## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 126

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SANTA FE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT (CEED) BLOCK GRANT AND DELEGATING THE COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD) administers the Community Energy Efficiency Development (CEED) Block Grant Program ("Program") which is designed to strategically deploy funds for the purpose of increasing residential energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding makes \$10 million available to local governments partnering with community organizations to deploy energy efficiency upgrade services for qualified low income households; and

WHEREAS, residential heating and cooling needs represent nearly half of the CO2 emissions within Santa Fe County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") designated \$500,000 for solar assistance to low income households, adopted Resolution No.2017-68 in support of the 2015 Paris Agreement net zero goals and the 2023 Affordable Housing Plan which expressed the County's intent to implement energy efficiency services for low income households, thereby supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse emissions;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2023-074 adopted the County's Climate Action Plan-Phase 1, which directs the County to work towards equitably reducing County greenhouse gas emissions and support low income households burdened with utility costs; and

WHEREAS, Program funding will advance County goals identified in Resolution Nos. 2017-68 and 2023-074; and

WHEREAS, County residents, visitors to the County, and County government will all benefit from an expanded energy efficiency upgrades through cleaner air and increased equitable mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

Jeff Young County Attorney

- 1. The County is directed to apply by December 22, 2023, for the CEED Block Grant Program to provide energy efficiency upgrade services to qualified low income households.
- 2. The County Manager is delegated the authority to execute all related documentation and agreements that may be required to complete and submit an application to the CEED Block Grant Program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY ATTEST: **BCC RESOLUTIONS** COUNTY OF SANTA FF PAGES: 2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 19TH Day Of December, 2023 at 05:32:24 PM Katharine E. Clark And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 2025362 Santa Fe County Clerk Of The Records Of Santa Fe County Approved as to form: Estevan Sancher for