effective emergency shelters, meaning that it will³:

- Meet the needs of all members of a household and self-defined family and kinship groups, including infants and young children;
- Not turn people away or make access contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, or lack of a criminal history;
- Not require family members and partners to separate from one another in order to access shelter;
- Ensure that policies and procedures promote dignity and respect for every person seeking or needing shelter;
- Provide a safe, decent, welcoming, and appropriate temporary living environment, where daily needs can be met while pathways back to safe living arrangements or directly into housing programs are being pursued; and
- Provide shelter for pets, as many people are unwilling to enter shelter if they are unable to bring their pet with them. For many people experiencing homelessness, their pet is their primary source of comfort and stability.

Services
- The shelter will complement and be integrated into the larger system of housing, shelter and services for those experiencing homelessness. The shelter will include a space for service providers to co-locate and offer direct services. Together, the shelter and this array of community providers create the safety net system for members of our community who are homeless.
- The shelter will focus on helping residents connect to safe and stable permanent housing as quickly as possible, and to the community supports they need to keep that housing.

2-Based on January 2017 Point in Time Count
RAILYARDS

DIVIDER
City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Rail Yards Redevelopment
$15 Million

BACKGROUND

The Rail Yards, once an integral symbol of the industrial age in Albuquerque still stands proudly, even if in a bit of disrepair, on the southeastern edge of the city. This historic structure, now almost 100 years old, once employed one quarter of Albuquerque’s work force. It was a hub of cultural and industrial activity, making it the perfect historical site.

The Rail Yards site will be redeveloped to become a vibrant mixed use center of employment, housing, cultural, and educational uses. It will celebrate the historical and cultural legacy of the site and be connected to the community through on site activity, public access and transportation options. Redeveloping the 27-acre site as a vibrant destination for both residents and tourists, while preserving its historic architecture, will have a significant economic impact on the entire Central New Mexico region.

CURRENT SITE USAGE

Since 2014, the Rail Yards has been home to the Rail Yards market which, in 2017, attracted 232 vendors, 145,455 visitors, and suffused $1,159,219.99 into the local economy.

The site has also been used for private events, artist collaboratives, and as a location for a number of television and film sets.

FUNDING REQUEST OVERVIEW

Environmental rehabilitation
- Lead based paint and asbestos
- Creosote-soaked wood blocks
- Targeted demolition
- Targeted soil removal

Expanding market and event space
- Expanded market amenities
- Flue Shop to cold shell status for events

Site improvements
- Improve site accessibility
- Implement structural and safety improvements
- Construction and renovation to house CNM’s Film School of Excellence
The Balloon Fiesta Park hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors from around New Mexico and outside the state each year during the International Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque Wine Festival, Freedom Fourth, and other events. In 2018 alone, almost 900,000 people from around the world attended the Balloon Fiesta. These large events have a significant, positive effect on New Mexico’s economy. Traffic flows in and out of the park are often congested during these kinds of events. The park is also used continuously for youth and adult sports activities and dozens of other events and festivals that benefit the city and state. Balloon Fiesta Park has significant access challenges that must be addressed in order to secure the tourism/economic future of Fiesta and the positive role that the park serves.

BACKGROUND

The City is requesting funding to help alleviate the traffic challenges during established events. These infrastructure upgrades would also expand and create new opportunities for special events, further increasing the economic impact of the Balloon Fiesta Park. Serious traffic, parking, and access challenges will be addressed by projects that may include: construction of a rail spur/rail stop serving the park, a new slip ramp to access southbound I-25, park-and-ride improvements, and other projects. Investments in the park will have significant economic impact in supporting the future of the Fiesta and in expanding existing and creating new opportunities for special events and other uses. The 50th anniversary of the Balloon Fiesta will occur in 2021. Funds would be fully expended by October 2021. The City of Albuquerque has invested millions into Balloon Fiesta Park and continues to expend over $1 million annually on the park and Fiesta.

FUNDING REQUEST

The City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Improvements for Balloon Fiesta
Transportation
$7.5 million

State ICIP Project ID: 30953
ADDITIONAL
STATEWIDE
PRIORITIES
DIVIDER
City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Crime Fighting Technologies

BACKGROUND

Fifty percent of New Mexico’s population lives within a 30 minute drive of Albuquerque, a community facing high rates of crime and a shortage of officers. The good news is that public safety technology is improving all the time. We are requesting funds for new technology with proven results in other cities. These technologies can help police offers more effectively combat violent crime, gang activity, and auto theft, making the community safer for at least half of New Mexico’s families.

APD Gun Intelligence Center: $300,000

New Mexico’s rate of violent crime is nearly twice the national average. Since 2015 the City has experienced a 70% increase in crimes involving a firearm. The Albuquerque Police Department is working, in collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), to enhance its capacity to connect the use of firearms with violent offenders and criminal gang members. Funding would be used for the testing and analysis necessary to trace calibers and firearms within 24-48 hours, giving officers a leg up on combating violent crime and gangs.

Electronic Gunshot Detection System: $1.5 million

New Mexico has the eighth-highest rate of gun violence in the country according to a 2016 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study. APD routinely responds to reports of shots fired. This system would help detect gunfire incidents with a precise location to improve response times, collect key evidence (shell casings), and better solve crimes. Funding would enable APD to cover six hotspots throughout the city.

DNA Section Automation: $700,000

New Mexico’s high rate of violent crime carries with it large volumes and backlogs of DNA evidence. APD relies on DNA analysis to help solve many violent crimes. Analysis backlogs limit detectives’ ability to act quickly. Funding would be used to replace aging scientific equipment and to contract with DNA robotics vendors which would reduce processing times while freeing up scientists to perform other important tasks.

Anti-Auto Theft Monitoring Devices: $500,000

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the Albuquerque metro area has the highest rate of automobile theft per capita in the United States, with over 10,000 cases reported in the metro area in 2016. In conjunction with strategic operations and increased officers, high-speed, electronic monitoring devices provide a critical tool in identifying stolen vehicles and those used in crimes. Funding would be used to purchase 30 devices, including software, image hosting, connections, hardware, server buildout and installation and application development.
City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Comprehensive Software Required by DOJ Consent Decree
$500,000

State ICIP Project ID: 30586

BACKGROUND

For the first time in years, crime in Albuquerque is going down. With over half of the state’s population living within a 30 minute drive of the Albuquerque metro area, which means a significant number of New Mexicans are safer than they were last year. To continue building on this success, we need to ensure that the police force serving the largest city in the state is properly trained and monitored.

FUNDING REQUEST

The City of Albuquerque requests $500,000 in capital outlay to institute a database that will track officer and cadet discipline and training as required by APD’s consent decree with the Department of Justice.

Albuquerque Property Crime
(January - December 2017 and January 1 - December 21, 2018 Comparison)
City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Patrol Cars
$2 million

State ICIP Project ID: 30469

BACKGROUND

With a statewide violent crime rate over half the national average, and the violent crime rate holding steady in Albuquerque, it is essential to have a sufficient number of well-equipped police officers serving the largest city in the state. Additionally, with half of the state’s population within a 30 minute drive of the Albuquerque metro area, the police force in this city is critical to the safety of a significant number of New Mexicans. The City of Albuquerque is working to recruit officers to protect and serve our community, but our recruitment success is taxing the department’s scare patrol equipment resources.

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

Mayor Keller entered office with a serious deficit in the number of sworn police officers. His administration has gotten right to work recruiting and training new cadets to protect and serve our community.

In December, the Albuquerque Police Academy graduated 32 new police cadets, getting us even closer to our goal of 100 new officers per year.

NEED TO EQUIP NEW OFFICERS

The Albuquerque Police Department is seeking funding for 36 new patrol units as they continue to hire new officers. The funding includes all equipment necessary for patrol use.

Having enough patrol cars reduces the number of life threatening incidents as a shortage of vehicles may result in more than one officer riding in a vehicle which reduces the number of calls for service that they are able to respond to.
City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

Firefighter Bunker Gear
$1.5 Million

BACKGROUND

Statewide, firefighters have a nine percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, according to research by the CDC/National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety. This funding will be used for updated bunker gear, which plays an important role in protecting first responders from exposure to cancer-causing agents.

Albuquerque Fire Rescue is facing a significant financial challenge regarding the replacement of bunker gear including helmets, turnout coats, and turnout pants. A Honeywell audit determined that the majority of AFR's turnout gear has exceeded the recommended life cycle per the National Fire Protection Association requirements for the selection, care, and maintenance of firefighting protective ensembles to reduce health and safety risks associated with improper maintenance, contamination, or damage. In FY18, 368 sets of bunker gear expired and 376 more will expire by the end of FY19. In the absence of funding, AFR has had to repair gear that should have been retired.

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3 Year State Fire Fund Distribution

| FY16: $2,088,685 |
| FY17: $2,136,740 |
| FY18: $2,230,061 |

None of these funds were reverted back to the state.

The majority of these funds were used to cover AFR operating expenses $100,000 was used to purchase bunker gear for new employees

In 2018 AFR was awarded a New Mexico State Fire Fund Grant in the amount of $90,000, to replace helmets and flash hoods.

In 2018 AFR applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of $1.6 million and is awaiting information about the award.

FY18 BUNKER GEAR REPAIR COSTS: $47,909.83

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21 NEW SETS OF BUNKER GEAR
Swift water crews rescue three from arroyo

Woman drowns after rain turns arroyos into raging rivers

Two safely pulled from flooded arroyos

City of Albuquerque Top Funding Priorities for 2019 Session

High-Water Alert Lifesaving Technology (HALT) $3 Million

State ICIP Project ID: 30944

BACKGROUND

Flooding and flash flooding is the leading cause of weather related deaths in the United States, with approximately 200 deaths per year. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in New Mexico for people between 1 and 44 years of age. Currently, there is no appropriate warning system near arroyos and channels, no way to keep people from being caught unaware of the potential and immediate danger of flood waters.

HALT SYSTEM

The High-Water Alert Lifesaving Technology (HALT) project is a flood warning system for the arroyos and channels in the City of Albuquerque.

HALT uses water level sensors to trigger flood warning beacons and notifications to warn individuals near channels they are near approaching hazardous flooding conditions and give the individual the opportunity to stay out of harm’s way. This system can also notify emergency management personnel of soon-to-be-flooded conditions which provides more thorough flood forecasting and better response to flooding events, ultimately improving public safety in the community.

The additional minutes of advance warning provided HALT can mean saved lives and the opportunity to protect property. It is likely to prevent deaths through effective warnings and provide emergency management the ability to monitor conditions, predict flooding, and track flooding data.
With a statewide violent crime rate over half the national average, and the violent crime rate holding steady in Albuquerque, it is essential to have a sufficient number of well-equipped police officers serving the largest city in the state. Additionally, with half of the state’s population within a 30 minute drive of the Albuquerque metro area, the police force in this city is critical to the safety of a significant number of New Mexicans. The City of Albuquerque is on track to recruit and train 100 new officers by the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Keller entered office with a serious deficit in the number of sworn police officers. His administration has gotten right to work recruiting and training new cadets to protect and serve our community.

In December, the Albuquerque Police Academy graduated 32 new police cadets, getting us even closer to our goal of 100 new officers per year.

The City of Albuquerque is requesting funds to ensure that new recruits are trained in a safe, effective facility.

The funds will be used to plan, design, renovate, demolish, construct, equip, furnish, provide security and technology upgrades and otherwise make improvements to the APD police academy to better equip officers for community policing.
New Child Development Centers
$4 Million

The City of Albuquerque through its Division of Child and Family Development Services is committed to supporting families working towards self-sufficiency and raising a generation of healthy and self-realized children as a basic foundation for economic development. As part of realizing those goals, the City operates 25 child development centers in neighborhoods around the city, serving approximately 660 children ages 0-5.

21 of the 25 child development centers are nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the highest standard of quality. Programs promote the development of a child’s early literacy skills, language, cognition, and socio-emotional skills by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum. They provide children school preparedness skills using the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines.

The City of Albuquerque seeks to serve more of the 40,842 children ages birth to five in Bernalillo County (almost a third of all of the children under five in the state of New Mexico). To do that, the City of Albuquerque respectfully requests $4M in capital outlay funds to support the development of two additional classrooms at the current West Gate Community Center (1400 Snow Vista SW) and two additional classrooms at the new West Gate Community Center (Snow Vista Trail and De Vargas Road SW).

The funds would be used to design, plan, renovate or construct four new classrooms and outdoor learning spaces.

More than 1 million new neural connections per second
18 months: Age at when disparities in vocabulary begin to appear
90% to 100% chance of developmental delays when children experience 6-7 risk factors.
3:1 odds of adult heart disease after 7-8 adverse childhood experiences
$4 to $9 in returns for every $1 invested in early childhood programs

(Source: Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University)
Every day approximately 24,000 cars travel the intersection of Paseo Del Norte and Unser boulevards resulting in serious traffic congestion during peak traffic hours and disproportionately affecting residents of Albuquerque’s northwest quadrant and parts of Sandoval County.

Improving major roadways on Albuquerque’s Westside will have a regional impact, improving traffic and transportation in both Albuquerque and Sandoval County.

