

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. FS- R-24-2 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING FEDERAL PROGRAMMING AND POLICY PRIORITIES FOR
3 THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024/2025.

4 WHEREAS, the residents of Albuquerque share common aspirations,
5 ambitions, and purposes that form the goals, missions, and responsibilities of
6 the City of Albuquerque; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque, the State of New Mexico, and the
8 Government of the United States of America form the commonwealth through
9 which these aspirations are expressed, pursued and fulfilled in our
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, it is in the interest, and the desire of, the City of Albuquerque
12 for the Federal Government to continue with and expand programs that assist
13 local governments to improve public safety, behavioral and public health,
14 housing, indigent care, services for the disabled, protection of the natural
15 environment, improve and maintain critical infrastructure, and help foster
16 sustainable economic development; and

17 WHEREAS, the Second Session of the 118th Congress of the United States,
18 are anticipated to call for project funding requests for the Community Project
19 Fund and Congressionally Directed Spending measures to fund public
20 infrastructure and community-based service programs for State and Local
21 Governments; and

22 WHEREAS, the City Administration and the City Council through research
23 and due diligence have identified a list of federal priorities that best utilize the
24 resources and funding programs of the Federal Government to improve the
25 health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Albuquerque; and

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1 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Intergovernmental Legislative
2 Relations Committee convened January 17th 2024 and approved a list of
3 projects to be submitted to the City Council as the City of Albuquerque’s
4 Federal Priorities for Federal Grant and Congressionally Directed Funding.
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
6 ALBUQUERQUE:

7 SECTION 1. To provide for the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of
8 its residents, the City of Albuquerque entreats the Federal Government to
9 create policies and programs that:

- 10 • Protects human rights.
- 11 • Fosters and preserves equity and social justice by implementing
12 policies and programs inclusive of all persons to utilize the vast potential
13 present in the diversity of our citizens.
- 14 • Develops and expands behavioral health and public safety services
15 that better provide health care and substance abuse services, reduce
16 recidivism through the courts and correctional system, address the needs of
17 the unhoused, offer housing assistance and mental health care, create
18 services for the physically and mentally disabled, institute family, child and
19 senior care services, and programs for intervention and treatment, and youth
20 programs.
- 21 • Provides funding for community policing services that develop a
22 working relationship between the citizens who serve as police officers and the
23 citizens they serve, to provide public safety that is effective, just, equitable,
24 and built on trust and understanding, and supports the shared missions
25 between police services and mental health and social service agencies.
- 26 • Funds programs for youth addiction and homeless prevention and
27 intervention, negative behavioral health prevention and treatment, crime
28 interdiction and violence intervention, and upgrading transit security.
- 29 • Creates a sustainable economy that generates opportunities for
30 entrepreneurs and existing businesses while providing living wages, a safe
31 work environment, health insurance, sick leave, and retirement benefits for
32 employees. This includes programs that provide funding for workforce
33 development especially for persons most in need of stable incomes, planning,

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1 and development of economic development projects, assisting emerging
2 industries, and building renewable energy infrastructure. Equally important is
3 continuing to fund employment linked to Kirtland Airforce Base and Sandia
4 National Laboratory, institutions of critical importance to the City’s economy.

5 • Fosters a co-existence with the natural environment to ensure a
6 sustainable water supply, clean air, the conservation of open spaces, water
7 courses, protection of wildlife, and mitigation of the impacts of climate
8 change. This includes cleaning contaminated sites, managing stormwater
9 through green infrastructure, managing the urban interface wildfire risks,
10 restoring the urban tree canopy and management of Federal Recreation and
11 Wild Lands including the Sandia Wilderness Area, the Rio Grande Bosque, the
12 Petroglyph National Monument, and the Valle Del Oro National Wildlife Refuge,
13 and for restoring critical local open space, including the Hubble Ox Bow.

14 • Provide all citizens access to outdoor recreation by funding grant
15 programs for renovating parks and swimming pools.

16 • Provides all citizens access to arts and culture by funding grant
17 programs for art, civic engagement, culture, entertainment, history, literature
18 and cultural heritage projects.

19 • Invest in infrastructure that supports and sustains the health,
20 housing, transportation, and ecological systems critical to sustaining a
21 community. Including expanding programs to improve infrastructure in low-
22 income neighborhoods, funding for intermodal and complete street projects,
23 infrastructure to support green transportation technologies and programs to
24 assist low-income communities in participating in the transition to electric
25 vehicles and updated communication technologies.

26 • Funding for equitable and sustainable affordable housing, and
27 programs to assist tenants, especially those who are lower income or
28 disabled, in securing long term housing through housing availability, renter
29 assistance, and aiding homebuyers in purchasing a home.

30 SECTION 2. The City of Albuquerque encourages the New Mexico
31 Congressional Delegation to advocate for the Metro Crime Initiative Programs.

32 SECTION 3. That this Resolution and the attachment be presented and
33 delivered to members of the Congressional Delegation.

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2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES LIST



METRO CRIME INITIATIVE (MCI)

Body Camera Law

- Create model body camera laws that allow federal, state and local law enforcement officers to turn off electronics, including body cameras, when responding to a bomb situation and not wear a body camera during an undercover operation.

Firearms - Drug Cases

- Create model laws pertaining to firearm cases that involve a drug distribution crime to be charged separate from the seized drug and elevate the random discharge of a firearm in a populated area to a fourth-degree felony.

Increased Funding For Narcotics Education And Criminal Investigations

- Adopt laws to allow for criminal forfeitures to be used for public education on narcotics and for alpha and beta testing to develop and improve effective digital investigative technology.

Judiciary Appropriations

- Support additional funding to hire, train and provide continuing education for federal and state prosecutors, public defenders, and court personnel.

Law Enforcement Recruitment/Retention

- Provide support and incentives for recruiting and training and continuing education for law enforcement officers for federal, state and local governments.

Potential 2024 City of Albuquerque Federal Project Grant Applications

Albuquerque Rail Yards and Rail Trail

- Funding to continue preserving and upgrading the historic Albuquerque Rail Yards as a hub for economic activity in the heart Of Albuquerque, and to support the Albuquerque Rail Trail Project, bringing needed safety improvements to many intersections and creating opportunities for families, creators, and visitors to enjoy Albuquerque’s historic neighborhoods.

City-Wide Homelessness Initiatives

- Funding to support additional overnight capacity and support services for the unhoused community in Albuquerque.

City-Wide Public Safety Initiatives

- Funding to expand the Real Time Crime Center, procure public safety field technology, acquire aerial patrol vehicles, expand area command stations, acquire vehicles and equipment for Albuquerque’s Community Safety and Police Departments, and enhance and renovate the Family Advocacy and Trauma Recovery Centers.

Hahn Arroyo Renovation and Enhancements

- Funding to rebuild and update the Hahn Arroyo Channel including installing Green stormwater management and recreation facilities.

Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative Funding

- Funding to allow the newly formed MRG Housing Collaborative (a joint powers agreement between the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County) to work with developers to form public-private partnerships, provide incentives, land, and/or planning assistance to developers, or otherwise assist in the creation of new affordable housing units in locations beneficial to the City and County.

Rio Grande Levee (Oxbow Heading North)

- Funding for levee construction of the west bank of the Rio Grande from the outfall of the Corrales Main Canal to the Outfall of the San Antonio Arroyo.

Route 66 Revitalization

- Funding to plan, design, construct and install improvements to Route 66, including roadwork, signage, historic preservation, and education projects in preparation for the National Route 66 Centennial Celebration.

Unser Boulevard Build Out

- Acquire, right-of-way, construct, and otherwise expand and improve Unser Boulevard to include four lanes, multi-use trails, storm water management and shovel ready utility corridors from Kimmick Avenue to Paseo Del Norte.

West Mesa Sand Dunes

- Acquire, retore and conserve the West Mesa Sand Dunes on Albuquerque’s Southwest Mesa.