



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-129

### **DECLARING EMERGENCY IN HIDALGO COUNTY DUE TO FLOODING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County, specifically in and around the village of Virden, was severely impacted by flooding as a result of a monsoon rain event that began on August 12, 2022, and continued to August 23, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the amount of rainfall that resulted from this monsoon rain event caused flooding that, according to the National Weather Service on Sunday August 21, 2022, the Gila River near the Village of Virden rose to 30.28 feet, breaking the all-time record water level for that gauge site;

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service predicts further flooding of the Gila River due to continuing rains;

**WHEREAS**, this monsoon event prompted the Board of County Commissioners of Hidalgo County to issue a local disaster declaration on August 23, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the local disaster declaration issued by Hidalgo County noted that the flooding from this monsoon event has resulted in damage to homes, left residences without water, and resulted in damage to public roadways, including washouts on Fuller Road, POW Road, Sky Ranch Road, Pine/Cemetery Road, Gin Road, McCarty Road, Old Animas Highway, Cloverdale Road, and C-001.

**WHEREAS**, the damage from this monsoon event has resulted in undue human suffering

and hardship and threatens the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens Hidalgo County.

**WHEREAS**, the local Disaster Declaration issued by Hidalgo County states that all local resources available have been insufficient to cope with the resulting situation and therefore Hidalgo County requests aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding from the State of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 peace, health, safety, and welfare.

**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 the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist in Hidalgo County due to the severe flooding from the monsoon rain event that began on August 12, 2022, and continued to August 23, 2022, and **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 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.

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.

3. The Adjutant General shall 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 to -8, NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 to -8, and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 to -14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

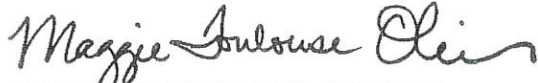
4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

**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  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

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



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

