

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 139

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2026 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the legislative pre-filing for the 2026 Regular Legislative Session will occur between January 2, 2026, through January 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) discusses and approves support for legislative priorities as an important step in assuring the preservation and provision of exemplary services and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Board take action to maintain revenues, programs, and services at the current or higher level; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to demonstrate strong support to the state legislature for legislation with respect to increased and/or enhanced public health and social services; and

WHEREAS, the Senior population continues to grow both nationally and at the local level, resulting in a much greater demand for essential services such as food, nutrition, wellness, and transportation especially for Seniors who are home-bound; and

WHEREAS, the Youth population continues to experience behavioral health challenges amidst a disproportionate number of available resources; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County's detention population continues to demonstrate needs for health and social services linkages upon release; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Supportive Housing is an evidenced based model with proven outcomes of improved health and behavioral health for those served and is a needed expansion to meet the growing population demands in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans continue to die of alcohol-related harms at rates that far exceed the national average, and increased alcohol taxes have been shown to decrease drinking, including underage drinkers, as well as to decrease many alcohol-related harms; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Santa Fe County who identify as LGBTQI+ are experiencing alarmingly high rates of suicidal ideation, depression, and anxiety – consistent with statewide data showing that a substantial proportion of LGBTQI+ young people in New Mexico seriously consider suicide (e.g., 43% in the past year) and many report symptoms of depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, veterans nationally – a population that includes many living in New Mexico – are at significantly elevated risk of suicide, depression, mental-health and trauma-related conditions compared to non-veterans: in 2022 veterans died by suicide at a rate substantially higher than the general population.

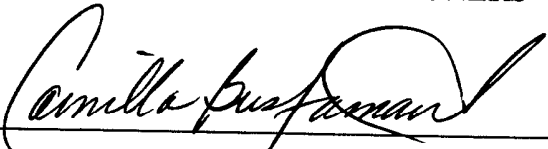
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby supports the legislative priorities related to public health and social services as set forth above and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the State Legislature during its 2026 session.

1. **\$100,000.00** for development and consulting support to implement a Trauma Informed Permanent Supportive Housing Project of up to 40 new units for Santa Fe County residents struggling with long-term behavioral health needs.
2. Authorization for **project-based Linkages vouchers**, so as to provide necessary recurring revenue to support Permanent Supportive Housing.
3. **\$400,000.00** for Senior Services to help increase food security and nutrition, wellness outreach, and transportation services for Santa Fe County Seniors.
4. **\$600,000.00** for assistance with startup of behavioral health services at the County's new Youth Behavioral Health Center scheduled to open in 2026.
5. **\$800,000.00** for assistance with more robust reentry services for those exiting the Santa Fe County Jail, up to and including a Reentry Center.
6. Support the initiative to **increase the Alcohol Excise Tax in New Mexico** to help reduce alcohol-related harms while providing funding for more prevention efforts.
7. Creation and funding of a **Mobile Crisis Services Expansion Fund** to expand Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) statewide in partnership with the Santa Fe County Fire Department and Santa Fe County Community Services Department.
8. **\$200,000.00** for CONNECT to be used as navigation and flexible funds to contract with LGBTQI+ (100K) and veteran (100K) specific providers within the CONNECT network, to provide social determinants of health resources.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
Camilla Bustamante, Chair

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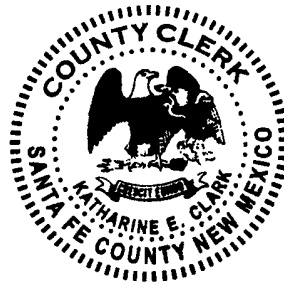


Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 12/2/2025

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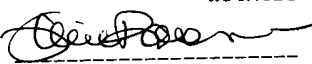

Walker Boyd, Santa Fe County Attorney



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Katharine E. Clark
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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