



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-035

### DECLARATING A DISASTER IN HIDALGO, LUNA, AND SOCORRO COUNTIES DUE TO FLOODING

WHEREAS, Hidalgo, Luna (including the incorporated Village of Columbus), and Socorro Counties were severely impacted by multiple storm events during a period from September 9, 2019 to October 4, 2019;

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall overwhelmed drainage systems within the affected counties, which caused widespread damage to roads and other infrastructure and prompted the affected counties to issue local declarations of emergency;

WHEREAS, the local declarations of emergency issued by the affected counties note that all local resources available have been insufficient to cope with the resulting situation and request aid, assistance, relief programs, and funds from the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, this disaster requires immediate action to protect public peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by the virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico, hereby declare a state of disaster to exist in Hidalgo, Luna, and Socorro

Counties due to the severe flooding between September 9, 2019 and October 4, 2019.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25, and Sections 12-10-14 through 12-10-15. The funds shall be expended for the resources and services necessary to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm until the situation becomes stabilized; on a temporary, emergency basis for lodging, sheltering, health care, food, any transportation or shipping necessary to protect lives or public property; or for any other action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and property. The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as approved by the Governor's Authorized Representative, and shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representative and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor and her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies (if any) with financial and budgetary

oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-1 through 20-1-8, NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 through 20-2-8, and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 through 20-4-14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER DIRECT all Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control to provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR