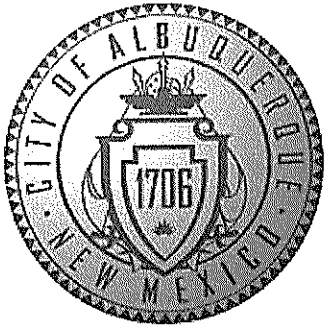


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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 20th, 2024

TO: Dan Lewis, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor




SUBJECT: 2025 Mayor-Administration Legislative Requests

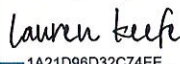
Per §2-2-3, attached are the Mayor-Administration Legislative requests for the 2025 New Mexico Legislative Session.

2025 Mayor-Administration Legislative Requests


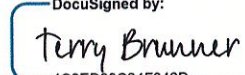
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Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

This transmittal is an Executive Communication (EC).

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This EC provides the Mayor-Administration Legislative Requests for the 2025 New Mexico Legislative Session.

3. Why is this project needed?

O-24-53 requires that the Administration transmit the Mayor-Administration legislative requests to the City Council via EC.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

N/A

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

N/A

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

O-24-53 requires that the EC be voted on for receipt be noted by the City Council. If not approved, the City may be out of compliance with adopted ordinance.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

No



2025 MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND CAPITAL REQUESTS

Mayor-Administration Capital and Policy, Program, and Capital Requests
of the First Session of the 57th Legislature of the State of New Mexico

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL REQUESTS

- **Investments in Albuquerque Police Emergency Vehicles**
To ensure our officers are equipped to fight crime through investments in police patrol vehicles and an armed response vehicle for Albuquerque Police Department.
- **Investments in Albuquerque Police Technology**
To fight crime by investing in state-of-the-art technologies including body cameras (POV), tasers, license plate readers, mobile surveillance units, smart cameras on public-use trails, improved crime lab examination equipment and in-vehicle cameras for Albuquerque Police Department.
- **Fire Station Construction and Conversion**
Funding to complete construction of Fire Stations across Albuquerque, including Fire Station 4, Fire Station 12, Fire Station 14, and a Fire Station in Mesa del Sol.
- **Investments in Housing Navigation Centers for Youth, Elderly, Recovery, and Families**
Funding to provide low-barrier overnight beds, case management, and other supportive services through trauma-informed design, on-site services, and multi-agency coordination to reduce wait times for housing placements, focusing on multi-site facilities in both the east and west side of Albuquerque, as well a site for young adults, families, and neighbors in recovery from substance abuse.
- **Investments in Micro-Community Shelters**
Funding to support the purchase and construction of micro-community shelters to create safe and designated areas on the eastside and westside of Albuquerque to combat homelessness.
- **Housing and Homelessness Data Infrastructure**
Funding to meet the needs of City staff and service providers in Albuquerque by investing in data infrastructure to track available beds, voucher systems, and other data points.

- **Transitional and Supportive Housing Conversion**
 Funding to construct permanent supportive housing to those transitioning from the City's Housing Navigation Center.
- **Investments in Affordable Senior Housing in Albuquerque**
 Funding for much-needed affordable senior housing in Albuquerque.
- **Investments in Affordable Housing in SW Albuquerque**
 Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the southwest quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.
- **Investments in Affordable Housing in NW Albuquerque**
 Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the northwest quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.
- **Investments in Affordable Housing in SE Albuquerque**
 Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the southeast quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.
- **Investments in Affordable Housing in NE Albuquerque**
 Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the northeast quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.
- **Preservation and Rehabilitation of Public Housing**
 Funding to rehabilitate, improve, and preserve existing affordable public housing in Albuquerque.
- **Transitional Housing for Veterans**
 Investing in construction and improvements to transitional housing for veterans in Albuquerque.
- **Motel Acquisitions & Conversions**
 Funding to increase the number of affordable housing units by investing in existing motel properties across the City through acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation.
- **Funding for Housing in Cooperation with Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque for the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative**
 Funding to acquire land and to construct, improve, and equip housing in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County through the City and County's joint affordable housing agreement.
- **Connecting Community to Work and Wellness through the Rail Trail**
 Funding to construct Rail Trail phases including a crossing at Central Ave., a crossing at Lomas Blvd, and construction in the Sawmill area. The Rail Trail will be an iconic and artistic pedestrian parkway that reflects Albuquerque's vibrant history and cultural diversity.

