

# Santa Fe County

## Fiscal Year 2014 Budget



### Supplemental Information

#### SANTA FE COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to the accomplishments outlined in the Executive Summary of this document, Santa Fe County experienced many other successes. Below are excerpts of press releases highlighting some of Santa Fe County's accomplishments during fiscal year 2013:

*September 28, 2012*

##### **Santa Fe County Receives Watershed Grant for Lower Santa Fe River**

The Water Trust Board had awarded Santa Fe County a \$121,500 grant along with county contributions of \$28,000 for a total of almost \$150,000 in available funding to purchase, install and maintain monitoring equipment to measure the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla springs, located in the lower Santa Fe River Watershed. Monitoring locations will be selected based on land owner input and technical expertise of the Office of the State Engineer and the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.

*October 5, 2012*

##### **New Section of Santa Fe Rail Trail Open**

Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails would like to invite residents to the Grand Opening for the newly completed section of the Santa Fe Rail Trail on Saturday, October 6 at 10 a.m. The Grand Opening ceremony will take place at the Rabbit Road trailhead (Intersection of Rabbit Road and the Railroad). Residents are invited meet at the Rabbit Road trailhead at 10 a.m. for the ribbon cutting and then immediately celebrate the opening by hiking, biking, running or walking the trail!

The Santa Fe Rail Trail runs along the Santa Fe Southern Railway from the Santa Fe Depot to Lamy, NM. It is nationally recognized by the Rails-to-Trail Conservancy. The trail is a unique attraction for Santa Fe because the trail runs along an active railroad which allows people to combine a trail ride with a ride on the Santa Fe Southern Railway.

*October 10, 2012*

##### **Santa Fe County to Launch Traffic Calming Pilot Project**

The Santa Fe County Public Works Department has been working with the residents of the Traditional Village of Agua Fria to address traffic safety issues within the Traditional Village limits. As part of these discussions, Santa Fe County will launch a Traffic Calming Pilot Project utilizing temporary rubber traffic calming devices. The temporary rubber devices will be placed on Agua Fria between Henry Lynch and Camino de Los Lopez. The devices will be installed on October 11, 2012 and will be in place for a duration of 3 to 6 months.

These temporary rubber devices can be configured to create a variety of traffic calming solutions to include curb extensions, medians, bulb outs or choke downs for street narrowing. It is anticipated, that with the construction of these temporary traffic calming devices, cut through traffic and vehicle speeds will be reduced and neighborhood safety will improve. If this Pilot Project is successful, permanent structures will be constructed at strategic locations throughout this corridor.

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*October 16, 2012*

##### **Grand Opening of El Camino Park**

Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails would like to invite the public to the Grand Opening of El Camino Park on Friday, October 19 at 2 p.m. El Camino Real Park on the Santa Fe River Greenway is a trailhead and retracement trail of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail.

The one mile trail is located on the Santa Fe River between Constellation Drive and San Felipe. The trail at El Camino Real Park will eventually connect to the entire Santa Fe River Greenway, including the segments within the City limits. The completed Greenway will extend approximately 15 miles from downtown Santa Fe to the Wastewater Treatment Plant west of NM 599. The project cost for El Camino Real Park is approximately \$988,145. The funding source for this project is Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) and a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Scenic Byway Program Grant.

The project recreated meanders in the river channel, stabilized the river bed and banks, removed non-native vegetation and tons of trash and debris, and planted native cottonwood trees, willows, shrubs and grasses. The County continues to work to restore the river using natural materials and native plants to stabilize the channel and enhance the riparian habitat. Santa Fe County utilized alternative paving surfaces for this project. The alternative paving surfaces include three sections of test materials: a recycled glass porous pavement, a recycled tire porous pavement and an eco-friendly resin stabilized soil pavement.

*October 18, 2012*

##### **Santa Fe County Drug Take Back Day Collects 700 Pounds of Unwanted Prescription Drugs**

The Prescription Drug Take Back Day in late September collected more than 700 pounds of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Collaboration between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Santa Fe County Health Department, Santa Fe County Sheriff, Santa Fe City Police and the State Police brought in over 700 pounds of drugs that people cleaned out of their medicine cabinets, the largest amount ever collected in Santa Fe.

On September 29, 2012 Santa Fe County, City and State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) met with the public and provided an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft. This was a chance for people to rid their homes of dangerous prescription drugs. People brought these hundreds of pounds of medication to the old Wal-Mart, the Sheriff's office and to the State Police office. The service was free and anonymous.

*November 15, 2012*

##### **Santa Fe County Kicks off Holiday Anti-DWI Campaign**

Revelers, partygoers and holiday socializers can arrive home safely from a bar or party where alcohol is served thanks to a greatly reduced cab ride home (only \$1), funded by the Santa Fe County DWI Program.

On Monday, November 19, 2012 a press conference will showcase and kick off a new advertising campaign for the holiday season reminding individuals to not drive drunk.

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The County's CADDy Program of subsidized cab fare ridership statistics from the 100 Days and Nights of Summer program, increased police activity during the holidays and details from recent highly successful joint law enforcement operations will also be announced.

*November 27, 2012*

#### **Fine Arts for Children and Teens (FACT) and Teen Court of Santa Fe County To Unveil Public Art Mural Project**

The Santa Fe County Teen Court Program would like to invite all residents to the Fine Arts for Children and Teens (FACT) and Teen Court mural unveiling at Zona del Sol Youth and Family Center (Corner of Jaguar Dr. and Country Club Rd.) on Saturday, December 1 at noon.

Over the course of six weeks, Teen Court participants and teens from the neighborhood surrounding Zona del Sol worked together with FACT instructor Jonathan Cohen and assistant Sebastian Velazquez to create nine mural panels depicting our Santa Fe community at work and play. The artwork is depicted on three vertical prisms which were then installed at Zona del Sol.

*December 13, 2012*

#### **Catch a Cab for a Buck this Holiday Season**

Plan ahead, plan to take a cab home from a bar or party this holiday season. The Santa Fe County DWI Program makes it easy with \$1 cab rides on Friday and Saturday nights, just call 438-0000 for a ride home.

The CADDy (Chauffer and Designated Driver) program is \$1 and offered between 5:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The DWI Program covers the cost up to \$25. Riders are responsible for the difference in fares over \$25.

*January 7, 2013*

#### **Preliminary Statistics Show 2012 Santa Fe County Alcohol Involved Fatalities Down- New Year's Eve CADDy Ridership Up**

Preliminary information from the New Mexico Department of Transportation shows that seven people died in alcohol related crashes in Santa Fe County during 2012, almost half of the yearly average for the past three years. In 2011 there were nine people in Santa Fe County that lost their lives to alcohol involved crashes, 20 people in 2010 and 12 people in 2009. This is an average of between 13 and 14 fatalities due to alcohol over the past three years.

"Alcohol related deaths are tragic and senseless, if one person dies on our roadways because of alcohol and DWI, we still have work to do," said Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator.

More than 160 people caught a CADDy cab ride home on New Year's Eve. The CADDy program expanded its regular Friday and Saturday night schedule to include New Year's Eve this year, which fell on a Monday. Typical ridership on Friday and Saturday nights is between 100 and 120 riders.

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The CADDy program gives adults who have been drinking a safe and cheap ride home on the weekends. Drinkers should call 438-0000 between 5:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for a \$1 cab ride home from a bar or party where alcohol is served.

*January 8, 2013*

#### **Santa Fe County Launches New Online Comment Form**

Santa Fe County has launched a new online comment form for residents. The new form was developed to be easy and quick to fill out. The tool allows residents the opportunity to leave their contact information so staff can follow through with them, or they can bypass the contact information fields by simply clicking an anonymous button.

"Santa Fe County would like to hear from residents. The new online form will help us gauge our services and identify areas where we need improvement. It will also be a great way for us to find out what our constituents are really concerned about," said Commission Chair, Kathy Holian.

*February 14, 2013*

#### **Santa Fe County Housing Authority Occupancy Rate 97%**

The Santa Fe County Housing Authority has reached an occupancy rate of 97%, with no more than six of the 199 public housing for low-income apartments units un-occupied or in the process of making ready for occupancy.

"Hopefully in the near future occupancy rate will be 100% as we work to continue housing families in need of safe and decent housing in Santa Fe County," said Housing Director Ron Pacheco.

Public Housing is subsidized housing from federal funds to low-income families in the way of rent controlled apartments and Housing Choice Vouchers that provide rental assistance on a monthly basis to low-income families in need. With both programs (public housing or vouchers) the demand is so great that the current waiting list is around 542 families waiting for available apartments and 1066 families waiting for a housing choice voucher.

*March 15, 2013*

#### **Santa Fe County Wins National Transparency Award**

The Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency, released the winners of the fourth annual Sunny Awards this week and among the 2013 winners was Santa Fe County. The award honors the most transparent government websites in the nation. Santa Fe County received an A+ from the nonprofit organization. Santa Fe County received an A+ and Sunny Award in 2012 from the organization and an A in 2011.

"Santa Fe County understands the importance of transparency and is continuously working to promote and increase transparency. This would not be possible without the work of our Public Information Office and our dedicated staff. Santa Fe County is honored to receive a Sunny Award," said Commissioner Daniel "Danny" Mayfield.

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For the 2013 awards, Editors at Sunshine Review analyzed more than 1,000 qualifying government websites and graded each on a 10-point transparency checklist. Editors looked at content available on government websites against what should be provided. They sought information on items such as budgets, meetings, lobbying, financial audits, contracts, academic performance, public records and taxes. The winners of the Sunny Award all received an “A” grade during the extensive grading process.

*April 24, 2013*

#### **Santa Fe County Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drug on April 27**

On Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. members of the public can turn in unwanted prescription drugs anonymously and free of charge. The Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, City of Santa Fe Police, New Mexico State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Santa Fe County Health and Human Services is partnering with these agencies giving the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding home medicine cabinets of these drugs.

There are six locations around Santa Fe County where people can safely dispose of their drugs.

*May 21, 2013*

#### **K9 Joins Santa Fe County Corrections Team**

Santa Fe County Corrections Division recently added a four legged member to the Adult Detention Facility - a detection dog. Bixi Von Der Critterden is a 19 month old German Shepherd and American second generation service dog, who now spends her time diligently sniffing for illegal drugs in the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility.

Bixi had to complete and pass a pre-test before she was accepted into the K9 training program. Graduation was by certification of the completion of the minimum requirements of a K9 service dog which consisted of 200 hours of K9 Operations. She completed her K9 Training with Kevin Sheldahl, who runs and certifies K9 Services for Federal Agencies as well as for the New Mexico Department of Corrections. She must have documentation of working a minimum of five hours a day to maintain her performance standards for annual certifications. Bixi is also working to obtain an accreditation from the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDA), which should be completed within the next year.

*June 7, 2013*

#### **Santa Fe County and CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Release the Santa Fe County Community Health Profile for 2013**

Santa Fe County, in partnership with CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, released “Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health Profile.” The document provides extensive information about the health of Santa Fe County residents. In addition to demographic and socioeconomic data, the report presents a wide spectrum of health indicators and behaviors, as well as factors contributing to health, such as access to food and recreation.

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The Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission, as part of its mandate from the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners, is charged with providing updates to the County health plan. CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center is responsible for conducting a community health needs assessment that complies with IRS 990 nonprofit tax reporting requirements. CHRISTUS St. Vincent and the County, through the County Department of Community Services, collaborated to combine resources and retain a consultant to produce a single community health profile.

The next phase will be for the County to develop the County health plan and for CHRISTUS St. Vincent to identify community health implementation strategies. The data contained in Santa Fe County in 2013: A Community Health Profile will provide information on these two processes, which also will consider provider roles and the needs in the community. The extensive data should encourage informed dialogue about how best to improve the health of County residents, as well as provide a rich resource for community service providers and organizations.

*June 20, 2013*

#### **Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge Dedication**

Santa Fe, NM – June 20, 2013 - The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners would like to invite all residents to the bridge dedication naming the South Meadows Bridge (This is the South Meadows Bridge over the Santa Fe River, not the overpass bridge over 599) in honor of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry (SFC Petry). The dedication is on Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the bridge. The dedication will include remarks and introduction of the Petry Family by Commissioner Miguel Chavez, District 2, Presentation of Resolution and introduction of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, SFC Leroy Arthur Petry by Former County Commissioner Virginia Vigil as well as remarks from the New Mexico Department of Veteran Services, Cabinet Secretary Timothy Hale and New Mexico National Guard, Brigadier General Andrew E. Salas. Light refreshments will be provided immediately following the dedication.

SFC Petry was born in Santa Fe, NM on July 29, 1979. He joined the Army in 1999 and attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia. SFC Petry completed multiple combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq totaling 28 months of deployment. In May 2008, while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, SFC Petry lost his right hand and suffered shrapnel wounds after disregarding his safety, picked up a live grenade and tossed it away from his fellow Rangers. On July 12, 2011, President Obama acknowledged this selfless sacrifice by awarding SFC Petry with the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, SFC Petry has earned several military decorations which include two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, three Army Good Conduct Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Combat Star, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary.