

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution 2010 - 100

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INTERIM 2010-2011 (FY 2011) BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the governing body in and for the County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, held an official meeting on May 25, 2010 for the study and review of a 2010-2011 (FY 2011) budget, with recognition of sources and uses of funds of said budget.

WHEREAS, the meeting on May 25, 2010, was duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and the Federal Statements of Assurances pertaining to the requirements for revenue funds, and the budget was duly approved at the regular BCC meeting of May 25, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCC hereby adopts the 2010-2011 (FY 2011) "Interim Budget" and respectfully requests final approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 25th day of May 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Harry Montoya, Chairperson

Approved as to Form



Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

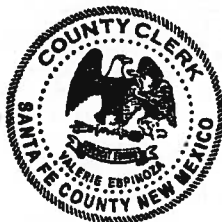
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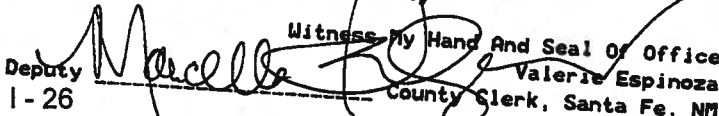
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SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution 2010 - 113

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL 2010-2011 (FY2011) BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the governing body in and for the County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, held an official meeting on May 25, 2010 for the study and review of a 2010-2011 (FY 2011) budget, with recognition of sources and uses of funds of said budget.

WHEREAS, the meeting on May 25, 2010, was duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and the Federal Statement of Assurances pertaining to the requirements for revenue funds, and the budget was duly approved at the regular BCC meeting of May 25, 2010;

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division granted interim approval of the proposed operating budget for the 2010-2011 year (Fiscal Year 2011) with documentation and technical adjustments that may be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCC hereby adopts the 2010-2011 (FY 2011) "Final Budget" and respectfully requests final approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 29th day of June 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Harry Montoya, Chairperson

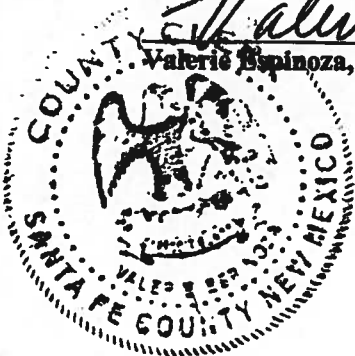
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SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution 2010 - 124

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED FINAL 2010-2011 (FY2011) BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the governing body in and for the County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, held an official meeting on May 25, 2010, for the study and review of a 2010-2011 (FY 2011) "interim budget," with recognition of sources and uses of funds of said budget.

WHEREAS, the May 25, 2010 meeting was duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and the Federal Statement of Assurances pertaining to the requirements for revenue funds, and the interim budget was duly approved at the meeting May 25, 2010;

WHEREAS, the BCC held an official meeting on June 29, 2010 for the study and review of a 2010-2011 (FY 2011) "final budget," with recognition of sources and uses of funds of said budget.

WHEREAS, the June 29, 2010 meeting was duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and the Federal Statement of Assurances pertaining to the requirements for revenue funds, and the final budget was duly approved at the meeting June 29, 2010;

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division has directed Santa Fe County to submit an "amended final budget" for the 2010-2011 year (FY 2011) with documentation and technical adjustments as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCC hereby adopts the 2010-2011 (FY 2011) "Amended Final Budget" and respectfully requests final approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 27th day of July 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Harry Montoya, Chairperson


Stephen Ross, County Attorney

ATTEST:


Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk


Teresa Martinez, Finance Director


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County Manager

July 30, 2010

Mr. Isaac Montoya
Local Government Division
Department of Taxation and Revenue
Bataan Memorial Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Montoya:

The Amended Final Santa Fe County Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, totaling \$225,159,170 is being submitted for your approval. This budget contains a \$47.6M increase over the interim budget. Below is a summary of changes from the Fiscal Year 2011 Interim Budget which appear in the Amended Final version.

Reductions to the Operating Budgets

Countywide and across line-items the operational budget has been reduced by \$1.3M. This was accomplished by reducing the salaries of employees earning \$80,000/year or more, eliminating all non-statutorily required travel and training, reductions in take-home vehicles, reductions in cell phones, cost savings realized by streamlining uniform purchases, transition of satellite offices locations and personnel, eliminating certain temp positions, a reduction in Sheriff's Office overtime, and additional operating cuts made by departments. A planned hard hiring freeze which will take effect on July 1, 2010 resulted in a budget reduction of \$1.5M across all funds. Public safety positions will continue to be filled with adequate justification.

Increase to the Property Valuation Fund

Representatives from the County Commission and the County Assessor, along with staff met two times subsequent to the approval of the Final FY 2011 Budget on June 29, 2010 to discuss the adequacy of funding for the Office of the County Assessor. As a result of those meetings, the Property Valuation Fund was increased by \$75,800 to accommodate certain requests made by the County Assessor. This was presented in the Amended Final FY 2011 Budget and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 27, 2010. Both budget resolutions are included with this submission.

Capital Projects

In general, capital projects were not included in the interim budget and represent a significant budget increase in the amended final FY 2011 budget. The amended final budget includes \$50.8M for capital projects funded by the Capital Outlay GRT Fund, various special appropriations and bond proceeds. These capital budgets, by function, are as follows:

- Roads – \$4.2M
- Solid Waste and other Public Works Facilities- \$.6M
- Water and Wastewater (including BDD)– \$28.7M

- Community Services Projects (including Open Space & Trails) - \$10.4M
- Judicial Court Complex - \$6.5
- Fire Department - \$.4M

Grants Approved Subsequent to the Interim Budget

A number of new grants have been approved since the submission of the interim budget as has the carry-over of previously awarded, but unspent, grant funding. These awards are included in the final budget and represent a budget increase of \$707K. Additional grants to the Sheriff's Office (including Region III) totaling \$6K, Solid Waste Division totaling \$126K, and for Economic Development (including Water Resources) totaling \$575K are included.

Budgeted Cash

Overall, budgeted cash was increased from \$23.9M in the interim budget to \$67.2M in the amended final FY 2011 budget. Of that total, \$46.8M is for capital projects as noted above, and the balance, \$20.4M, is for operations. The operational portion represents a reduction of \$3.6M from the interim budget due to cuts and adjusted revenue.

Attached are a fund by fund analysis of changes from interim to amended final and a detailed spreadsheet with increases and decreases on a fund by fund basis. Also attached is a short synopsis of budget priorities for FY 2011.

Finally, per DFA requirement, below are noted items for your information:

- The approved and fully executed audit contract for Santa Fe County was received today from the Office of the State Auditor. The proposed FY 2010 cost is \$96,075 plus gross receipts tax. Adequate funding has been appropriated for this cost across operating funds.
- In FY 2010, County-wide cost of living increases were not granted due to budgetary considerations. In FY 2011 County-wide cost of living increases were not included in the budget. Certain collective bargaining unit members received increases in FY 2010, and will receive increases in FY 2011, as a result of their negotiated contracts. COLAs and other increases for bargaining unit members are as follows:
 - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal employees – not currently under contract.
 - Communications Workers of American, Corrections Officers – anniversary date increases 3% years 2-4, 5% year 5.
 - Communications Workers of America, RECC – follows County policy.
 - Communications Workers of America, Sheriff – anniversary date increase of 1% per year.
 - International Association of Firefighters – 1% anniversary date increase per year, a 3% cost of living increase effective July 1, 2009 and a 4% cost of living increase on July 1, 2010.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this information or if you require additional information. I can be reached at 505-986-6321. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,



Carole Jaramillo
Budget Administrator

SANTA FE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET PRIORITIES, ISSUES, and THREATS

The FY 2011 budget cycle began with a grim picture of the financial future of Santa Fe County and the economy as a whole. The warning bells were sounded at mid-year regarding revenue projections and the need for a significant use of cash reserves to maintain a "status quo" level of service in FY 2011. In response to these factors the County took action to reduce operating budgets by freezing positions, reducing the salaries of upper level staff, developing new revenue generating initiatives and cutting expenses. The Board of County Commissioners maintains a stated goal of riding out this financial storm without a significant impact to services or staff livelihood. With this goal in mind there are a variety of budget issues or outright budget threats that will need to be addressed in the coming fiscal year. Below is a summary of those issues or threats which could result in additional funding needs or measures to create permanent funding sources.

Health Programs

A restructuring of the Health Programs and how they are funded took place throughout FY 2010. A more sustainable level of programming was developed and beginning in FY 2011 the Senior Services component of the Health Division will be moved from a special revenue fund to the general fund. With this move also comes an expansion of the component to include five senior centers previously operated by the City of Santa Fe. The funding for operation of these additional centers will be absorbed entirely by new revenue. The restructuring of the Health Program also necessitated the reduction of the Sole Community Provider commitment to the State. Despite these changes, Health Program expenses outpace their revenue, thus a reduction to the services provided or a new source or sources of funding must be secured.

