

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-25-188 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW
3 MEXICO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC HOMELESS
4 SERVICES PROGRAMS AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND TO A SPECIFIC
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

6 WHEREAS, following the 2025 Legislative Session, the Governor of the
7 State of New Mexico signed into law HB2, which, in part, appropriated
8 \$110,000,000 to “support housing, affordable housing, transitional housing
9 and the expansion of housing services providers that facilitate behavioral
10 health services and substance abuse recovery, homelessness assistance and
11 prevention for persons with behavioral health needs;” and

12 WHEREAS, in 2024, the Governor signed into law HB2 (2024), which, in
13 part, appropriated state GRO Fund money “for Statewide Homeless
14 Initiatives;” and

15 WHEREAS, the City has been in communication with the State of New
16 Mexico Department of Workforce Solution regarding an agreement for use of a
17 portion of these funds; and

18 WHEREAS, the Young Adult Housing and Treatment Navigation Center will
19 provide 41 beds specifically for unsheltered, vulnerable transition-aged youth,
20 and will offer critical overnight housing, safety, case management, and
21 supportive services tailored to meet the unique needs of young adults
22 experiencing homelessness; and

23 WHEREAS, the Men’s Housing and Treatment Navigation Center at the
24 Gateway Center provides 42 beds for short-term shelter and intensive support
25 to 42 men at a time experiencing homelessness who are ready to transition

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1 into permanent housing, in which participants receive help with vital
2 documents, housing applications, and referrals to treatment and health
3 services, all in a trauma-informed setting, and is a program is critical to
4 reducing time spent in shelters or on the streets by helping individuals move
5 quickly and successfully into stable housing; and

6 WHEREAS, the Expanded Men's Housing and Treatment Navigation Center
7 at the Gateway Center provides short-term shelter and intensive support to an
8 additional 50 men experiencing homelessness who are ready to transition into
9 permanent housing, in which participants receive help with vital documents,
10 housing applications, and referrals to treatment and health services, all in a
11 trauma-informed setting, and is a program critical to reducing time spent in
12 shelters or on the streets by helping individuals move quickly and
13 successfully into stable housing; and

14 WHEREAS, the Expanded Women's Housing Navigation and Treatment
15 Program at the Gateway Center offers safe, short-term shelter paired with
16 individualized support to help an additional 50 women experiencing
17 homelessness who are ready to transition into permanent housing, in which
18 participants receive help with vital documents, housing applications, and
19 referrals to treatment and health services, all in a trauma-informed setting, and
20 is a program is critical to reducing time spent in shelters or on the streets by
21 helping individuals move quickly and successfully into stable housing; and

22 WHEREAS, the First Responder Receiving Area is designed to allow first
23 responders to safely drop off individuals needing immediate care, and can
24 accommodate short-term stays for up to 20 clients nightly, and will provide
25 rapid stabilization, safety, and connection to ongoing supportive services,
26 reducing strain on emergency resources; and

27 WHEREAS, the Medical Respite Facility is in need of partial roof
28 replacement for sections of the roof that are beyond end of life; and

29 WHEREAS, Housing and Treatment Navigation Programs at Gateway
30 Center have shared costs that benefit multiple programs; and

31 WHEREAS, Gateway West, serving up to 721 people nightly, is a critical
32 piece of our City's emergency response infrastructure and a vital resource for
33 connecting people to housing, healthcare, and stability; and

1 WHEREAS, final dorms at Gateway West require updates including the
2 installation of new flooring, showers, restrooms, and lighting, as well as the
3 addition of security cameras for enhanced safety; these improvements will
4 help ensure the facility meets the needs of its residents and complies with
5 modern standards of safety and accessibility; and

6 WHEREAS, on May 19, 2025, City Council approved EC-25-393
7 Recommendation of Award for medical sheltering and social support services,
8 which requested authorization to establish agreements with Community
9 Bridges Inc. for Gateway Men’s Housing Navigation services and First
10 Responder Receiving Area services, as well as authorization to establish an
11 agreement with Horizons Services, Inc. for Medical Sobering services; and

12 WHEREAS, EC-25-426 Request Approval to Add Funds to the Professional
13 Service Agreement (CCN# 2025PT00000832.1) with Chicanos Por La Causa to
14 Operate Gateway Women's Housing Navigation Expansion is pending Council
15 approval; and

16 WHEREAS, EC-25-427 Request Approval to Add Funds to a Professional
17 Services Agreement with Community Bridges to Operate Gateway Men's
18 Housing Navigation Expansion is pending Council approval; and

19 WHEREAS, EC-25-428 Request Authorization to Establish a Professional
20 Service Agreement with Youth Development Incorporated (YDI) to Provide
21 Young Adult Sheltering, Case Management, and Housing Navigation Services
22 is pending Council approval; and

23 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Region Housing Needs Assessment (Root
24 Policy Research, 2024) found that between 2010 and 2022, the proportion of
25 residents aged 65 and older increased from 12% to 17% in Albuquerque, and
26 that Albuquerque’s increasing proportion of older adults means more small
27 households that need smaller units or multi-family units with nearby services;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the 2024 assessment also found that over half (52%) of all
30 renters are cost burdened because they pay more than 30% of their income on
31 housing, and significant subsidies are needed to make housing affordable;
32 and

1 WHEREAS, a 2025 Pew Charitable Trust study found that median monthly
2 rent in New Mexico increased 58% from March 2017 to March 2024; and

3 WHEREAS, the Pew study also concluded that New Mexico is facing a
4 housing shortage and that new data confirms that more housing supply
5 results in lower housing costs; and

6 WHEREAS, Juniper Flats, formerly the Ramada Inn located at 25 Hotel
7 Circle NE, is currently undergoing conversion into apartments, involving a
8 complete interior and exterior overhaul as well as environmental remediation,
9 and upon completion will provide 204 permanent affordable apartments for
10 unhoused seniors earning below 60% the Area Median Income (AMI) as
11 determined by HUD; and

12 WHEREAS, Juniper Flats will be used exclusively to house low-income
13 seniors; and

14 WHEREAS, completion of construction on Juniper Flats is anticipated in
15 September 2025 the operational date is anticipated to be in October 2025; and

16 WHEREAS, the City desires to acquire Juniper Flats; and

17 WHEREAS, the \$5 million in state funding will leverage up to \$22 million in
18 bond funds depending on the amount of capital write down.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
20 ALBUQUERQUE:

21 SECTION 1. Council hereby approves and authorizes the appropriation of
22 \$21,839,604 from the State of New Mexico, General Appropriation Act of 2024
23 and 2025 and \$45,000 for indirect costs from the Transfer to Operating Grants
24 Fund Program in the General Fund, to the Health, Housing, and Homelessness
25 Department in the Operating Grants Fund 265 for Fiscal Year 2026.

26 SECTION 2. These funds shall be used for specific homeless services
27 programs, facility improvements, and the purchase of Juniper Flats affordable
28 housing project, as specified in the attached agreements between the City of
29 Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

30 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision
31 of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable,
32 the invalidity or unenforceability of that section, paragraph, clause or
33 provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.