



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-256

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DUE TO FLOODING IN LINCOLN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lincoln County was severely impacted by heavy rains that began on June 21, 2025, culminating in a major flood event on June 26, 2025, which led to the issuance of an ongoing flood watch;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County suffered another major flood event on July 8, 2025, which resulted in the deaths of at least three people;

WHEREAS, the flooding in Lincoln County has caused extensive damage to infrastructure, private properties, and critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the flooding has disrupted essential services, including transportation, emergency response operations, and utilities;

WHEREAS, preliminary assessments indicate substantial damage to roads, bridges, drainage systems, and other public infrastructure, necessitating urgent repairs and resource mobilization to prevent further deterioration;

WHEREAS, the flooding event has prompted the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to declare a disaster;

WHEREAS, the local disaster declaration issued by Lincoln County states that all available local resources are insufficient to address this emergency;

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

WHEREAS, this disaster requires immediate actions to protect public peace, health, and safety;

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic and physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order 2025-248 on June 30, 2025, which declared an emergency Lincoln County due to the flood event, and released emergency funding to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and

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

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 Lincoln County due to flooding, 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 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 her 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 or her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor or her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action 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.

3. 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, 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.

4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's 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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 2025

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR