CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

CO	UNC	IL BILL NO. R-25-188 ENACTMENT NO.
SP	ONS	DRED BY: Nichole Rogers, Tammy Fiebelkorn, Klarissa J. Peña, Renée Grout, by request
	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
- New Deletion	11	prevention for persons with behavioral health needs;" and
		WHEREAS, in 2024, the Governor signed into law HB2 (2024), which, in
[Bracketed/Underscored Material] Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] -	13	part, appropriated state GRO Fund money "for Statewide Homeless
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ed ₹	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
ete Fed/	19	provide 41 beds specifically for unsheltered, vulnerable transition-aged youth,
	20	and will offer critical overnight housing, safety, case management, and
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	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

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

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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;

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.