EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-058

STATE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Because emergencies and disasters often occur without warning, it is necessary that the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("DHSEM") has adequate resources to ensure timely assistance to affected new Mexicans. Such support must be immediately available and deployable. For that reason, DHSEM must receive emergency and disaster funds prior to any event to assure rapid deployment of response and recovery operational resources in times of need. Without additional emergency financial resources from the State, action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare may not be undertaken in a timely fashion due to lack of funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby declare an emergency situation exists.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) to DHSEM in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25, and Sections 12-10-14 through 12-10-15. Funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or
minimizing economic harm; protecting the public health, safety and welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including but not limited to matching funds for federal fire and disaster grants, disaster threat mitigation, emergency operations center activation, emergency response, State Disaster Assistance Program and State obligations pursuant to the provisions to the Emergency Assistance Compact. The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policies and procedures of DHSEM, as approved by the Governor’s Authorized Representative, and the funds 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 all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be required by DHSEM 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 Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020

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

[Signature]

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR