



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-116

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Executive Order 2020-004 declared a statewide public health emergency pursuant to the Public Health Emergency Response Act and invoked gubernatorial powers under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-004 also directed the Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard needed to support the response efforts of civil authorities and to provide such assistance at the Governor's discretion;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-004 has already declared the continuing public health emergency, which constitutes a disaster that is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requiring the resources of the State;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a public health emergency initially declared in Executive Order 2020-004 has been extended through August 26, 2022;

WHEREAS, the State recently experienced numerous wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of structures, burnt hundreds of thousands of acres, and displaced many New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 2022-017, 2022-018, 2022-019, 2022-020, 2022-021, 2022-025, and 2022-087 have already declared emergencies relating to some of these wildfires;

WHEREAS, these wildfires have left substantial burn scars that leave the local communities at risk of devastating flooding; for example, the City of Las Vegas is currently unable to access its usual municipal water supply from the Gallinas River due to flooding following the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon fires;

WHEREAS, the National Guard plays a vital role in addressing these ongoing emergencies;

WHEREAS, the funding previously authorized for the National Guard is nearly depleted due to responding to these ongoing emergencies; 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, 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 in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. 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 her Authorized Representative.

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:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022

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


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