The Indigent Board is considering removing the requirement for providing a social security number when filing an indigent claim. If this occurs, we anticipate that the number of claims will increase significantly, thus having a significant impact on the budget for future years as the number and amount of claims is the basis for determining the minimum commitment the County must make to the Sole Community Provider program.

Corrections Department

Funding of the Corrections Department continues to be a budget issue in FY 2011. While the Corrections Department was able to drastically reduce its FY 2011 budget from the FY 2010 level, the options for further reductions are limited without risking public safety and the safety of staff. Care of Prisoners revenue has been depressed for several years at both the Adult and the Juvenile facilities and the gross receipts tax that supports the Correction Department, like all other gross receipts tax was down 10% in FY 2010 and is budgeted an additional 5% down in FY 2011. In FY 2010 the general fund support of that department was \$10.5M. In FY 2011, the general fund support was budgeted at \$9.1M, and an additional \$2.0M of Indigent Fund cash reserves will be used to support the medical component of the Department. This level of support is not sustainable long-term and thus various options are being explored including closure of the Juvenile detention facility and contracting for the medical component of the Department. These options will be analyzed in FY 2011 for feasibility.

Economic Development

The need for infrastructure improvements related to the County's economic development activities will need to be addressed in FY 2011. This amount could be as high as \$4.6M and may require that a set-aside be established from the general fund cash reserves. In addition, the guarantee by Santa Fe County for loans to Santa Fe Studios will necessitate that approximately \$6.5M in cash reserves is escrowed for use in the event of a loan default by Santa Fe Studios. Finally, development of the Santa Fe Canyon Ranch for potential economic development activities may further necessitate the use of cash for capital improvement.

Fire Department

The "sunsetting" of the Fire Excise Tax in December of 2008 with the subsequent failure at the polls to be re-imposed, and the reduction in other gross receipts tax collections noted above have put a significant funding burden on the Fire Department. Such planned expansions as "Project 48" and the five-year capital plan have been halted (Project 48) or reduced or reprioritized (five-year capital plan) while additional funding can be secured. In addition, the primary source of funding for the Fire Department, the Emergency Communications and Emergency Medical Services Gross Receipts Tax (EC & EMS GRT), may be called upon as early as FY 2012 to fund the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC), a \$3.4M operation.

RECC

The RECC currently has no funding source of its own. The EMS GRT and the EC & EMS GRT can both be used to fund the RECC, however, each has large competing demands. The EMS GRT funds a large portion of the Sole Community Provider commitment in addition to the Health Programs, and as noted above, the EC & EMS GRT is the primary source of funding for the Fire Department. These competing demands will need to be prioritized and funded, or not funded, based on those priorities beginning in FY 2012, thus developing those priorities is critical to accomplish by mid-year FY 2011.

Other Initiatives and Concerns

Both the annexation of County territory to the City of Santa Fe and the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) water project has the potential to create financial pressure on the County. Some of the pressure is anticipated. The County will need to absorb the cost of bringing annexed County roads up to City standards as well as losing Lodger's Tax from properties lost to annexation. The BDD project has a budgeted operating expense of \$1.3M for FY 2011 which is a new expense to the County's general fund. While the capital portion of the BDD project is on budget and on time, there lies the potential for increases as the completion draws closer. Any increases to the BDD capital budget are not anticipated and thus would likely need to be funded from cash reserves.

Recent revelations about the procurement of road work led to the passage of an emergency ordinance changing the entire procurement process, especially for capital projects. This will have an undetermined impact on the costs of capital projects, thus the County's ability to fund new projects and complete projects already on the drawing board is uncertain. Some projects may need to be scaled back to coincide with the current financial commitment or additional resources must be obtained.

Budget Office Initiatives

The Budget Office has developed or plans to develop some internal processes with the intent of maintaining tight controls on spending and producing a County culture that is geared toward saving and not spending. One such process was adopted in at the end of FY 2010, the "troubled fund" requisition process. In general, a "troubled fund" is defined as one which must use a significant amount of cash reserves to balance its budget. Funds deemed "troubled" will be subject to an additional finance review process for expenditures determined by purchasing to be unusual or out of the ordinary prior to the generation of a purchase order. If the fund is severely "troubled," all expenditures will be reviewed for propriety by finance. This additional review will ensure that the budget is being utilized in the most prudent manner possible.

Another process put into place for the FY 2011 cycle is the budgeting of fuel costs for the County's fleet. The budgeting of fuel costs for the County's departments and offices has been removed from the control of those areas. Experience indicated that the fuel line item was an area that some departments used for "budget padding" purposes. In the new process that practice is eliminated as departments cannot BAR funds out of the vehicle line item.

