



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-161

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD DUE TO FLOODING IN CHAVES COUNTY

WHEREAS, Chaves County was impacted by severe flooding that began on October 19, 2024, as a result of an excessive amount of rainfall in a short period of time;

WHEREAS, the flooding in Chaves County caused extensive damage to infrastructure, homes, and businesses throughout multiple communities, including the City of Roswell;

WHEREAS, over three hundred people have required rescuing as a result of the flooding;

WHEREAS, the flooding has led to the hospitalization of at least thirty-eight people and deaths of two people;

WHEREAS, hundreds of people have been displaced as a result of the flooding;

WHEREAS, the flooding prompted Chaves County Board of Commissioners to orally declare a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Board of Commissioners have indicated that all available local resources are insufficient to address the emergency;

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Board of Commissioners requests immediate financial aid and material assistance from the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has confirmed that it is necessary to authorize the release of emergency funds to protect public peace, health, and safety;

WHEREAS, I initially declared a state of emergency in Chaves County due to the flooding on October 21, 2024;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico National Guard plays a key role in responding to natural disasters such as the flooding that occurred in Chaves County; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico National Guard requires additional funding to continue its efforts to protect public peace, health, and safety in the aftermath of this flooding.

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 Chaves County due to flooding as a result of the above-described situation, 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 New Mexico National Guard 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 an agent or agency designated by her for that purpose.

2. 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, NMSA 1978, Section 20-3-2(E), 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 or her 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 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 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024

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


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

