



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-358**

### **DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, THE CITY OF ESPAÑOLA, SANTA CLARA, AND OHKAY OWINGEH AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Rio Arriba County, the City of Española, and the neighboring pueblos of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh are experiencing a significant increase in crime, including but not limited to violent offenses, property crimes, drug trafficking, and other public safety threats;

**WHEREAS**, for example, police calls in the City of Española have more than doubled in the past two years, and police dispatches to businesses in Santa Clara have quadrupled during that same time;

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of these public safety threats are severe and far-reaching, manifesting in increased homelessness, family instability, and fatal drug overdoses;

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of residents of Rio Arriba County, Española, Santa Clara, and Ohkay Owingeh struggle with addiction to alcohol and illicit substances such as fentanyl, resulting in Rio Arriba County having the highest overdose death rate in the state;

**WHEREAS**, the surge in criminal activity and addiction has placed an extraordinary burden on the local governments, especially local police departments;

**WHEREAS**, Rio Arriba County, the City of Española, Santa Clara, and Ohkay Owingeh

have indicated that local resources are insufficient to address this emergency, and they have requested immediate assistance from the State of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, this emergency requires immediate action to protect public peace, health, and safety; and

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

**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 Rio Arriba County, the City of Española, Santa Clara, and Ohkay Owingeh, 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 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR