Santa Fe County
Resolution NO. 2004-96

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF DWI FUNDING TO LOCAL COUNTY DWI PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted NMSA 1978, Sections 11-6A-1 through 11-6A-6 to address the serious problems of Driving While Impaired (DWI) in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Local DWI (LDWI) grant program was established to make grant and distribution funding available to counties and municipalities for new or innovative or model programs, services and activities to prevent or reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, drug addiction or drug abuse and domestic abuse related to DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, drug addiction or drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico DWI Grant Council only provides grants to counties or municipalities with established DWI planning councils who have county DWI plans consistent with the requirements of the legislation and in compliance with DWI grant program regulations and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, local DWI programs have the knowledge to make local programming, budgeting and contracting decisions when developing county DWI plans and managing programs; to identify county gaps/needs; to assess and evaluate existing programs, services or activities; to engage local community participation; and to work collaboratively in their counties to deliver effective services in coordination with other state agencies, nonprofits and private business; and

WHEREAS, the counties/municipalities are best able to identify the gaps/needs unique to their communities, and to do so through the development of county DWI plans in conjunction with community participation and collaboration on the local level; and

WHEREAS; the counties/municipalities are ultimately responsible to the legislature for the utilization of the funds and the success of the local DWI programs; and

WHEREAS, transfer of Local DWI Grant funds directly to other programs and other agencies decreases local control of funds and reduces significantly the delivery of locally determined programs, services and activities through county DWI programs; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County DWI Program has demonstrated its effectiveness in accomplishing the mission of preventing and reducing the incidence of DWI; and

WHEREAS, because the legislature transferred $1.8 million in FY 05 to another program and other agencies, only $11.8 million remains available to DWI programs which have identified over $13.1 million in local needs; and

WHEREAS, these transfers have resulted in a $98,000 shortfall in the FY 05 DWI Program budget in Santa Fe County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners supports restoration of funding to local DWI county programs.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners appeals to the legislature in future legislative sessions to refrain from transfers of funding which reduce funding available to county DWI programs.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 31st day of August, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul D. Campos, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK REBECCA BUSTAMANTE SANTA FE COUNTY NEW MEXICO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 7TH Day Of September, A D, 2004 at 13 45
And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1345178
Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Deputy