

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 136

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SANTA FE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT AND DELEGATING THE COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administers the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (“Program”) which is designed to help develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing climate pollution and maximize community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the grant program is available to local governments in a two-part, phased structure which includes planning and implementation grants; and

WHEREAS, the EPA awarded roughly \$3 million to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for a Phase 1 planning grant to co-develop the state of New Mexico’s Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP); and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County was required to provide NMED a proposed use of potential grant funding for incorporation into the New Mexico PCAP to allow for application of the phase-2 implementation grant; and

WHEREAS, the State provided the EPA their PCAP on March 1, 2024, which lists the most effective and highest priority measures that the state intends to implement in the short term to significantly reduce climate pollution (by 2030) and over a longer term (by 2050); and

WHEREAS, the CRPG phase-2 implementation grants made available \$4.6 billion nationwide, with 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million expected to be awarded; and

WHEREAS, NMED, in partnership with New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), is leading two applications for competitive implantation grant opportunities (due April 1, 2024), an individual NMED application and a NMED-led Coalition application; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County in collaboration with other New Mexican entities will apply as a coalition for grant funding to support food waste diversion and composting related projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in each of the collaborating party’s jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the coalition includes Santa Fe County, Dona Ana County, the City of Las Cruces, and Los Alamos County; and

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WHEREAS, Santa Fe County will be applying to request approximately \$120,000 of funding for expanding food waste diversion and composting measures to County senior centers and detention center, through the procurement of commercial food waste collection services for five years under the specifics of the grant; and

WHEREAS, compost improves soil vitality; retains moisture; reduces the need for watering and irrigation; protects plants from diseases; encourages perennial growth of trees; and mitigates greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the amount of carbon stored in the soil; and

WHEREAS, decreasing the volume of waste disposal at the County's solid waste convenience centers can reduce the County's hauling frequency and associated costs while prolonging the life of the regional landfill and delaying the need for future capital investments in the landfill; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has the goals of minimizing landfill disposal, reducing waste, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions per the targets set in the Paris Agreement as stated in Ordinance No. 2014-10, Resolution No. 2013-7, Resolution No. 2017-68, Resolution No. 2018-59, and Resolution No. 2019-42; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted the Countywide Climate Action Plan (CAP) through Resolution No. 2023-74, which prioritizes the reduction of GHG emissions and recommends reducing the amount of materials that goes into the landfill; and

WHEREAS, program funding would support the efforts of the Countywide composting program initiated by Resolution No. 2018-59 and identified as Strategy 15.3.3 in the 2015 Sustainable Growth Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, program funding would support on-going composting program efforts identified as beneficial by the 2014 Food Plan of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

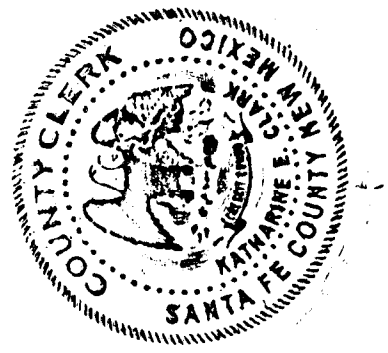
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby:

1. The County is directed to apply by April 1, 2024, for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program grant to procure commercial food waste diversion services for Santa Fe County senior centers and detention center to be used in composting.
2. The County Manager is delegated the authority to execute all related documentation and agreements that may be required to complete and accept any grant from the Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

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By: *Hank Hughes*
Hank Hughes, Chair



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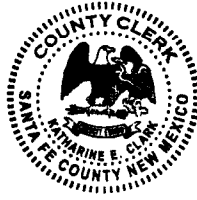
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Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 03/12/2024

Approved as to form:

Michael Nunez for

Jeff Young
Santa Fe County Attorney



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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
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