

State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-057

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD

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, Executive Orders 2022-017, 2022-018, 2022-019, 2022-020, 2022-021, and 2022-25 have already declared emergencies relating to some of these wildfires;

WHEREAS, the funding previously authorized for the National Guard is nearly depleted due to responding to these ongoing wildfires;

WHEREAS, the National Guard 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; and

WHEREAS, the continuing emergencies necessitates the provision of additional emergency funding to the National Guard so it has adequate funding on hand to pay for all expenses incident to its continuing provision of assistance during the ongoing emergencies.

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, including NMSA 1978, Section 20-1-4, NMSA 1978, Section 20-2-3(A), NMSA 1978, Section 20-4-3(A), and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

- 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 New Mexico National Guard. Such funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including, but not limited to, the payment of any expenses incident to the provision of humanitarian relief and other assistance to civil authorities. Such funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or an agent or agency designated by the Governor for that purpose.
- 2. This Order supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extend they are in conflict.
- 3. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2022

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

GOVERNOR