



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Grants Committee
9:30 a.m.
June 8, 2022
Executive Board Room,
University of New Mexico Science & Technology Park**

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

I. Welcome and Introductions. Martin Suazo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 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, they should declare it before deliberations begin. Anita Mesa, Behavioral Health Services Division, recused herself from evaluation of the Taos law enforcement assisted diversion (LEAD) application because she is involved with a similar program that receives federal funding. Jennifer Barela, Law Offices of the Public Defender, raised a concern that she had a conflict as well, but the committee decided that her conflict was not significant enough to warrant recusal.

III. Sentencing Commission Staff Presentation and Overview of Applications.

Nancy Shane Research Director, New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC), and Keri Thiel, Staff Attorney, NMSC gave the committee overviews of the 21 grants applications that had been received. The total requested in the 21 applications was \$2,125,868.30. The total amount available to disburse was \$2,328,000.00.

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.

V. Adjourn Into Executive Session.

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

VI. Reconvene and Further Discussion.

There was no further discussion after the executive session.

VII. Final Awards With Any Contingencies or Requirements

The Committee made the following awards, agreeing to the awards by unanimous consent:

Judicial District/CJCC	Focal Area	Program Name	Funding requested	Funding Granted
1st	Staffing - Recruit/ Retain	First Judicial District DA & LOPD Recruitment & Retention	\$304,500.00	\$304,500.00
2nd	Court Services	Program Project Coordinator for Competency Court Clients within the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	\$84,665.00	\$84,665.00
2nd	Court Services	Funding for Community Outreach Materials, Barrier Reduction, and Recovery Support Services for six Treatment Courts	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
2nd	Court Services/ Training	Specialized Training(s) for Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Specialty Court Team Members and Judges	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
2nd	Diversion	Diversion Program of the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
2nd	Staffing - Initial Hire	Second Judicial District CJCC Director	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00
4th	Pretrial/Court Services	Fourth Judicial District Treatment Court and Pretrial Program	\$65,853.30	\$65,853.30
6th	Court Services	Day Habilitation Support Services in the Sixth Judicial District	\$78,700.00	\$39,350.00
6th	Court Services	Sixth Judicial District Court and Magistrate Court Division	\$ 7,650.00	\$7,650.00

8th	Court Services	Taos County/8th Judicial District Family Violence (FV) Treatment Court	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
8th	Court Services	Contingency Management for Raton Drug Court Participants	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
8th	Diversion	Taos LEAD Mental Health Response	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
8th	Reentry	Raton Reentry Program	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
9th	Staffing - Recruit/Retain	Recruitment and Retention Projects for Curry County Sheriff's Office	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
11th	Court Services	Alumni and Peer Support for Adult Problem-Solving Court Programs	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
11th	Pretrial	Pretrial Services - Transportation Services	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
12th	Court Services	Treatment Guardians for Mental Health Supplemental Support	\$76,500.00	\$76,500.00
12th	Diversion	Lincoln County Mobile Crisis Unit	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00
12th	Reentry	Community Hygiene Pantry	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
13th	Diversion	Resource Assessment Center	\$325,000.00	\$200,000.00
13th	Pretrial	Pretrial Service Case Management	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00

The total amount awarded was \$1,771,518.30.

All of the grants were awarded contingent on the Commission receiving proof that each grantee is a member, or sponsored by a member, of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC); and that each grant has CJCC approval.

VIII. Need for Round 2?

The Committee determined that there would be a second round of funding as \$556,481.70 remained to be disbursed from the pool of grant monies. Linda Freeman, Executive Director, NMSC, noted that applications in the second round would be for half-year funding, with applications due by October 28, 2022.

IX. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Grants Committee will be November 9, 2022

X. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.