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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM September 3, 2026

TO: Klarissa J Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

SUBJECT: 2027 Administration Priority Capital and Policy 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 City Council with the Administration's Priority Capital and Policy Requests for the 2027 New Mexico Legislative Session.

3. **Why is this project needed?**
   These priorities are a requirement of O-24-35.

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?**
   This Executive Communication does not require approval, only receipt be noted.

7. **Is this service already provided by another entity?**
   No

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As our state enters a new era of leadership, we look forward to working together to ensure we have the investments needed to complete projects in our city.

The state has the resources. Our city has the resilience. Now we need the confidence to put both to work.

- Timothy Keller

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Administration Capital Program Priorities
FINISHING FUNDS

Projects nearing completion, needing additional funds to finish

CAPITAL FINISHING FUNDS

ALAMEDA DRAIN TRAIL AND HAWK SIGNAL	$500,000
BALLOON FIESTA PLAYSCAPE PHASE 2	$4,000,000
BARELAS PARK	$1,000,000
INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY CAMPUS	$500,000
MAIN LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS	$1,500,000
MESA VERDE PARK	$2,000,000
NORTH DOMINGO BACA AQUATIC CENTER (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR)	$35,000,000
OLD COORS PARK PHASE 2	$1,000,000
RAIL TRAIL TO BOSQUE CONNECTION	$150,000
RAIL TRAIL CENTRAL CROSSING	$6,000,000
RAIL TRAIL HOLLYWOOD "BRAILLE TRAIL" SEGMENT	$500,000
SUNPORT POOL	$3,000,000
TINGLEY BEACH IMPROVEMENTS	$2,000,000
WESTGATE COMMUNITY CENTER & GYM	$3,500,000
WESTSIDE ANIMAL CLINIC	$4,000,000

Administration Capital Program Priorities

MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

Projects requiring additional funds in order to begin

CAPITAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

CONWAY WOOD NORTHWEST MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER....$8,000,000 SPLASHPADS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER
EASTERN AND ALVARADO PARK.....$2,000,000
TIJERAS ARROYO BIOZONE EDUCATION CENTER PHASE 1.....$3,000,000
NATURESCAPE OPEN-RANGE DOG RECREATION PARK.....$500,000
RAIL TRAIL OLD TOWN TO BOSQUE SEGMENT.....$860,000
RAIL TRAIL RAIL YARDS TO BOSQUE SEGMENT.....$10,000,000
RAIL YARDS IMPROVEMENTS.....$7,000,000 (FIREHOUSE, BLACKSMITH SHOP, ROUNDABOUT)
SHOOTING RANGE PARK ARCHERY RANGE.....$4,000,000
SHOOTING RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.....$925,000
SOUTHWEST MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER AT SOUTHWEST PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS.....$18,000,000
UNIVERSITY WIDENING RIO BRAVO.....$3,500,000 TO MESA DEL SOL
VENTANA RANCH SPLASHPAD.....$800,000

Administration Capital Program Priorities

CRITICAL AND NEW PROJECTS

Major investments in the quality of life in Albuquerque

CAPITAL CRITICAL AND NEW PROJECTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNER REHAB	$5,000,000
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SAFE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY-OWNED AFFORDABLE HOUSING	$5,500,000
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	$100,000,000
RECOVERY, HOMELESS, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SHELTERING FACILITIES	$20,000,000
GATEWAY YOUNG ADULT IMPROVE AND EXPAND	$4,000,000
GATEWAY RECOVERY PHASE 2 EXPANSION	$6,000,000
KEN SANCHEZ WESTSIDE INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX	$10,000,000
RAIL TRAIL BELLAMAH SEGMENT	$8,000,000
RAIL TRAIL LOMAS TO 12TH SEGMENT	$16,500,000
RAIL TRAIL LOMAS TO RAILYARDS SEGMENT	$18,000,000

Administration Program Priorities
OPERATIONAL FUND REQUESTS

OPERATIONAL AND HOUSING REQUESTS

HOUSING, RECOVERY, AND STABILITY FUND.....$150,000,000/ 3 YEARS

The City of Albuquerque proposes a $150 million state investment to create immediate operating stability, dedicated behavioral health and opioid-response capacity, new transitional housing, direct rental assistance in the form of housing vouchers, and longer-term system improvements.

These investments would result in 2,000 people being **permanently** housed.

The Gateway System served more than 7,000 people in FY26, helping people move off the street and toward lasting stability. Over 1,000 people are engaged in services nightly through the Gateway System.

The proposed partnership gives the State a measurable return with transparent quarterly reporting and safeguards against double counting.

HOUSING STABILITY FUND..... $50,000,000/ 3 YEARS

$50 Million to be spent over 3 years for filling the gap in housing needs in Albuquerque including affordable housing, workforce housing and project-based vouchers.

The State previously appropriated over $20 million in housing resources which have resulted in 294 affordable units with 444 more on the way.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STABILIZATION FUND.....$50,000,000

As the State of New Mexico sits on billions of dollars across various funds and reserves, municipal governments face uncertainty regarding federal funding and policies, having incorporated anticipated federal awards into budget planning for current and future fiscal years, many of which are now being interrupted. This proposed fund would ensure that major projects remain on schedule and that essential services are maintained.

CRIME LAB OPERATIONAL FUNDING.....$3,000,000/ 3 YEARS

In addition to requests to meet technology and equipment capital needs, the City of Albuquerque requests operational funding for the crime lab, which processes evidence collected by Albuquerque Police Department including, but not limited to: DNA, fingerprinting, substances, and firearms.

Administration Policy Priorities

Metro Crime Initiative

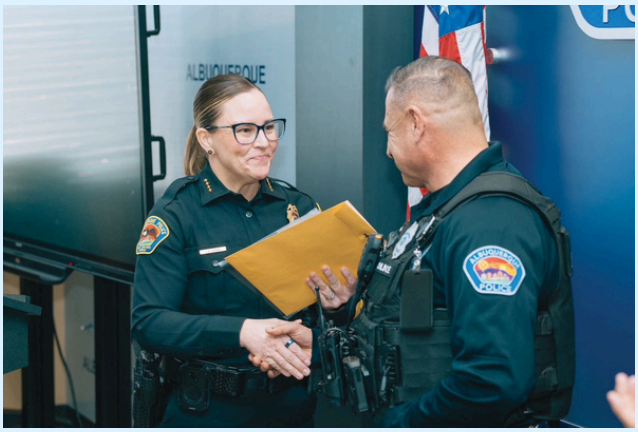
For seven years, MCI has taken a comprehensive approach to making Albuquerque safer. By aligning the efforts of law enforcement and service providers, Albuquerque is using targeted strategies to prevent crime, intervene early, divert when possible, and enforce when necessary.

FIGHT CRIME

- Common sense regulations on large capacity magazines and bump stocks.
- Prioritize enforcement efforts against drug trafficking and distribution networks.
- Create recurring funding for crime lab.
- Prioritize and address backlog of missing persons cases.
- Deter copper theft by increasing regulations for who sells copper.

REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

- Stronger Penalties for possessing firearms in drug distribution crimes.
- New charges in firing off a gun in public.
- New charges for carrying a firearm while intoxicated.
- Fund the New Mexico office of Gun Violence Prevention.
- Increase state penalties for felon convicted of a "serious violent offense" in possession of a firearm to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety.
- Establish partnerships to identify sources of firearm trafficking.



PRIORITIES COMPLETED

- ☑ Close loopholes in Red Flag Law.
- ☑ Longer sentences for second-degree murder.
- ☑ Designate 2nd degree homocide by vehicle to a serious violent offense.
- ☑ Introduce temporary "return to work" legislation to allow qualified/certified officers to return to duty.
- ☑ $6.5 million helicopter & help from NMSP to patrol when
- ☑ APD's helicopter is unavailable.
- ☑ Increase speed detection devices to monitor and enforce speed limits throughout all roads within the city.

PRIORITIES PARTIALLY ADDRESSED

(In past sessions)

- ☑ State funding and direct participation in warrant backlog initiative.
- ☑ Fix "asset forfeiture" law to increase funding for public education & support drug trafficking investigations.
- ☑ $10 million to expand gun shot detection technology.
- ☑ $10 million for two additional police substations in high crime areas.
- ☑ $20 million expansion of the Real Time Crime Center, and $10 million in new cameras to help with investigations.
- ☑ Increase funding for violent crime investigative units to expand crime investigation resources.
- ☑ Expand ACS's School-Based Violence Intervention Program (SBVIP) to all middle and high schools.
- ☑ Increase penalties for reckless driving crashes involving speeding that cause death or great bodily harm.
- ☑ Enact stricter street racing penalties.

Administration Policy Priorities

Metro Crime Initiative

BOLSTER COURTS TO CLOSE THE REVOLVING DOOR

- Establish a dedicated 'fentanyl court'.
- Enhance domestic violence penalties and breadth of laws.
- Fund peer support programs for crime victims.
- Career training in behavioral health for underserved youth.
- Establish and fund a community victim's ombudsman.

STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIONS AND PROCEDURES

- Establish medical check protocols between UNM Hospital and Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC).
- Work with Bernalillo County to identify and resolve bottlenecks when individuals are taken to jail.
- Mandate that prosecutors utilize habitual offender enhancements.
- Increase Retention of law enforcement by expanding tax credit opportunities.
- Seeking mandatory mental health checks for individuals purchasing assault rifles.

ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING JUVENILE VIOLENCE

- Addressing the influence of social media on youth to commit acts of violence.
- Extend the referendum on violent juvenile diversion programs.
- Invest in youth programming in community centers for early intervention.
- Increase access to diversionary programs and establish triage system to direct youth to intervention services.
- Increase number of beds in Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) to ensure violent serious youth offenders can be accommodated.
- Establish a task force of experts on youth and human development to study challenges and give recommendations on possible solutions to support youth.
- Study the impact of COVID-19 isolation and school closures in youth

SUPPORT EXPANSION OF ACS FOOTPRINT

- Establish a fentanyl specific response team.
- Incentivize new provider services.
- Develop behavioral health training/career path programs.
- Expand treatment programs for mental/behavioral health problems.

INCREASE ROADWAY SAFETY

- Create technology safety net for forensic evidentiary purposes and future crime solving.
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CAPITAL NEEDS

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APD CHIEF'S 2027 PRIORITIES

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Administration Legislative Resources

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