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Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$5 Million Investment In Southern New Mexico Colonias

LAS CRUCES - Governor Bill Richardson today announced a \$5 million investment in 15 separate Colonias projects in Dona Ana County. Governor Richardson proposed the funding, and worked with the Legislature to secure the \$5 million that will fund vital community projects, such as water and wastewater systems, that will affect a total of 19 Colonias and as many as 60,000 residents in Dona Ana County.

"For the first time, you're seeing a true partnership between the state and Dona Ana County, through its Colonia Initiative, to work together and invest in vital improvements to Colonias across the county," Governor Bill Richardson said during a news conference today to announcing the funding. "I'm not just announcing new money for these Colonias. Working with the county and your local legislators, we've set priorities and we're leveraging the \$5 million to ensure that we get the best bang for the buck."

"We're making a serious commitment to the Colonias and rural communities in Dona Ana County," Governor Richardson said. "This is a first step, but it's a significant step. My goal is for these communities to no longer lag behind the rest of the state when it comes to creating jobs and homeownership opportunities. I want to work with Dona Ana County - all of Dona Ana County - to move this community forward."

Vado Del Cerro -- \$1 million for flood and drainage projects in Vado Del Cerro - an area that Governor Richardson toured following last year's devastating floods. The money will affect about 7,000 residents.

Milagro -- \$400,000 for a wastewater project

Chaparral -- \$700,000 for wastewater improvements in Chaparral that will benefit between 20,000 and 30,000 residents.

Sunland Park -- \$840,000 to address water, wastewater, drainage and street improvements, including projects in the Anapra and Guy Keating subdivisions.
Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Consumer Water Association -- \$420,000 - I-25 Interchange and Trials End Water System Improvements - affects 8,000 residents
Las Palmeras -- \$500,000 for flood, drainage and roadways
Montana Vista -- \$500,000 for flood, drainage and roadways
Rodey -- \$150,000 for bridge improvements
Tumblewood Road -- \$190,000 for engineering, reconstruct, pave and drainage
Visnaga Street -- \$110,000 for engineering, reconstruct, pave and drainage
Alvillar Road -- \$90,000 for engineering, reconstruct, pave and drainage
Paloma Blanca Street -- \$100,000 for engineering, reconstruct, pave and drainage

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