




Mayor Timothy M. Keller

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2026

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Filing of Funding Application for FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

The City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development submitted a grant application with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Competitive Grant for federal funds on May 22nd, 2026. The total grant submission was for \$12,875,000, with the federal portion being \$10,300,00 and a local match of \$2,575,000 for Pedestrian Improvements on Central Avenue between Louisiana Boulevard and Tramway Boulevard. Local match funds will be available from the General Obligation Bonds Fund, and potentially a State of New Mexico-Federal Grant Matching Grant which is included in the total grant matching amount. This grant provides funding to address significant safety concerns along East Central Avenue as follows:

- **\$356,000 (plus an \$89,000 match) for Demonstration Activity:** Community-based demonstration activities will co-design and test short-term safety interventions, including pop-up safety enhancements, visibility improvements, and pilot treatments for pedestrian and bicycle safety, to refine placement and sequencing of corridor improvements prior to permanent implementation.
- **\$1,544,000 (plus a \$386,000 match) for Design Activities:** The completion of engineering and design for ADA improvements along the full corridor, including NEPA review, right-of-way appraisals, public involvement, and project management.
- **\$8,400,000 (plus a \$2,100,000 match) for Carrying Out Projects and Strategies:** Implementation of ADA-compliant sidewalks, including necessary utility relocations and right-of-way acquisitions.

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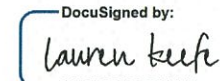
The City will also submit a grant application for the NM Match Grant program in the amount of \$2,575,00, which, if awarded, will offset or fully replace the General Obligation Bonds amount for the FHWA grant

In submitting this Executive Communication, we agree that we have reviewed and will comply with the rules of ethical conduct set out in Sections 3-3-1 et seq. and the Purchasing Ordinance at Sections 5-5-22 et seq.

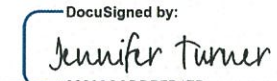
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Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

This legislation authorizes the City of Albuquerque to submit a funding application and accept grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. This legislation also authorizes the City of Albuquerque to submit a funding application and accept grant funds from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration under the NM Match Grant program.

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

It allows the City to formally accept up to \$10,300,000 in federal funds and provide a local match of up to \$2,575,000, currently identified from General Obligation Bonds. It also grants permission for the City to pursue State Match Grant Funds of up to \$2,575,000, which could offset or fully replace the General Obligation Bond match.

3. Why is this project needed?

East Central Avenue (Route 66) from Louisiana Boulevard to Tramway Boulevard has significant safety and mobility challenges for all users. This funding will support planning, design, and implementation activities aimed at improving safety, reducing crashes, and enhancing access for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and vehicles without reducing vehicular capacity. This corridor was prioritized in the City's Safety Action Plan.

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

The total project cost is \$12,875,000. Of this, \$10,300,000 will come from federal SS4A funds. The remaining \$2,575,000 is the required local match, which is currently proposed to come from Fund 305 (General Obligation Bonds), but the City will also seek State Match Funds to potentially reduce or eliminate this requirement.

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

No revenue is associated with this project.

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

If the funds are awarded, the City would forfeit over \$10.3 million in federal funds and lose a significant opportunity to improve safety and mobility along East Central Avenue, which is a high-priority corridor with documented crash patterns and mobility challenges.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

No. The City of Albuquerque is the lead agency responsible for transportation planning, design, and capital improvements along East Central Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

	2026	Fiscal Years 2027	2028	Total
Base Salary/Wages				-
Fringe Benefits at				-
Subtotal Personnel	-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses				-
Property				-
Indirect Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
[X] Estimated revenues not affected				
[] Estimated revenue impact				
Revenue from program				0
Amount of Grant				
City Cash Match				
City Inkind Match				
City IDOH				
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.
 * Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created

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COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:

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