

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EDGEWOOD SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER GARDEN PROJECT FUNDED BY THE COMMISSION PRIORITY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND COLD FRAMES TO PROVIDE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS PRODUCE FOR THE SENIORS AT THE EDGEWOOD SENIOR CENTER IN EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the community members of the Edgewood Senior Center in conjunction with Santa Fe County to construct a garden and cold frames to grow fresh and nutritious produce; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the welfare of the seniors of Santa Fe County to engage in the agricultural aspect of hands-on learning and to interact in some physical activity in a social setting by participating in the community gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, the community gardens of approximately .4 of an acre will allow for planting of an open garden and for the placement of cold frames for sprouted seed trays; and

**WHEREAS**, the community gardens will create a supplemental nutritional and healthy food system and may provide aid to those seniors who are most susceptible to food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, community members of the Edgewood Senior Center will assist in the gardens to produce pesticide free and completely organic vegetables and fruits; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County will purchase and install high commercial grade galvanized chain link fencing to enclose and secure the garden areas and a 20' long storage container to allow secure storage of garden supplies and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition Santa Fe County will purchase and install a 50' sidewalk from the main walkway of the Senior Center to the open garden to provide easy and safe access for the seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County will purchase and install water storage tanks totaling 8,000 gallons and will collaborate with the Cooperative Extension Service and the Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District to phase in and develop a rainwater harvesting system and an irrigation drip system that will be used to irrigate the gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District has approved contributing up to \$7,000 for the rainwater harvesting system and irrigation drip system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY as follows:**

That Santa Fe County approves the Edgewood Senior and Community Center Garden Project funded by the Commission Priority Fund in the amount of \$42,000 in support of a community garden and cold frames to provide healthy and nutritious produce for the seniors at the Edgewood Senior Center in Edgewood, New Mexico.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 12th day of March, 2013.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

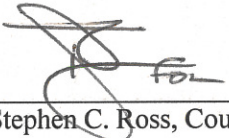
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Kathy Holian, Chair

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Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney