



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-134

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN QUAY COUNTY DUE TO FLOODING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Quay County was impacted by severe flooding that began on May 25, 2023, as a result of rainfall in excess of eight inches in less than twelve hours;

WHEREAS, the flooding in Quay County caused extensive infrastructure damage throughout multiple communities, including the City of Tucumcari, the Village of Logan, the Village of San Jon, and the Village of House;

WHEREAS, the flooding prompted Quay County to declare a local state of emergency on June 5, 2023;

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has now confirmed that this flooding 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 Quay County due to severe flooding that began on May 25, 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

