



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Grants Committee
9:30 a.m.
May 23, 2023
Executive Board Room,
University of New Mexico Science & Technology Park**

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Others Attending	NMSC Staff
Martin Suazo, Chair	Sheila McDonald (DPS)		Linda Freeman
Cindy Aragon (State Bar)			Amanda Armstrong
Jennifer Barela (LOPD)			Douglas Carver
Melanie Martinez (NMCD)			Jamie Goldberg
Anita Mesa (BHSD)			Angelia Gurule
Robert Mitchell (AOC)			Jeremey Seymour
Henry Valdez (AODA)			Nancy Shane
			Keri Thiel

I. Welcome and Introductions. Martin Suazo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. Note About Conflicts of Interest. Chair Suazo informed the committee that if anyone had a conflict of interest with any of the applicants or applications, they should declare it before deliberations begin. Anita Mesa, Behavioral Health Services Division, recused herself from evaluation of the application from the Krossroads reintegration and recovery program from the Eighth Judicial District because the application is identical to one that had been submitted to her office.

Note: There was no III on the agenda.

IV. Sentencing Commission Staff Presentation and Overview of Applications.

Linda Freeman, Executive Director, New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC), and Jamie Goldberg, NMSC, discussed recent activities that had been conducted to improve communication and coordination with Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils. Executive Director Freeman also discussed inquiries that had been received concerning grants for juvenile projects, and explained to the Committee that the grants were intended for adults involved in the criminal justice system. She also discussed projects from the FY23 grants that were receiving short extensions in order for them to complete their projects. Douglas Carver, Deputy Director, NMSC, briefly mentioned that there had been an issue with the Department and Finance Administration regarding bus passes and the like for people participating in specialty courts and the Anti-Donation Clause of the state constitution, but the issue had been resolved.

Nancy Shane, Research Director, NMSC, and Keri Thiel, Staff Attorney, NMSC, gave the Committee an overview of the 50 grant applications that had been received. The total requested in the 50 applications was \$5,828,283.86.

Note: The Committee took a breakfast break at 10:30 a.m., then reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

IV. Open Discussion.

The members of the committee discussed their initial impressions of the applications.

Members discussed the importance of recruitment and retention in district attorney and public defender offices; the cost of drug testing for diversion programs; the amount of buy-in there was for LEAD programs; how Adults Needs and Strengths Assessments were working, particularly in rural communities; laptop purchases; contingency management; program project coordinator salary; and multi-year funding.

Anita Mesa, BHSD, informed the Committee that a portion of the request from the Sixth Judicial District for day habilitation support services involves funding to develop and create a curriculum, but BHSD has not been in conversation with this particular program, though BHSD has been working with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) on such a curriculum. In addition, she informed the Committee that she will be recusing from the discussion of the request from the Eighth Judicial District from Krossroads for a comprehensive reintegration and recovery program as they had submitted an identical request to BHSD.

Jennifer Barela, Law Offices of the Public Defender (LOPD), informed the Committee that, regarding the request from the Second Judicial District for contract attorneys for specialty courts, LOPD has supported and staffed these courts since their inception, and that the hope was to get them back to full levels of staffing.

Deputy Director Carver informed the Committee that a bill passed during the Legislative Session to provide monies and a process for recruitment and retention for law enforcement, district attorneys, and public defenders.

V. Adjourn Into Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session made by Robert Mitchell, AOC, seconded by Jennifer Barela, LOPD, passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned into executive session to discuss the applications and make their awards.

VI. Reconvene and Further Discussion.

Members of the Committee discussed getting more data from projects, particularly concerning the numbers being served, for instance the number of clients in specialty courts; the importance of having Mr. Goldberg, NMSC, as a liaison to the CJCCs; the importance of learning how projects are integrated into the community; and the need to have a meeting of the Committee solely to discuss process for the grants, given the large number of applications that are now being received.

VII. Final Awards With Any Contingencies or Requirements

Upon a motion by Robert Mitchell, AOC, seconded by Melanie Martinez, Corrections Department, the Committee made the following awards, by unanimous vote; the two-year grants were made with the understanding that those projects would be evaluated after the first year before the second half of their award was released:

Judicial District	Agency	Grant Name	Amount Awarded	Notes
1st	First Judicial District Court	Bus Passes for Pretrial Services	\$72,000.00	
1st	First Judicial District Court	Pretrial Peer Support	\$127,354.14	Two year grant
2nd	Law Offices of the Public Defender	Mental Health First Aid Training	\$20,000.00	
2nd	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office	BCSO Community Assistance and Support Team	\$202,992.00	Two year grant
2nd	Second Judicial District Court	Mental Health Court Program	\$80,000.00	Two year grant
2nd	Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	Lease of Remote Alcohol Monitoring Devices	\$45,150.00	
2nd	Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	Alternative Treatment Enhancement Services	\$50,700.00	
2nd	Second Judicial District Attorney's Office	Diversion Program	\$580,000.00	
2nd	Law Offices of the Public Defender	Resource Reentry Center LOPD Staffing	\$96,830.84	
2nd	Law Offices of the Public Defender	2nd JD LOPD & DA Recruitment and Retention	\$306,600.00	
3rd	Third Judicial District Court	Treatment Programs	\$62,400.00	
4th	Fourth Judicial District Court	Behavioral Health Court & Healthcare Manager	\$130,000.00	
4th	Fourth Judicial District Court	San Miguel County Magistrate DWI Court	\$3,000.00	Hygiene closet and bikes only
4th	Fourth Judicial District Court	Animal Abuse Training & Awareness Project	\$10,000.00	Training only

4th	Fourth Judicial District Court	Pretrial Release Support	\$24,000.00	GPS only (no training)
5th	Fifth Judicial District Court	Chaves Adult Treatment Court Program	\$2,500.00	
5th	Fifth Judicial District Court	Transportation for Criminal Defendants	\$20,000.00	Two year grant
6th	Hidalgo County	Day Habilitation Support Services	\$76,378.34	Two year grant
8th	Eighth Judicial District Attorney's Office	Justice Premier	\$101,820.68	Two year grant
8th	Eighth Judicial District Court	Taos County Family Violence Treatment Court	\$100,000.00	
11th	Eleventh Judicial District Court	McKinley County Pretrial Data System	\$20,000.00	
11th	Eleventh Judicial District Court	Alumni & Peer Support for Adult Problem-Solving Court Programs	\$60,000.00	Two year grant
11th	Eleventh Judicial District Court	San Juan County Pretrial Transportation Services	\$50,000.00	Two year grant
11th	Eleventh Judicial District Court	McKinley County Pretrial Transportation Services	\$30,000.00	Two year grant
12th	Law Offices of the Public Defender	12th JD LOPD & DA Recruitment and Retention	\$165,375.00	
13th	Thirteenth Judicial District Court	Resource Assessment Center	\$382,800.00	

The total amount awarded was \$2,819,901.00.

VIII. Need for Round 2?

The Committee determined that there would be a second round of grants made in the autumn to disburse any remaining monies, and monies that had not been used by FY2023 grants.

IX. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Grants Committee will be in July 2023, to discuss process. The Committee will meet to disburse the second round of grants on November 14, 2023.

X. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.