Source: study conducted by third-party company, cited by KOAT news https://www.koat.com/article/drivers-councilor-hope-to-see-lane-expansion-on-paseo-del-norte/23804335

The funds will be used to design improvements to Paseo Del Norte Boulevard from Universe Boulevard NW to Kimmick Drive NW which is inclusive of the intersection of Paseo Del Norte and Unser boulevards. The City is seeking to widen Paseo Del Norte from two lanes to four lanes to address traffic congestion and flow issues.
2019 National Senior Games
$500,000

BACKGROUND

In June of 2019, the City of Albuquerque will serve as host of the 31st biennial National Senior Games. This is the largest multi-sport event in the world for people aged 50 and over, highlighting the achievements of competitive seniors and promoting healthy and active lifestyles through education, fitness, and sport.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES BY THE NUMBERS

13,000 athletes and
15,000 of their family, friends and fans from
50 states and a number of different countries
to compete in 20 sports
over 12 days at
17 public and private venues throughout Albuquerque, Santa Fe and some Pueblos
TOP STATEWIDE/REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

- Regional Emergency Communication Infrastructure (RECI)
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $34.6 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: Bernalillo County has committed $1.5 million toward this project from its 2016 and 2018 general obligation bonds. The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 35514
  - The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County seek $34.6 million from legislative set aside and/or statewide priority funding for a one-time, non-recurring new Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure. The current system in use by the City and County needs to be replaced because of its age, outdated technology, lack of interoperability, and vast areas without coverage. This system is used by over 20 different entities, including APS and UNM Police, and is crucial in enabling first responders to effectively communicate during emergencies. The City and County RECI systems were built in the 1990s and are well beyond their life expectancy. The radio systems are no longer supported by the manufacturer and some replacement parts/equipment are no longer available. The existing radio systems fail to meet the nationwide guidelines for radio communication interoperability due to the proprietary radio technology of the time. The coverage provided by the existing radio systems no longer meets the needs of City and County. Existing coverage in the East Mountains is poor along with neighborhoods and buildings that were developed within the City and County after the original system design were not part of the coverage requirements. The new system will be P25 compliant meeting current national standards and guidelines. P25 allows interoperability to occur between jurisdictions so that, for example, the US Forest Service could be on the same frequency and channel as Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico, and City of Albuquerque emergency personnel in the event of an East Mountain forest fire. The RECI system will be highly reliable, fault tolerant, spectrally efficient, scalable, and meet the operational requirements for public safety grade communications. It is not possible for the City and County to migrate over the State of New Mexico’s LMR system. The State’s LMR infrastructure does not have the capacity to handle the amount of radio calls that the City and County generate. Along with call volume, the Infrastructure will not be able to provide an acceptable level of radio coverage throughout the City and County. The City and County have published an RFP to solicit the design and construction of an integrated RECI system, and two vendors have responded, but the City and County need significant capital to proceed.
• **Emergency Homeless Shelters**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $28 million in capital outlay and $5 million in operating funds.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $7 million in City funds for a homeless facility.
  - State ICIP Project # 30963
  - The City of Albuquerque seeks one-time, non-recurring $28 million in capital outlay, and $5 million in one-time, non-recurring operating funds, for Emergency Homeless Shelters. New Mexico has had an uptick in homelessness, and it’s at the top nationally when it comes to the percentage of people experiencing chronic homelessness. There is no place that a person experiencing homelessness can go 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get off the streets in Albuquerque. Depending on the time of year, an estimated 385 to 750 people are sleeping outside or in a place not meant for human habitation each night. There are limited shelter beds for all populations, but women and families with children have the fewest options. To address this critical need, the City plans to construct one or more new permanent emergency shelters that are open year-round and provide onsite supportive services to help residents obtain long-term housing. These shelters will also function concert with Bernalillo County’s Crisis Triage Center. The City is also seeking operating funds to account for expanded hours of operation at the Westside shelter, which will provide 24/7 emergency shelter with supportive services.

• **Rail Yards Redevelopment**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $15 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $5.815 million in City funds for the Railyards.
  - State ICIP Project ID 30502
  - The Rail Yards mission is to celebrate the cuisine, culture, and art of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico. Redeveloping the 27-acre railyard site as a vibrant destination for both residents and tourists alike, while preserving its historic architecture, will have a significant economic impact. Funding would be used for environmental remediation, expanding market and event space with improvements the Flue Shop, and improvements to house CNM’s Film School of Excellence, as well as other site improvements.

• **Improvements for Balloon Fiesta Transportation**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $7.5 million in capital outlay or from State Road Fund.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 30953
  - The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the annual event with the largest total economic impact in the entire state. The Balloon Fiesta Park is not only the
home of AIBF, but it is also used continuously for youth and adult sports activities and dozens of other events and festivals that benefit the city and state. Balloon Fiesta Park has significant access challenges that must be addressed in order to secure the tourism/economic future of Fiesta and the positive role that the park serves. This funding is to plan, design, purchase right-of-way, construct, equip and improve transportation networks and visitor access to and within Balloon Fiesta Park. Serious traffic, parking, and access challenges will be addressed by projects that may include: construction of a rail spur/rail stop serving the park, a new slip ramp to access southbound I-25, widening of the existing roadway to allow more traffic to flow in and out of the park, park-and-ride improvements, and other projects. Investments in the park will have significant economic impact in supporting the future of the Fiesta and in expanding existing and creating new opportunities for special events and other uses. The 50th anniversary of the Balloon Fiesta will occur in 2021. Funds would be fully expended by October 2021. The City of Albuquerque has invested millions into Balloon Fiesta Park and continues to expend over $1 million annually on the park and Fiesta.

ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE/REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety

- Crime Fighting Technologies
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $1 million in City funds for all APD technology and equipment.
  - State ICIP Project # 30586
  - APD Gun Intelligence Center:
    - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $300,000 in capital outlay.
    - New Mexico’s rate of violent crime is nearly twice the national average. To combat violent crime and gangs by improving firearm tracing and analysis capabilities. Since 2015, the City has experienced a 70% increase in crimes involving a firearm. APD is working, in collaboration with the ATF, to enhance its capacity to connect the use of firearms with violent offenders and criminal gangs. Funding would be used to for the testing and analysis necessary to trace calibers and firearms within 24-48 hours.
  - APD Electronic Gunshot Detection System
    - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $1.5 million in capital outlay.
    - New Mexico has the seventh-highest rate of gun violence in the country, according to a state-by-state analysis of gun violence released in 2013. APD routinely responds to reports of shots fired. This system would help detect gunfire incidents with a precise location to improve response times, collect key evidence (shell casings), and better solve crimes. Funding would enable APD to cover six hot spots throughout the City.
o **DNA Section Automation**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $700,000 in capital outlay.
  - New Mexico’s high rate of violent crime carries with it large volumes of, and backlogs, of DNA evidence. APD relies on DNA analysis to help solve many violent crimes. Analysis backlogs result negatively impact the ability of detectives to act quickly. Funding would be used to contract with DNA robotics vendors, which would reduce processing times while freeing up scientists to perform other important tasks, as well as to replace aging scientific equipment.

o **Anti-Auto Theft Monitoring Devices**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $500,000 in capital outlay.
  - Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, New Mexico is always ranked high on the list for theft rates. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the Albuquerque metro area has the highest rate of automobile theft per capita in the United States, with over 10,000 auto thefts reported in the metro area in 2016. In conjunction with strategic operations and increased officers, high-speed, electronic monitoring devices provide a critical tool in identifying stolen vehicles and those used in crimes. Funding would be used to purchase 30 devices, including software, image hosting, connections, hardware, server buildout and installation and application development.

- **Comprehensive Software Required by DOJ Consent Decree**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $500,000 in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 30586
  - With a statewide violent crime rate almost twice the national average, it is essential that the police force serving the largest city in the state be properly trained, and monitored. This funding will be used to institute a database that will track officer and cadet discipline and training, as required by APD’s consent decree with the DOJ.

- **Patrol Cars**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $2 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: APD has committed an additional $1.1 million in funding for patrol units, leaving a shortfall of $2 million.
  - State ICIP Project # 30469
  - As APD continues to hire officers they need to be properly equipped. To that end, APD is seeking funding for 36 new patrol units, including all equipment necessary for patrol use.
• **Firefighter Bunker Gear**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $1.5 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: In FY18, Albuquerque Fire Rescue used $100,000 of its State Fire Fund distribution for new bunker gear, and was awarded a New Mexico State Fire Fund Grant in the amount of $90,000, to replace helmets and flash hoods. The total cost to replace expired bunker gear is $1,710,592.35. In 2018 AFR applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of $1.6 million but has not received a decision from FEMA.
  - Statewide, firefighters have a nine percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, according to research by the CDC/National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety. This funding will be used for updated bunker gear, which plays an important role in protecting first responders from exposures to cancer-causing agents.

• **HALT, or High-Water Alert Lifesaving Technology**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $3 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: The City has already allocated approximately $700,000 for an initial high water lifesaving technology project in six arroyo areas. The City will also provide for the annual maintenance and software support costs in excess of $30,000, and will provide personnel for the 24 hour monitoring of the warning system.
  - State ICIP Project # 30944
  - Flooding and flash flooding is the leading cause of weather related deaths in the United States, with approximately 200 deaths per year. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in New Mexico for ages 1 to 44 years old. Flood waters in Albuquerque arroyos and channels cause deaths due to a lack of appropriate warning systems for individuals caught unaware of the potential and immediate danger. The HALT project is a flood warning system for the arroyos and channels in the City of Albuquerque. These funds will be used to install High Water Detection Systems on many of the arroyos and channels to provide advance audio and visual warnings. This system may prevent deaths through effective warnings, provide notifications to emergency response assets, and provide emergency management the ability to monitor conditions, predict flooding, and track flooding data. The Project proposes approximately 36 warning devices on various channels throughout the city that will provide audible and visual alert signals of potential flooding.

• **APD Academy**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $3 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 30586
  - With a statewide violent crime rate almost twice the national average, it is essential that the police force serving the largest city in the state be properly trained, and monitored. This funding will be used to plan, design, renovate,
demolish, construct, equip, furnish, provide security and technology upgrades and otherwise make improvements to the APD police academy to better equip officers for community policing.

**Early Child Development**

- **New Child Development Centers**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $4 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: For almost thirty years, the City has supported child development centers, through general fund appropriations. Currently, the City appropriates $5,585,000.00 to support child development centers. Additionally, the City matches state NM PreK funds and federal Early Head Start funds.
  - State ICIP Project # 30481
  - These funds would be used to support the development of two additional classrooms at the current West Gate Community Center (1400 Snow Vista SW) and two additional classrooms at the new West Gate Community Center (Snow Vista Trail and De Vargas Road SW). The funds would be used to design, plan, renovate or construct four new classrooms and outdoor learning spaces. The programs will promote the development of a child’s early literacy skills, language, cognition, and socio-emotional skills by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum. They provide children school preparedness skills using the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines.

- **Additional Support For Pre-K Programs**
  - Additional funding for the New Mexico PreK State Grant is critical to enabling city to expand fee early childhood opportunities beyond the approximately 660 children currently served.
  - This is necessary to address population or client growth, and will provide direct services to that population or clientele.

**Statewide Infrastructure Requests**

- **Westside Regional Arterial Improvements**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $2.5 million in capital outlay or the State Roads Fund for design.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 30942
  - Improving major roadways on Albuquerque’s Westside will have a regional impact, improving traffic and transportation in both Albuquerque and Sandoval County. This funding is for the design of improvements to Paseo del Norte
from Calle Nortena to Rainbow Boulevard and for Unser Boulevard from Kimmick Drive to Paradise Boulevard. This is a widening project going from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

**Funding for 2019 National Senior Games**

- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $500,000 appropriation.
- Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque has dedicated $5.3 million to offer this national competition.
- In June of 2019, The City of Albuquerque will serve as host of these 31st biennial National Senior Games, the first time that the Games have been held in New Mexico. The City of Albuquerque has dedicated $5.3M to offer this national competition for adults 50 years and older as it will highlight the achievements of competitive seniors and promote healthy and active lifestyles. We anticipate more than 13,000 athletes from all 50 states and some international countries to compete in 20 different sports at 17 public and private venues throughout Albuquerque, Santa Fe and some Pueblos. Additionally, over the 12 days of competition, an estimated 15,000 family, friends and fans will travel our beautiful state of New Mexico to cheer on the athletes.

**Economic Public Policy Initiatives**

- **Film Industry**
  - The City supports eliminating the $50 million tax credit cap, or raising it by $20 million each year for next three years; clearing backlog of estimated $250 million; tightening residency requirements and pass-throughs; increasing the JTIP amount going to Film Training (FCAP) from $2 million to $3 million; and working with CNM to identify additional funding resources for Film Training (electrical, construction, and makeup).

- **Full Funding for LEDA and JTIP**
  - The City supports full funding for Local Economic Development Act and the Job Training Incentive Program, so that the City can expand economic opportunities.
CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-107 ENACTMENT NO. R-2018-090

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña

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RESOLUTION
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ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF
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ALBUQUERQUE FOR THE 2019 NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE.
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WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque, a
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municipal subdivision of the State, are charged with providing for the public
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health, welfare and safety; and
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WHEREAS, both governmental entities often share missions and
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responsibilities that are most effectively provided for through cooperative
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
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ALBUQUERQUE:
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Section 1. The City of Albuquerque after careful consideration of its
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responsibilities with the State of New Mexico, respectfully request that the
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New Mexico State Legislature develop or support policies that provide funding
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and or implementation for “Significant Regional Projects,” “Neighborhood
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Priority Improvement Projects” and “Service Delivery Programs” as identified
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in this Resolution as these needs have significant local, regional and
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statewide impact.
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Section 2. Significant Regional Projects:
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The following initiatives have regional impact and require the joint
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efforts and resources of the City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico.
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It is the desire of the City to have projects or a distinct phase of a project be
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fully funded so that state funds can be expended in an efficient manner to
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benefit the community.
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(A) Behavioral Health and Public Safety.
1. **Land Mobile Radio System:** $30,000,000 for modernizing the land/mobile radio system for Central New Mexico, which is critical for police and first responders.

2. **24/7 Emergency Shelter(s) with Crisis Triage Support:** $28,000,000 for construction of shelters with triage support to provide services seven days a week and for 24 hours a day for indigent care, mental crisis treatment and addiction treatment.

3. **Law Enforcement Technologies:** $3,000,000 for updating the Albuquerque Police Department's crime firearm tracing analysis capacity, acquiring automated DNA testing technology, and anti-auto theft technologies.

4. **Public Safety Capital Outlay Set-aside:** The City asks for development and adoption of a program to set aside 1% of the capital outlay funds for public safety agencies throughout the State.

5. **Economic and Community Development Incentive Programs, and Community Development Major Facility Improvements Projects.**

   1. **Film Credits:** The City asks that the State legislature adjust the Film Production Rebates program to increase rebate caps with an emphasis on adjusting the rebate for television series to the level in place for television pilot productions.

   2. **Albuquerque Rail Yards:** $30,000,000 for the redevelopment of the 27-acre historic Albuquerque Railyards site, including site remediation, the installation of new roofs, and utility lines and connections.

   3. **Balloon Fiesta Park Access Improvements:** $7,500,000 to improve Balloon Fiesta access, which would allow for an expansion of the number of events occurring at the venue. Improvements include constructing a slip ramp from Interstate 25 to the frontage roads and constructing a rail spur into the Balloon Fiesta Park for the purpose of providing Rail Runner Service.

   4. **Paseo Del Norte and Unser Boulevard Roadway Improvements:** $2,500,000, for design of improvements to Paseo Del Norte from Calle Nortena to Rainbow Boulevard and for Unser Boulevard from Kimmick Drive to Paradise Boulevard.
(5) **New Childhood Development Centers:** $4,000,000 to construct two new childhood development centers on the Westside to accommodate the city’s population growth trends.

**Section 3. Neighborhood Improvements Priority Projects:**

The City of Albuquerque is one community created through many neighborhoods. These neighborhoods, as does the City as a whole, require continual investment. Following is a working list of neighborhood improvement projects that are candidates for Capital Outlay funds applications in that they could benefit from the resources of the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque. Efforts to fund the following listed projects are multi-year combined efforts between neighborhood groups, Albuquerque City Councillors, New Mexico State Legislators and often Bernalillo County Commissioners.

(1) **86th Street Improvements:** Pedestrian improvements in the 86th Street right of way from Bridge Boulevard to Tower Road.

(2) **90th Street/Eucariz Storm Drain Improvements:** Design and construction of storm drain improvements in the general vicinity of 90th Streets between Bridge Boulevard and Eucariz Avenue.

(3) **ABQ Ride Montgomery and Tramway Transit Center Improvements:** Construction of a break room and installation of a sanitary sewer line.

(4) **Alameda Little League Complex Park/Alameda Little League:** Construction of a perimeter fence.

(5) **Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex Field House:** Plan, acquire land, design and construct an indoor sports field house.

(6) **Alvarado Park:** Improvements to the irrigation system and planting replacement trees.

(7) **Balduini Park/Lobo Little League:** Plan, purchase land, design and construct a replacement facility for Balduini Park.

(8) **Cibola Loop Community Complex:** Funding from implementation of phase one which includes the Northwest Mesa Library.
(9) **Crestview Bluff Open Space:** Land acquisition and resource planning for development of open space areas to be known as the Crestview Bluff Open Space.

(10) **Cutler Avenue improvements:** Infill sidewalk and gutter, mid-block pedestrian refuge, and lighting improvements.

(11) **Dale Bellamah Park/Mile High Little League:** Improvements to a youth baseball complex at Dale Bellamah Park.

(12) **Downs of New Mexico Track Lights:** Night sky compliant lighting for the Downs of New Mexico Race Track.

(13) **Eisenhower Pool Improvements:** Repair and renovate the Parks and Recreation Department outdoor pool at Eisenhower Middle School.

(14) **Ellena Gallegos Open Space:** Repave the road and drive lanes at the entrance and parking areas.

(15) **Embudo Canyon Neighborhood/Tramway Road Multi-Use Trail Landscaping:** Design of a landscape planting strip and bicycle trail improvements at the intersection of Tramway Road (State Road 556) and Indian School Road.

(16) **Far Northwest Mesa Commercial Nodes Infrastructure:** Funding for infrastructure to optimize roadway and pedestrian connections in Commercial Nodes in the Northwest Mesa of Albuquerque, north of Paseo Del Norte.

(17) **Fire Station 12:** Purchase land, design and construct a replacement facility for Albuquerque Fire Station 12.

(18) **Foot Hills Area Command Police Substation Improvements:** Building Improvements and repairs.

(19) **Fourth Street Improvements:** Design and construction of Complete Streets improvements to 4th Street from Coal Avenue to Avenida Cesar Chavez.

(20) **Gibson Boulevard:** Plan design and construct the extension of Gibson Boulevard from Louisiana Boulevard in Albuquerque.

(21) **International District Library:** Funding to construct and equip a library in the International District.
(22) **Irving Boulevard Median Landscaping Improvements:**
Landscaping improvements on Irving Boulevard from Golf Course Road to Los Pinos Drive.

(23) **Jeanne Bellamah Community Center:** Conversion of a patio to an indoor hall and playground improvements.

(24) **Joan Jones Community Center:** Construct phase II of the Joan Jones Community Center.

(25) **Juan Tabo Hills Park:** Construction of phase II of Juan Tabo Hills Park.

(26) **Juan Tabo Library Landscaping Improvements:** Convert turf landscaping to xeriscape.

(27) **Ladera Golf Course Improvements:** Irrigation and turf improvements to the driving range.

(28) **LED Field Lights at Hahn Park Baseball Fields/Road Runner Little League:** Installation of LED Field lights.

(29) **Loma Linda Community Center:** Plan, design and construct a gymnasium addition to the Loma Linda Community Center.

(30) **McMahon Boulevard Improvements:** Design, construction and purchase of right of way for improvements to McMahon Boulevard from Unser Boulevard to Universe Boulevard.

(31) **Manzano Mesa Park/Zia Little League Improvements:** Improvements to a youth baseball complex.

(32) **Manzano Mesa Park/Pickle Ball Court Lighting:** Lighting for the courts at the regional pickle ball complex.

(33) **Memorial Park:** Funding for monuments at front and back of park.

(34) **North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Area:** Construction of a gymnasium.

(35) **Montgomery Park:** Improvements to the irrigation system and planting replacement trees.

(36) **Montano Road Landscape Medians:** Medians landscape improvements on Montano Road from Kiva Street to Pojoaque Drive.

(37) **North Domingo Baca Park:** Construct a Bocce Ball Court.
(38) **Nuevo Atrisco Village:** Funding for affordable housing at the
Albuquerque Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency project at the Northwest
Corner of Central and Unser.

(39) **Osuna Road Improvements Chappell Road to Edith:**
Development of the full roadway cross-section including completing a
drainage study, acquiring land in the unincorporated county, drainage
upgrades and roadway construction.

(40) **Paseo Del Norte Improvements, Coors Boulevard to Eagle
Ranch Road:** Design, purchase right of way and construct improvements to
Paseo Del Norte from Coors Boulevard to Eagle Ranch Road.

(41) **Piedras Marcadas Park Pathways Plan:** Design and implement
a pathways plan.

(42) **Pueblo Alto, Storm Sewer Project:** Install storm lines in a zone
bounded by Constitution Avenue, Lomas Boulevard, Morningside Drive and
San Mateo Boulevard.

(43) **Quintessence Park:** Repairs to the playground area.

(44) **Route 66 Visitor Center:** Construction of a Route 66 Visitors
Center.

(45) **Rio Grande Boulevard Complete Streets:** Design and
construction of Complete Streets improvements to Rio Grande Boulevard from
Interstate 40 to Alhambra Avenue.

(46) **San Pedro Road Improvements from Holly Avenue to North of
Carmel Avenue:** Development of an existing partial cross-section to a full
cross-section on San Pedro Road from Holly Avenue to 300 feet north of
Carmel Avenue.

(47) **Santa Fe Village Neighborhood Storm Drain:** Design and
construction of a stormwater conveyance system in the Santa Fe Village
Neighborhood.

(48) **Sandia Vista Park Dog Park:** Plan, design, and construct a dog
park at Sandia Vista Park.

(49) **Southeast Community Policing Complex Facility:** Construction
of a Law Enforcement Substation and Bicycle Safety Education Center in the
Southeast Heights.
(50) **Taylor Ranch Road Landscape Medians:** Median improvements on Taylor Ranch Road from Butterfield Trail to Calle Nortena.

(51) **Tijeras Bio Zone Open Space:** Purchase open space land in the Tijeras Arroyo to implement the Tijeras Bio Zone.

(52) **Tramway Road and Indian School Planting Strip Area Improvements:** Remediation and improvements to the planting strip and bicycle trail on Tramway Road (State Road 556) northeast of the intersection with Indian School Road, to include landscape improvements and invasive species barriers.

(53) **Villela Park Bicycle Safety Education Center:** Construct a bicycle education center at Villela Park in the McKinley Neighborhood.

(54) **Vista Del Norte Park:** Phase 3 construction of turf field.

(55) **West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area:** Metropolitan Redevelopment Projects in the West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area.

(56) **West Gate Community Center:** Phase 1 construction of a new facility for the West Gate Community Center.

(57) **Wyoming Boulevard Improvements, Alameda Boulevard to Beverley Hills Avenue:** Development of an existing partial cross-section to a full cross-section on Wyoming Boulevard from Alameda Boulevard to Beverly Hills Avenue.

Section 4. **State Programs Services and Initiatives of Significance to the City of Albuquerque.**

The following state programs and initiatives are critical to the welfare of the people of Albuquerque. Many of these services and initiatives are either provided through the City of Albuquerque, are offered in conjunction with similar City services or support the provision of companion programs offered by both the City and the State. Therefore the City of Albuquerque supports:

(A) **Revenue Measures.**

(1) Maintaining local government taxing authority and gross receipts tax base.

(2) Examining alternatives to improve municipal revenue streams or create diverse funding sources to stabilize municipal revenue sources.
(3) Identifying means and methods to improve or create an alternative to the hold harmless provision of the state budget.

(B) Economic Development.

(1) Legislation to make Property Assessment Clean Energy Bond (PACE) financing a viable option in the State of New Mexico. This legislation if adopted would provide to local agencies that establish PACE Programs the authority to grant private pre-approved lenders who issue PACE loans the ability to use a County’s lien authority as a guarantee for the loan. This would create a lien with the status of a tax lien that would hold priority for collections in the matter of a foreclosure on the property.

(2) Financial Incentives for property and business owners in designated hot air balloon landing zones to dedicate their property as balloon landing areas and invest in improvements to allow for safe landings.

(3) The State Mainstreet Program including the Barelas, Downtown, West Central and Nob Hill Mainstreet efforts in Albuquerque.

(4) Adopt legislation to create a program that funds the purchase of properties in designated Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas to remove blighted structures and to stimulate redevelopment.

(5) Preserving and prioritizing local economic development in State economic planning.

(6) Increasing marketing funds for State tourism.

(7) Increasing marketing funds for economic development and recruitment.

(8) Protecting the LEDA funding level so as to maintain the fund as an evergreen fund.

(9) Funding the New Mexico Job Training Incentive Program.

(10) Adopting Enhanced Enterprise Zone Legislation that is geographically focused and has a no cost tool for collecting and distributing property tax abatement on future land value increases.

(11) Holding harmless the portion of property taxes allotted to Tax Increments Finance Districts, and Tax Increments Districts, so as to continue to stimulate re-development and new construction.
(12) Amending the High Wage Jobs Tax Credit to remove Industry and Job Type Exclusions such as Corporate and Regional Headquarters.

(13) Funding the New Mexico Partnership and the Economic Development Department.

(14) Programs that strengthen solo workers and entrepreneurs as local economic development assets.

(15) Efforts that increase the investment and deployment of broadband services.

(16) Grants to incubators for early-stage business creation, for International Trade Exports.

(17) Raise film credit cap and clear existing backlog.

(18) Supporting efforts to expand affordable renewable energy options for consumers and development projects and responsibly transition to a coal-free energy future.

(C) Education.

(1) Authorizing the Albuquerque Public School District to adopt rules and procedures to enable the District to form a strong partnership with the City of Albuquerque to address issues of infrastructure, over-crowding and school transportation choice, especially for schools located in rapidly growing areas with a large population of working families.

(2) Adequate and equitable funding for Albuquerque public schools, charter schools, institutions of higher education, and alternative schools for at-risk children.

(3) Full funding at all existing sites for the 21st Century Learning Center Educational Programs.

(4) Adequate funding early and after school programs.

(D) Land Use.

(1) Reinstating the City of Albuquerque's extraterritorial planning and zoning authority and authorizing the City and Bernalillo County to develop a mutually acceptable and cooperative decision-making process regarding land in the extraterritorial area.

(E) Animal Issues.
(1) Funding to assist local animal shelters with the costs of
sheltering animals under court-ordered protective custody.

(2) Legislation prohibiting contests organized, arranged, or
sponsored for the purpose of killing coyotes for prize or exhibition.

(3) Addressing issues arising from the links between domestic
violence, child abuse and animal abuse.

(4) Amending the State Cruelty Law to define neglect as cruelty and
increase penalties for animal cruelty.

(F) General.

The City of Albuquerque supports the policy statements and
resolutions of the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML); if any NMML
policies are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions
herein shall prevail.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF December, 2018
BY A VOTE OF: 6 FOR 3 AGAINST.

Against: Harris, Jones, Winter

Klarissa J. Peña, President
City Council

APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF December, 2018

Bill No. R-18-107

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:

Katy Duhigg, City Clerk
LOCAL PRIORITIES DIVIDER
TOP STATEWIDE/REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

- **Regional Emergency Communication Infrastructure (RECI)**
  - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $34.6 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: Bernalillo County has committed $1.5 million toward this project from its 2016 and 2018 general obligation bonds. The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 35514
  - The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County seek $34.6 million from legislative set aside and/or statewide priority funding for a one-time, non-recurring new Regional Emergency Communications Infrastructure (RECI). The current system in use by the City and County needs to be replaced because of its age, outdated technology, lack of interoperability, and vast areas without coverage. This system is used by over 20 different entities, including APS and UNM Police, and is crucial in enabling first responders to effectively communicate during emergencies. The City and County ECI systems were built in the 1990s and are well beyond their life expectancy. The radio systems are no longer supported by the manufacturer and some replacement parts/equipment are no longer available. The existing radio systems fail to meet the nationwide guidelines for radio communication interoperability due to the proprietary radio technology of the time. The coverage provided by the existing radio systems no longer meets the needs of City and County. Existing coverage in the East Mountains is poor along with neighborhoods and buildings that were developed within the City and County after the original system design were not part of the coverage requirements. The new system will be P25 compliant meeting current national standards and guidelines. P25 allows interoperability to occur between jurisdictions so that, for example, the US Forest Service could be on the same frequency and channel as Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico, and City of Albuquerque emergency personnel in the event of an East Mountain forest fire. The RECI system will be highly reliable, fault tolerant, spectrally efficient, scalable, and meet the operational requirements for public safety grade communications. It is not possible for the City and County to migrate over the State of New Mexico’s LMR system. The State’s LMR infrastructure does not have the capacity to handle the amount of radio calls that the City and County generate. Along with call volume, the Infrastructure will not be able to provide an acceptable level of radio coverage throughout the City and County. The City and County have published an RFP to solicit the design and construction of an integrated RECI system, and two vendors have responded, but the City and County need significant capital to proceed.
Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $28 million in capital outlay and $5 million in operating funds.
- Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $7 million in City funds for a homeless facility.
- State ICIP Project # 30963
- The City of Albuquerque seeks one-time, non-recurring $28 million in capital outlay, and $5 million in one-time, non-recurring operating funds, for Emergency Homeless Shelters. New Mexico has had an uptick in homelessness, and it’s at the top nationally when it comes to the percentage of people experiencing chronic homelessness. There is no place that a person experiencing homelessness can go 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get off the streets in Albuquerque. Depending on the time of year, an estimated 385 to 750 people are sleeping outside or in a place not meant for human habitation each night. There are limited shelter beds for all populations, but women and families with children have the fewest options. To address this critical need, the City plans to construct a new permanent emergency shelter that is open year-round and provide onsite supportive services to help residents obtain long-term housing. These shelters will also function in concert with Bernalillo County’s Crisis Triage Center. The City is also seeking operating funds to account for expanded hours of operation at the Westside shelter, which will provide 24/7 emergency shelter with supportive services.

Rail Yards Redevelopment
- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $15 million in capital outlay.
- Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $5.815 million in City funds for the Railyards.
- State ICIP Project ID 30502
- The Rail Yards mission is to celebrate the cuisine, culture, and art of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico. Redeveloping the 27-acre railyard site as a vibrant destination for both residents and tourists alike, while preserving its historic architecture, will have a significant economic impact. Funding would be used for environmental remediation, expanding market and event space with improvements the Flue Shop, and improvements to house CNM’s Film School of Excellence, as well as other site improvements.

Improvements for Balloon Fiesta Transportation
- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $7.5 million in capital outlay or from State Road Fund.
- Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
- State ICIP Project # 30953
- The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the annual event with the largest total economic impact in the entire state. The Balloon Fiesta Park is not only the
home of AIBF, but it is also used continuously for youth and adult sports activities and dozens of other events and festivals that benefit the city and state. Balloon Fiesta Park has significant access challenges that must be addressed in order to secure the tourism/economic future of Fiesta and the positive role that the park serves. This funding is to plan, design, purchase right-of-way, construct, equip and improve transportation networks and visitor access to and within Balloon Fiesta Park. Serious traffic, parking, and access challenges will be addressed by projects that may include: construction of a rail spur/rail stop serving the park, a new slip ramp to access southbound I-25, widening of the existing roadway to allow more traffic to flow in and out of the park, park-and-ride improvements, and other projects. Investments in the park will have significant economic impact in supporting the future of the Fiesta and in expanding existing and creating new opportunities for special events and other uses. The 50th anniversary of the Balloon Fiesta will occur in 2021. Funds would be fully expended by October 2021. The City of Albuquerque has invested millions into Balloon Fiesta Park and continues to expend over $1 million annually on the park and Fiesta.

ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE/REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety

- Crime Fighting Technologies
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, proposes $1 million in City funds for all APD technology and equipment.
  - State ICIP Project # 30586
  - APD Gun Intelligence Center:
    - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $300,000 in capital outlay.
    - New Mexico’s rate of violent crime is nearly twice the national average. To combat violent crime and gangs by improving firearm tracing and analysis capabilities. Since 2015, the City has experienced a 70% increase in crimes involving a firearm. APD is working, in collaboration with the ATF, to enhance its capacity to connect the use of firearms with violent offenders and criminal gangs. Funding would be used to for the testing and analysis necessary to trace calibers and firearms within 24-48 hours.
  - APD Electronic Gunshot Detection System
    - Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $1.5 million in capital outlay.
    - New Mexico has the seventh-highest rate of gun violence in the country, according to a state-by-state analysis of gun violence released in 2013. APD routinely responds to reports of shots fired. This system would help detect gunfire incidents with a precise location to improve response times, collect key evidence (shell casings), and better solve crimes. Funding would enable APD to cover six hot spots throughout the City.
DNA Section Automation

- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $700,000 in capital outlay.
- New Mexico’s high rate of violent crime carries with it large volumes of, and backlogs, of DNA evidence. APD relies on DNA analysis to help solve many violent crimes. Analysis backlogs result negatively impact the ability of detectives to act quickly. Funding would be used to contract with DNA robotics vendors, which would reduce processing times while freeing up scientists to perform other important tasks, as well as to replace aging scientific equipment.

Anti-Auto Theft Monitoring Devices

- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $500,000 in capital outlay.
- Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, New Mexico is always ranked high on the list for theft rates. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the Albuquerque metro area has the highest rate of automobile theft per capita in the United States, with over 10,000 carjackings reported in the metro area in 2016. In conjunction with strategic operations and increased officers, high-speed, electronic monitoring devices provide a critical tool in identifying stolen vehicles and those used in crimes. Funding would be used to purchase 30 devices, including software, image hosting, connections, hardware, server buildout and installation and application development.

Comprehensive Software Required by DOJ Consent Decree

- Funding Request: One-time, non-recurring $500,000 in capital outlay.
- Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
- State ICIP Project # 30586
- With a statewide violent crime rate almost twice the national average, it is essential that the police force serving the largest city in the state be properly trained, and monitored. This funding will be used to institute a database that will track officer and cadet discipline and training, as required by APD’s consent decree with the DOJ.

Patrol Cars

- Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $2 million in capital outlay.
- Cost matching: APD has committed an additional $1.1 million in funding for patrol units, leaving a shortfall of $2 million.
- State ICIP Project # 30469
- As APD continues to hire officers they need to be properly equipped. To that end, APD is seeking funding for 36 new patrol units, including all equipment necessary for patrol use.
• **Firefighter Bunker Gear**
  - **Funding Request:** One-time, non-recurring $1.5 million in capital outlay.
  - **Cost matching:** In FY18, Albuquerque Fire Rescue used $100,000 of its State Fire Fund distribution for new bunker gear, and was awarded a New Mexico State Fire Fund Grant in the amount of $90,000, to replace helmets and flash hoods. The total cost to replace expired bunker gear is $1,710,592.35. In 2018 AFR applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of $1.6 million but has not received a decision from FEMA.
  - Statewide, firefighters have a nine percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, according to research by the CDC/National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety. This funding will be used for updated bunker gear, which plays an important role in protecting first responders from exposures to cancer-causing agents.

