



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-061

ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION INVESTMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, lack of quality housing limits New Mexico from excelling in recruiting business and industry;

WHEREAS, building new housing revitalizes communities, making areas more attractive to businesses and the talented workforce needed for those businesses;

WHEREAS, homeownership is a form of affordable housing due to the cost remaining constant and opportunities for building wealth;

WHEREAS, housing development is not keeping pace with population growth, housing needs, and loss of affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, New Mexico passed legislation creating some of the greatest pay increases for public servants but homeownership remains out of reach for many, creating public servants who commute to outside communities instead of living in and serving their own community;

WHEREAS, New Mexico does not have enough affordable housing to meet the need, which is driving up rates of homelessness; reports show a need for 15,500 affordable units to house the number of people living at 30% or below the local median income and a shortage of 3,000 vouchers for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing;

WHEREAS, rising costs of rents and mortgages are increasing the number of homeless in New Mexico, and the cost of homelessness is great and inextricably linked with the costs of health care and other supportive services in our State;

WHEREAS, there are large homeownership disparities among Black/African American and Indigenous households, reaching greater rates than existed when the Fair Housing Act was put into place and we see these disparities reflected in rates of homelessness among minorities;

WHEREAS, development of housing in New Mexico is slowed down by barriers in zoning, inefficiencies in inspection and permitting, workforce shortages, and lack of public resources;

WHEREAS, local governments and tribes have limited resources and capacity to boost community revitalization without supplemental assistance from state resources;

WHEREAS, one of the great challenges of the 21st century is sustainable development in a world with a rapidly changing climate;

WHEREAS, there is a strong need for housing that uses renewable energy, as many are unable to afford their utility bills, which in turn impacts their ability to pay their rent or mortgage; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a council of relevant stakeholders to study these issues and recommend solutions.

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 **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. Creation of Council; Members. The Housing and Community Revitalization Investment Council (the “Council”) is hereby established. The Council shall consist of eleven

members appointed by the Governor, including at least one member representing each of the following groups: housing industry, local government housing, tribal housing, homelessness services, and fair housing advocates. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2. Statewide Investment Plan. The Council shall, in coordination with the Office of the Governor, create a Statewide Investment Plan no later than January 15, 2024. The Plan shall provide recommendations to address: gaps in available housing resources, priority focus areas for meeting the State's housing shortage, inefficiencies in regulatory and zoning that impact housing development, workforce and business shortages in the housing development industries, investments in housing development, guidelines and standards for homelessness services, investments and programs to improve disparities in homeownership, creation and facilitation of public-private partnerships to address housing, lack of infrastructure related to housing, lack of creative housing options that move from assistance to homeownership, and service programs to address housing stability.

3. Powers; Compensation; Termination. The Council shall adopt by-laws and rules, convene meetings, and perform any other action useful or necessary to create the Statewide Investment Plan. Members shall not be compensated for their service, other than per diem allowed under the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The Council shall terminate upon submission of the finalized Statewide Investment Plan.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. 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 23RD DAY OF MAY 2023

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

