



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-133

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN CURRY COUNTY DUE TO SEVERE STORM AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Curry County was impacted by an intense and severe storm that began on May 24, 2023, and extended through June 5, 2023, which included three confirmed tornadoes, seven inches of precipitation, straight-line winds in excess of 80 miles per hour, and hail in excess of three inches;

WHEREAS, the storm caused extensive damage to critical infrastructure throughout multiple communities, including the City of Clovis, the City of Texico, the Village of Melrose, and the Village of Grady;

WHEREAS, the storm system prompted Curry County to declare a local state of emergency on June 5, 2023;

WHEREAS, the local state of emergency issued by Curry County notes that all available local resources are insufficient to alleviate the emergency and repair the newly damaged infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the local state of emergency issued by Curry County requests financial aid and material assistance from the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has now confirmed that this severe storm caused sufficient damage to warrant support from the State, and that it remains necessary to authorize the release of emergency funds to protect public peace,

health, and safety.

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 the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist in Curry County due to the severe storm event that began on May 24, 2023, and extended through June 5, 2023, and therefore **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.

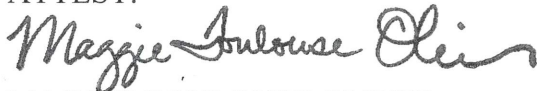
2. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor and her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State shall demonstrate that the cost of the

assistance 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.

I FURTHER ORDER and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all authorized funds are expended or no longer necessary to provide emergency assistance.

ATTEST:



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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



HOWIE MORALES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