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROGRAM REQUESTS

METRO CRIME INITIATIVE

Fighting crime and fixing the broken criminal justice system are the top priorities in Albuquerque. Through the third Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative (MCI), we are pursuing concrete actions in the 2025 legislative session to make our communities safer now.

Reduce Gun Violence

- Stronger penalties for possessing firearms in drug distribution crimes.
- New charges for firing off a gun in public.
- New charges for carrying a firearm while intoxicated.
- Fund New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
- Expand ACS's Violence Intervention Program to all high schools.
- Close loopholes in Red Flag law.
- Remove the preemption on cities from addressing assault rifle proliferation.
- Add federal prosecutors to New Mexico, addressing gun and drug-related offenses.
- Implement "Duke City Stats," to other jurisdictions in crime strategy and tracking.

Bolster Courts to Close the Revolving Door

- Establish a dedicated 'fentanyl court'.
- Establish a fentanyl specific response team.
- Continued improvement to the pretrial detention system.
- More jail time for retail theft offenders who brandish a gun during a crime.
- Enhance domestic violence penalties and breadth of laws.
- Designate 2nd degree homicide by vehicle to a serious violent offense.
- Expand addiction programs with emphasis on fentanyl treatment.
- Capital funding for facility improvements at the Family Advocacy Center.
- Fund peer support programs for crime victims.
- Incentivize new provider services.
- Expand treatment programs for mental/behavioral health problems.
- Establish immediate options for behavioral health and addiction services as an alternative to jail time.
- Career training in behavioral health for underserved youth.
- Contract to transport inmates to jail.
- Establish security branch to monitor prisoners while at UNMH.
- Develop behavioral health training/ career path programs.
- Establish and fund a community victim's ombudsman.

Fight Crime

- State funding and direct participation in warrant backlog initiative.
- Enact stricter street racing penalties.
- Common sense regulations on large capacity magazines and bump stocks.
- Fix “asset forfeiture” law to increase funding for public education & support drug trafficking investigations.
- Funding for regular presence of New Mexico State Police (NMSP) in ABQ with a traffic unit to patrol highways and dedicated narcotics and auto theft investigators.
- Enhance criminal sentencing for road rage and violent crimes on the roadways.
- Prioritize enforcement efforts against drug trafficking and distribution networks.
- Extend the referendum on violent juvenile diversion programs.
- Increase penalties for assault and battery of public transportation workers.
- Public Safety Enhanced Retirement for Prison Transport Officers and Transit Sergeants

Strengthen Collaboration and Procedures

- Establish medical check protocols between UNM Hospital and Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC).
- Notify law enforcement when offenders are deemed incompetent by the courts.
- Require parole/probation officers to notify police and victims when offenders are released.
- Fund broader specialty courts to address homelessness, addiction, and mental health cases.
- Improvements to conservatorship programs for severely addicted.
- Work with Bernalillo County to identify and resolve bottlenecks when individuals are taken to jail.
- Create a specialty court for auto theft.
- Mandate that prosecutors utilize habitual offender enhancements.
- Require use of statewide database for firearm prohibitions.
- Enable mental health providers to report individuals under their care to the National Instant Criminal Check system.

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROGRAM REQUESTS

METRO HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

We are committed to combating homelessness and expanding affordable housing by forging strong partnerships with government agencies, non-profits, and community groups to pool resources and develop actionable strategies. Our immediate focus is to enhance and expand our existing support services, which address mental health, substance abuse, and other underlying issues; provide emergency shelters to offer relief; strengthen our prevention efforts with targeted rental assistance and eviction prevention programs; and identify transformative policies that address systemic barriers and create lasting change.

- Protect renters through a Tenant Bill of Rights.
- Pass a Manufactured Housing Bill of Rights.
- Establish Vacant and Dilapidated buildings policies.
- With the State and CABQ Municipal Redevelopment Agency, establish additional TIFs and BIDs.
- Expand Tax Abatement areas.
- Create Zoning Changes for additional housing development.
- Enact State-Level changes to Anti-Donation laws to allow for more housing development.
- Invest in City's Gateway facilities.
- Investments for land banking for the construction of affordable housing.
- Establishing and supporting micro communities.
- Sell City land to fund housing.
- Overhaul Housing Voucher System.
- Investments and incentives for affordable housing.
- Hotel Conversions.
- NM Housing Trust Fund Set aside of 20% for local governments.