

State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-364

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

WHEREAS, Guadalupe County was severely impacted by monsoonal flooding that began on July 3, 2024, and continued through July 18, 2024;

WHEREAS, the flooding in Guadalupe County caused extensive damage to public property and infrastructure throughout multiple communities, including Santa Rosa, Anton Chico, Vaugh, and Llano del Medio, which resulted in damage to county roads, drainage ditches, irrigation ditches, the acequias of Puerto de Luna, and washed-out roads along U.S. Route 91;

WHEREAS, the flooding in Guadalupe County disrupted essential services, including transportation, emergency response operations, and utilities;

WHEREAS, the flooding prompted the Guadalupe Board of County Commissioners to meet on July 18, 2024, and issue an emergency resolution declaring a disaster;

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

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has determined that this disaster requires immediate actions to protect public peace, health, and safety; and

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.

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 Guadalupe County due to severe 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:

SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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

GOVERNOR