• **HALT, or High-Water Alert Lifesaving Technology**
  - **Funding Request:** One-time, non-recurring $3 million in capital outlay.
  - **Cost matching:** The City has already allocated approximately $700,000 for an initial high water lifesaving technology project in six arroyo areas. The City will also provide for the annual maintenance and software support costs in excess of $30,000, and will provide personnel for the 24 hour monitoring of the warning system.
  - **State ICIP Project # 30944**
  - Flooding and flash flooding is the leading cause of weather related deaths in the United States, with approximately 200 deaths per year. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in New Mexico for ages 1 to 44 years old. Flood waters in Albuquerque arroyos and channels cause deaths due to a lack of appropriate warning systems for individuals caught unaware of the potential and immediate danger. The HALT project is a flood warning system for the arroyos and channels in the City of Albuquerque. These funds will be used to install High Water Detection Systems on many of the arroyos and channels to provide advance audio and visual warnings. This system may prevent deaths through effective warnings, provide notifications to emergency response assets, and provide emergency management the ability to monitor conditions, predict flooding, and track flooding data. The Project proposes approximately 36 warning devices on various channels throughout the city that will provide audible and visual alert signals of potential flooding.

• **APD Academy**
  - **Funding request:** One-time, non-recurring $3 million in capital outlay.
  - **Cost matching:** The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - **State ICIP Project # 30586**
  - With a statewide violent crime rate almost twice the national average, it is essential that the police force serving the largest city in the state be properly trained, and monitored. This funding will be used to plan, design, renovate,
demolish, construct, equip, furnish, provide security and technology upgrades and otherwise make improvements to the APD police academy to better equip officers for community policing.

**Early Child Development**

- **New Child Development Centers**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $4 million in capital outlay.
  - Cost matching: For almost thirty years, the City has supported child development centers, through general fund appropriations. Currently, the City appropriates $5,585,000.00 to support child development centers. Additionally, the City matches state NM PreK funds and federal Early Head Start funds.
  - State ICIP Project # 30481
  - These funds would be used to support the development of two additional classrooms at the current West Gate Community Center (1400 Snow Vista SW) and two additional classrooms at the new West Gate Community Center (Snow Vista Trail and De Vargas Road SW). The funds would be used to design, plan, renovate or construct four new classrooms and outdoor learning spaces. The programs will promote the development of a child’s early literacy skills, language, cognition, and socio-emotional skills by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum. They provide children school preparedness skills using the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines.

- **Additional Support For Pre-K Programs**
  - Additional funding for the New Mexico PreK State Grant is critical to enabling city to expand fee early childhood opportunities beyond the approximately 660 children currently served.
  - This is necessary to address population or client growth, and will provide direct services to that population or clientele.

**Statewide Infrastructure Requests**

- **Westside Regional Arterial Improvements**
  - Funding request: One-time, non-recurring $2.5 million in capital outlay or the State Roads Fund for design.
  - Cost matching: The City of Albuquerque 2019 GO Bond Legislation, to be approved by City Council and voters, will propose a dollar for dollar match.
  - State ICIP Project # 30942
  - Improving major roadways on Albuquerque’s Westside will have a regional impact, improving traffic and transportation in both Albuquerque and Sandoval County. This funding is for the design of improvements to Paseo del Norte
from Calle Nortena to Rainbow Boulevard and for Unser Boulevard from Kimmick Drive to Paradise Boulevard. This is a widening project going from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

**Funding for 2019 National Senior Games**

- **Funding Request:** One-time, non-recurring $500,000 appropriation.
- **Cost matching:** The City of Albuquerque has dedicated $5.3 million to offer this national competition.
- **In June of 2019, The City of Albuquerque will serve as host of these 31st biennial National Senior Games, the first time that the Games have been held in New Mexico. The City of Albuquerque has dedicated $5.3M to offer this national competition for adults 50 years and older as it will highlight the achievements of competitive seniors and promote healthy and active lifestyles. We anticipate more than 13,000 athletes from all 50 states and some international countries to compete in 20 different sports at 17 public and private venues throughout Albuquerque, Santa Fe and some Pueblos. Additionally, over the 12 days of competition, an estimated 15,000 family, friends and fans will travel our beautiful state of New Mexico to cheer on the athletes.

**Economic Public Policy Initiatives**

- **Film Industry**
  - The City supports eliminating the $50 million tax credit cap, or raising it by $20 million each year for next three years; clearing backlog of estimated $250 million; tightening residency requirements and pass-throughs; increasing the JTIP amount going to Film Training (FCAP) from $2 million to $3 million; and working with CNM to identify additional funding resources for Film Training (electrical, construction, and makeup).

- **Full Funding for LEDA and JTIP**
  - The City supports full funding for Local Economic Development Act and the Job Training Incentive Program, so that the City can expand economic opportunities.
Global recycling markets upended in 2017, when China’s National Sword policy banned most plastics and paper, requiring that contamination levels within recycling materials not exceed 3%. This requirement far exceeds U.S. industry standards, and as a result, local recycling operations budget suddenly doubled. These unexpected costs are a tremendous burden to New Mexico municipal solid waste recycling programs.

This is a one-time request to offset budget shortfalls and improve public education, allowing municipal recycling programs to continue.

**TOTAL ONE TIME REQUEST**

$3, 118, 000

**Scope of Work**

**TOTAL Making Budgets Whole for NM Recycling Programs**

$2,368,000

Maintain daily recycling operations including material processing costs, increased staff time, educational outreach and other costs associated with recycling.

Southwest Solid Waste Authority: Cities of Silver City and Bayard, and Grant County
South Central Solid Waste Authority: Las Cruces; T or C; Sunland Park; Anthony; Las Cruces, Hatch, and Gadsden School Districts; and Dona Ana and Sierra Counties
City of Albuquerque
Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency: City and County of Santa Fe

$18,000
$230,000
$1,800,000
$320,000

**Recycle Right - Moving Forward 2019 - 2020**

Recycling Programs across New Mexico will conduct robust education programs on reducing contamination; contamination happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with recyclables items or when recyclable items are placed in the wrong recycling bins. Too much contamination is the reason manufacturers reject tons of recyclable paper each year. Statewide effort in partnership with the national Recycling Partnership initiating best practices educational public outreach to reduce contamination.

Marketing door-to-door campaign, collateral reinforcement advertising, and one time field staff divided based on population.

**TOTAL Boots on the Ground Marketing campaign and direct mail for affected locales:**

City of Albuquerque
Other locales

$750,000
$500,000
$250,000
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned public entities respectfully request: $3,118,000.

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