



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-054

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, multiple wildfires continue to burn hundreds of thousands of acres throughout the State of New Mexico since April of 2022;

WHEREAS, due to the severe and dangerous nature of the fires, New Mexicans in several counties have been evacuated from their homes;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has incurred significant expenditures to assist and house New Mexicans evacuating their communities due to the ongoing fires;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management now requires additional funding to continue assisting those impacted by the wildfires;

WHEREAS, these wildfires are occurring statewide, and conditions for such fires are expected to increase;

WHEREAS, these wildfires are of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and require the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm and to take immediate action necessary to protect the peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico do

hereby **DECLARE** an emergency situation exists, and therefore **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall 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 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. The funds shall be expended on resources and services for wildland fire disaster relief, and specifically shall be expended in order 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.

2. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall 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 ORDER and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 2022

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