The Budget Office also intends to explore ways to "incentivize" saving budget instead of spending. This idea is in the infancy stage but will be designed to move staff from a "spend or lose" budget mentality to the "save as much as possible" mentality which is fostered in the private sector. This process may be combined with a more performance-based budget methodology, as both would require a complete paradigm shift for the staff.

Santa Fe County, like other entities throughout the State and Country, is treading in unprecedented financial times. Through the past practice of conservative budgeting and sound financial leadership, the County is fortunate to have a healthy cash reserve on which to lean in FY 2011. However, the County used \$67.2M in cash to balance its FY 2011 budget, only \$48.6M of which is for capital projects. The other \$20.4M in budgeted cash is for operations. The County cannot continue to rely on cash and thus must be diligent in its oversight, and prudent in its planning for future fiscal years.

SANTA FE COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET



FY 2011 AMENDED FINAL EXPENSE BUDGET
WITH COMPARISONS TO FY 2011 INTERIM AND FY 2010 ADJUSTED

SFC FUND	DFA FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	FY 2011 AMENDED FINAL BUD.	FY 2011 INTERIM BUDGET	FY11 FINAL LESS FY11 INT.	FY 2010 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY 2011 AMENDED FINAL LESS FY 2010 ORIG
101	101	* GENERAL FUND	59,177,135	60,982,798	(1,805,663)	63,151,815	(3,974,680)
201	201	* CORRECTIONS FUND	275,000	275,000	0	250,000	25,000
202	700	* REGIONAL TRANSIT FUND	4,702,500	4,702,500	0	0	4,702,500
203	203	* PROPERTY VALUATION FUND	1,142,772	1,075,861	66,911	1,152,277	(9,505)
204	204	* ROAD FUND	2,638,938	2,685,691	(46,753)	3,244,737	(605,799)
206	206	* EMERGENCY MED SVCS FUND	121,203	121,203	0	134,229	(13,026)
208	208	* FARM & RANGE FUND	700	700	0	700	0
209	209	* FIRE PROTECTION FUND	1,711,809	1,711,809	0	1,596,459	115,350
211	211	* LAW ENF. PROTECTION FUND	43,877	72,000	(28,123)	72,600	(28,723)
212	212	* ENVIRONMENTAL GRT	1,091,831	1,092,926	(1,095)	920,000	171,831
213	299	* CAPITAL OUTLAY GRT	18,080,635	8,550,000	9,530,635	12,492,211	5,588,424
214	214	* LODGERS TAX FACILITY FUND	112,000	112,000	0	124,290	(12,290)
215	214	* LODGERS TAX ADVERTISING	243,400	243,400	0	209,385	34,015
216	299	* FIRE IMPACT FEES FUND	1,493,131	1,493,131	0	300,000	1,193,131
218	225	* CLERK RECORDING FEES FUND	213,600	213,600	0	213,600	0
219	226	* CORRECTIONAL GRT	4,275,000	4,275,000	0	5,000,000	(725,000)
220	220	* INDIGENT FUND	5,850,000	5,850,000	0	7,076,950	(1,226,950)
222	222	* FIRE TAX 1/4% FUND	3,454,641	3,454,641	0	3,661,500	(206,859)
223	299	* INDIGENT SERVICES FUND	1,835,548	1,835,548	0	2,131,100	(295,552)
224	299	* ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	731,486	180,000	551,486	0	731,486
225	299	* FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND	4,727	4,727	0	43,032	(38,305)
226	299	* LINKAGES	173,280	173,280	0	77,000	96,280
227	299	* SECTION 8 VOUCHER FUND	2,098,264	2,112,497	(14,233)	2,009,307	88,957
231	299	* DEVELOPER FEES FUND	528,729	560,244	(31,515)	228,449	300,280
232	299	* EMS-HEALTH CARE	3,201,856	3,207,700	(5,844)	3,150,970	50,886
233	299	* WILDLIFE/MOUNTAINS/TRAILS	278,186	278,186	0	173,442	104,744
234	299	* EMS-HEALTH HOSPITAL	4,525,000	4,525,000	0	4,826,950	(301,950)
237	299	* VASH VOUCHER	90,000	90,000	0	0	90,000
241	223	* ALCOHOL PROGRAMS FUND	1,582,897	1,586,597	(3,700)	1,418,193	164,704
242	299	* DETOX PROGRAMS FUND	0	0	0	1,422,540	(1,422,540)
244	299	* FIRE OPERATIONS FUND	9,403,289	9,911,662	(508,373)	10,194,611	(791,322)
245	299	* EMERGENCY COMM OPERATIONS	3,406,525	3,455,558	(49,033)	3,660,525	(254,000)
246	299	* LAW ENFORCEMENT OPS FUND	10,182,457	9,905,992	276,465	10,247,790	(65,333)
247	299	* CORRECTIONS OPS FUND	17,525,180	19,025,085	(1,499,905)	22,489,813	(4,964,633)
250	299	* COMMUNITY DEV BLOCK GRNTS	500,000	535,643	(35,643)	35,643	464,357
301	300	* HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROV	264,800	285,550	(20,750)	738,126	(473,326)
311	300	* ROAD PROJECTS FUND	187,535	0	187,535	1,228,710	(1,041,175)
318	300	* STATE SPEC. APPROPRIATION	3,911,200	0	3,911,200	9,893,402	(5,982,202)
330	300	* GOB SERIES 2005	183,919	0	183,919	487,331	(303,412)
331	300	* GOB SERIES 2007	2,106,783	0	2,106,783	3,036,518	(929,735)
332	300	* GOB SERIES 2007B	32,381	0	32,381	34,699	(2,318)
333	300	* 2008 GRT REV BOND JUD COM	4,410,027	0	4,410,027	4,410,027	0
334	300	* GOB SERIES 2008	0	0	0	1,149,127	(1,149,127)
335	300	* GOB SERIES 2009	5,487,702	0	5,487,702	14,725,076	(9,237,374)
336	300	* CAP OUTLAY GRT BONDS 2009	1,596,191	0	1,596,191	0	1,596,191
337	300	* CAPITAL OUTLAY GRT 2010A	11,472,196	0	11,472,196	0	11,472,196
338	300	* CAPITAL OUTLAY GRT 2010B	10,404,305	0	10,404,305	0	10,404,305
353	300	* GOB SERIES 2001	13,131	0	13,131	1,223,411	(1,210,280)
370	300	* FACILITY BOND 97 PROCEEDS	0	0	0	320,059	(320,059)
385	300	* GOB SERIES-OPEN SPACE	1,477,415	0	1,477,415	3,086,013	(1,608,598)
401	401	* GEN OBLIG. BOND DEBT SVC	11,595,789	11,595,789	0	11,692,076	(96,287)
405	402	* JAIL REV BOND DEBT SVC	2,251,380	2,251,380	0	2,250,580	800
406	402	* GRT REVENUE BOND DEBT SVC	4,876,826	4,876,826	0	3,063,676	1,813,150
501	501	* REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHRTY	93,723	98,826	(5,103)	173,000	(79,277)
505	505	* ENTERPRISE - WATER FUND	3,246,624	3,272,959	(26,335)	4,078,078	(831,454)
517	517	* ENTERPRISE - HOUSING ADMN	851,647	891,990	(40,343)	1,004,157	(152,510)
TOTAL BUDGET			225,159,170	177,573,299	47,585,871	224,304,184	854,986



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August 31, 2010

The Honorable Harry B. Montoya, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Santa Fe County
PO Box 276
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Chair Montoya:

The final budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as approved by the governing body, has been reviewed by the Local Government Division (Division) and it has been developed in accordance with applicable statutes. Sufficient resources appear to be available to cover budgeted expenditures.

In accordance with Section 6-6-2-(E) NMSA 1978, the Division certifies the final FY 2010-2011 budget. However, please note that 2.2.3 NMAC requires that the most recent audit be submitted to the Office of the State Auditor for the period ended June 30, 2009. If Santa Fe County is behind in its submission of the annual audit(s), then certification is conditional until the County becomes compliant with this rule.


Budgets approved by the Division are required to be made a part of the official minutes by the governing body according to Section 6-6-5 NMSA 1978. Additionally, Section 6-6-6 NMSA 1978, provides that the approved budget is binding on the local officials and governing authorities. Any official or governing authority approving claims or paying warrants in excess of the approved budget or available funds will be liable for such claims and warrants allowed.

Furthermore, state statute requires all revenue sources be expended only for public purposes, and if applicable, in accordance with the Procurement Code, Chapter 13, Article 1, NMSA 1978. The use of public funds is further governed by Article 9, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, which is commonly referred to as the Anti-donation clause.

Finally, please be advised that prior approval by the Division is required by Section 6-6-2-(G) NMSA 1978, on all budget adjustment increases of revenue, expenses and transfers between funds.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-4333.

Sincerely,


Isaac J. Montoya
Executive Budget Analyst