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Governor Bill Richardson announces \$22 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds for New Mexico Communities

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson, responding to requests from New Mexico communities, today announced plans to make \$22 million in federal stimulus money available for dozens of shovel-ready projects.

“Based on conversations I had with New Mexicans in all 33 counties, I am dedicating a significant amount of newly awarded stimulus funds for direct investment in those local communities,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “This money not only creates jobs; it addresses critical needs that these communities have identified as priorities.”

Governor Richardson directed the Department of Finance & Administration to solicit applications for eligible projects that are shovel-ready for stimulus funding awards up to \$400,000.

During the Governor’s stimulus tour in May, he received funding requests to rebuild aging infrastructure, like water lines and wastewater treatment plants and road projects. The Governor also received requests to pay for public safety initiatives.

The \$22 million is part of a one-time appropriation that New Mexico is receiving for government services – money designed to create jobs, reduce unemployment, stabilize and improve the state’s economy, and avert the need to raise taxes.

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to construction or rehabilitation of the following: water systems, sewer systems, utilities, roads, streets, highways, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm sewers, street lighting, traffic control devices, parking facilities, solid waste disposal facilities and public facilities.

Notice of funding availability, application and guidelines are available at <http://cdbg.nmdfa.state.nm.us>

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