



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Grants Committee
November 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board Room,
University of New Mexico Science & Technology Park**

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

I. Welcome and Introductions. Martin Suazo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:48 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. No conflicts of interest were reported.

III. Approval of Minutes for the June 8, 2022 meeting. The minutes for the previous Committee meeting were approved by consensus.

IV. Update Regarding FY23 Round 1 Grantees.

Keri Thiel, Staff Attorney New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC), detailed three grants that had been awarded in the first round of FY23 grants that had to return part or all of their grant. In addition, she noted that some grants might not be able to expend all of their awarded funds, so additional monies may be available for future grants.

V. Discussion and Decision Regarding Unspent Round 1 Funds

Linda Freeman, Executive Director, NMSC, informed the Committee that grantees have until November 20 to submit their October invoices. There will be a discussion during the Executive Session regarding monies that may need to be pulled back from certain grants. Executive Director Freeman, Staff Attorney Thiel, and Nancy Shane, Research Director, NMSC, discussed which grants might have problems expending all their awarded funds. Douglas Carver, Deputy Director, NMSC, noted that the language in the intergovernmental agreements allowed for the Commission to modify the awarded amount if necessary.

Robert Mitchell, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), informed the Committee that the decision concerning the Anti-Donation Clause and whether bus passes and the like fell afoul of it had been delayed. The Department of Finance and Administration has taken the position that items such as bus passes for clients of Treatment Courts violate the clause, which would significantly impact how Treatment Courts operate. Members of the Committee asked questions about and discussed this problem.

VI. Introduction of FY23 Round 2 Application Process

Research Director Shane informed the Committee that there were 21 applications for the second round of grants. She and Staff Attorney Thiel then gave an overview of the applications. The total requested amount in the 21 applications was \$2,177,457.00.

VII. Open Discussion.

The members of the Committee discussed their initial impressions of the applications. Members discussed whether physical improvements to property fell under the scope of the Crime Reduction Grant Act or would be more appropriately funded through the capital outlay process; and whether non-profits should be considered for grants, even if they are part of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

VIII. Adjourn into Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session made by Cindy Aragon, seconded by Henry Valdez, Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA), passed unanimously.

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

IX. Vote Regarding Unspent Round 1 Funds.

After exiting the executive session, upon a motion by Henry Valdez, AODA, seconded by Robert Mitchell, AOC, the Committee made the following adjustments to grants as identified by staff as grants that would likely not be able to expend the funds initially awarded in round one, by unanimous vote.

Judicial District	Grant No.	Purpose	Adjustment
2 nd	2022-03	Funding for Community Outreach Materials, Barrier Reduction, and Recovery Support Services for Six Treatment Courts	\$30,000.00 adjusted to \$10,000.00
2 nd	2022-05	Diversion Program of the Second Judicial District Attorney’s Office	\$330,000.00 adjusted to \$210,000.00
2 nd	2022-06	Second Judicial District CJCC Director	\$100,000.00 adjusted to \$70,075.00
12 th	2022-17	Treatment Guardians for Mental Health Supplemental Support	\$76,500.00 adjusted to \$38,250.00
12 th	2022-18	Lincoln County Mobile Crisis Unit	\$100,000.00 adjusted to \$50,000.00
12 th	2022-19	Community Hygiene Pantry	\$20,000.00 adjusted to \$10,000.00

X. Reconvene and Further Discussion.

There was no further discussion after the executive session.

XI. Final Awards With Any Contingencies or Requirements

Upon a motion by Robert Mitchell, AOC, seconded by Jenifer Barela, Law Offices of the Public Defender, the Committee made the following awards, by unanimous vote:

Judicial District	Agency	Application Name	Amount Awarded
2nd	Metropolitan Court	Specialized Mental Health First Aid Training	\$1,045.00
3rd	Law Offices of the Public Defender	3rd JD LOPD/DA Recruitment and Retention	\$210,000.00
3rd	Dona Ana County	Data-Driven Justice Initiative	\$131,775.00
4th	4th Judicial District Court	Responding to Crisis and Access to Justice	\$45,000.00
5th	5th Judicial District Court	5th JD LOPD/DA Recruitment and Retention	\$252,000.00
8th	8th Judicial District Court	Sequential Intercept Mapping Project Coordination	\$25,000.00
9th	Law Offices of the Public Defender	9th JD LOPD/DA Recruitment and Retention	\$152,250.00
9th	Roosevelt County	Mobile Crisis Response Team	\$65,000.00
11th	11th Judicial District Court	Court Programs - Bus Passes	\$4,000.00
11th	Law Offices of the Public Defender	11th JD LOPD Recruitment and Retention	\$31,500.00
13th	13th Judicial District Court	Pretrial Service Case Management	\$46,664.00

The total amount awarded was \$964,234.00.

XII. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Grants Committee will be Spring 2023 to award the FY24 grants.

XIII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.