

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION AND MAINTAINANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL UNITS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE SANTA FE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY'S (MFA) LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2020 THAT MAY DIRECTLY BENEFIT SANTA FE COUNTY RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County owns and operates 200 aging public housing units it wishes to maintain as safe, healthy and energy efficient homes, and given that the County of Santa Fe has had experience in operating a housing roof repair program, the requested appropriation for public housing roof repairs will assist approximately 70 units for very low income households; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club operates a Summer and After School Program at the Camino de Jacobo Public Housing Site that serves over 100 children annually, and the building available for such use is far too small to accommodate clients, there is need for architectural, surveying, engineering and other predevelopment services in order to expand the size of and improve the building used; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is committed to providing lower cost utilities to residents of Santa Fe Public Housing and at the same time lowering our carbon footprint, and the Santa Fe County Housing Authority is undergoing a complete energy rehabilitation program for all its public housing units, the requested appropriation for the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Energy Rehab program will assist approximately 200 very low income households; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund was created by the New Mexico Legislature in 2005 with an initial appropriation of \$10 million and subsequent appropriations of \$10.85 million, and MFA has since grown the fund to \$27.9 million through loan and investment interest and has awarded more than \$49 million by recycling interest and principal payments; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund has helped to construct or rehabilitate over 3,500 homes in 57 housing developments and has leveraged over \$507 million in other funding -- a 25-to-1 return on the state's investment, and this appropriation will help build or rehabilitate approximately 1,000 quality affordable homes for low income New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, MFA has operated New Mexico's weatherization program NM Energy\$mart since 1997, and NM Energy\$mart weatherizes the homes of approximately 750

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low-income families each year using two federal sources, the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), in addition to utility company sources; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 households across the state are eligible for the NM EnergySmart program based on income eligibility, demand is great, with the current wait list numbering over 2,300 households, and this appropriation will weatherize and provide energy-efficiency upgrades for an additional 300 low-income households statewide; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to 150,650 veterans representing approximately 9.5 percent of our adult population, of whom nearly half are over age 65 and 45,849 are disabled veterans, with 5,075 of those being disabled veterans living in poverty; and given that more than 25,000 New Mexico veterans live in homes with one or more major problems with quality, crowding or cost and an estimated 248 veterans are currently homeless, while there is an increasing need to modify homes to address physical mobility and other age-related issues; and

WHEREAS, while New Mexico veterans are eligible for MFA's existing rehabilitation and weatherization programs, high demand and limited funding only enable those programs to assist approximately 100 veterans annually, the requested appropriation for the Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program will allow for the rehabilitate an additional 120 homes of low-income, honorably discharged veterans; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46 percent of New Mexico's aging housing stock was built before 1980, with only 19 percent built since 2000, while New Mexico has one of the highest rates of poverty (20.6 percent) and one of the lowest household median incomes (\$46,718) in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, given that a high percentage of low-income households own their homes but often lack resources to make repairs, much less respond to life-changing conditions, natural disasters or emergencies, and that MFA receives many more requests for emergency assistance each year than it can fund through its existing rehabilitation program due limited funding and federal requirements that the home be brought fully up to code, MFA's requested appropriation for emergency home repairs will provide home repair, including mitigation of health and safety hazards, roof replacement and accessibility improvements, for approximately 250 low-income households;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners supports the following appropriations requests in the MFA's Legislative Agenda for 2020, as well as separate legislative appropriations requests for energy efficiency rehabilitation, roof repair and predevelopment services for expanding the Camino De Jacobo Boys and Girls Club site:

Santa Fe County Housing Authority roof repairs	\$500,000.00
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Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club predevelopment services	\$500,000.00
Santa Fe County Housing Authority Energy Rehab program	\$500,000.00
New Mexico Housing Trust Fund	\$10,000,000.00
New Mexico EnergySmart program	\$2,000,000.00
Veterans Home Rehabilitation program	\$2,000,000.00
Emergency Home Repair program	\$2,000,000.00

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF January, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

BY: *Cuma Hamult*, *Clerk*



ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar

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Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Rachel Brown

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Interim Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Deputy *Estrella Martinez* Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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