



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-159

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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, the Governor has issued numerous executive orders declaring emergencies relating to some of these wildfires, including Executive Orders 2022-017, 2022-018, 2022-019, 2022-020, 2022-021, 2022-025, 2022-076, 2022-077, and 2022-087;

WHEREAS, the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon fires have left substantial burn scars placing San Miguel County and Mora County at risk of devastating flooding;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (NMDOT) plays a vital role in addressing this ongoing emergency with debris removal and flood response assistance for Mora County and San Miguel County roads and property;

WHEREAS, the previous funding to address this emergency is nearly depleted, but the urgent need for NMDOT's assistance remains;

WHEREAS, the continuing emergency is 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, Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Mexico, and acting Governor pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, 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 **DECLARE** an emergency situation exists and **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 NMDOT 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 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022

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


HOWIE MORALES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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