



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-079

DECLARING A DISASTER DUE TO FLOODING IN SOCORRO COUNTY

Socorro County was severely impacted by flooding as a result of a monsoon rain event during a period from the evening of July 24, 2020 to the morning of July 26, 2020. Heavy rainfall overwhelmed drainage systems within the affected counties causing widespread damage to roads and other infrastructure. This rainfall prompted Socorro County and municipalities in a neighboring county to issue local declarations of emergency.

The local declarations of emergency issued by the affected municipalities and 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. 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. 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 Socorro County due to the severe flooding between July 24th, 2020 and July 26th, 2020.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars

(\$750,000.00) 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, 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 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. 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 Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

