

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 056**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SANTA FE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR THE LOCAL SOLAR ACCESS FUND GRANT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND ACCEPT ANY RESULTING AWARD FROM THAT FUND**

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**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) administers the Local Solar Access Fund (“Program”) for the purpose of increasing the deployment of solar energy systems used to power buildings and infrastructure within New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funding provides \$20 million in funding to local governments to plan, design, construct, purchase, install and equip solar energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program prioritizes projects which provide for community services or emergency shelter facilities, lead to long-term energy cost reductions and include battery storage or grid-interactive systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Resolution No.2017-68 in support of the 2015 Paris Agreement net zero goals and Resolution No. 2023-074 adopting the County’s Climate Action Plan-Phase 1 which directs the County to reduce greenhouse emissions through the installation of solar energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Resolution No.2025-062 adopting the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan which directs the County to protect critical facilities and services and acquire and install generators, and/or battery backup systems ... at all critical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Program funding will advance County goals identified in Resolution Nos. 2017-68, 2023-074 and 2025-062; and

**WHEREAS**, County residents will benefit from the installation of solar energy systems and battery storage at County facilities through expanded emergency response capabilities during power outages and emergencies, as well as reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

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

1. The County Manager’s submission of an application to the Local Solar Access Fund is hereby ratified. The County Manager is further authorized to submit such additional applications to the Local Solar Access Fund as may be necessary or appropriate to support the development of solar energy systems at County facilities.

