

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-26-21 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Tammy Fiebelkorn, by request

1 RESOLUTION  
2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS  
3 FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC) AND  
4 PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GENERAL SERVICES  
5 DEPARTMENT BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027.

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Sustainability Office will benefit from  
7 additional funding appropriated for the purpose to help expand a food waste  
8 collection and drop-off pilot; and

9 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Sustainability Office received \$5,000 from the  
10 NRDC in 2024 that help make the food waste collection and drop-off pilot  
11 possible in 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Sustainability Office qualified for these funds  
13 because of an existing NRDC technical services agreement; and

14 WHEREAS, there is no match or reporting requirements for this non-  
15 competitive funding; and

16 WHEREAS, the Sustainability Office supports diversion of food and green  
17 waste from the landfill to be composted, in alignment with the 2021 Climate  
18 Action Plan, the Sustainability Resolution (R-24-34), and Mayor's Food  
19 Systems Executive Order (EI No 40); and

20 WHEREAS, the grant funding, as awarded, would be provided in one lump  
21 sum in the amount of \$4,500 to the City to be spent from the General Services  
22 Department.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
24 ALBUQUERQUE:

25 Section 1. That Council hereby approves and authorizes the City of  
26 Albuquerque's Sustainability Office to accept the grant appropriated under the

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1 NRDC in the amount of \$4,500, and its acceptance and filing with appropriate  
2 official or office is in all respects approved.

3 Section 2. That the funds in the amount of \$4,500 from the NRDC are  
4 hereby appropriated to the General Services Department in the Operating  
5 Grants Fund (265) for Fiscal Year 2027.

6 Section 3. No matching funds from the Transfer to Operating Grants  
7 Program of the General Fund are required and hereby appropriated in the  
8 Operating Grants Fund (265).

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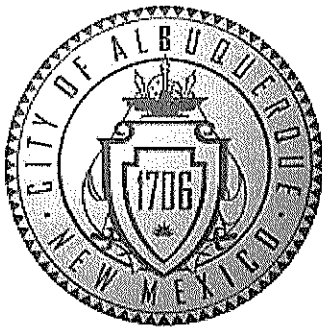
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Mayor Timothy M. Keller

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Office of the Mayor

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

April 10, 2026

**TO:** Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor *TK*

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Natural Resources Defense Council


Attached is a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Total award amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 dollars (\$4,500.00) from NRDC with no match or reporting requirements will provide an appropriation to the City of Albuquerque General Services Department's Sustainability Office. This non-competitive grant funding for expanding the food waste collection and drop-off initiative will increase access to food waste diversion, further the City's composting goals, and respond to community feedback asking for more organics diversion to composting.

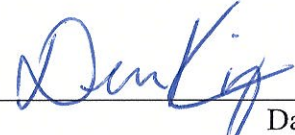
The \$4,500.00 grant will be awarded to the General Services Department. This funding will help respond to community interests, facilitate diversion of organics from the landfill, further test the drop-off model, and provide support directly to community members in Albuquerque.

TITLE/SUBJECT OF LEGISLATION\*\*\* *Same as subject line on last page)*

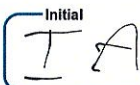
Approved:

Approved as to Legal Form:

  
Samantha Sengel, EdD Date 4/16/26  
Chief Administrative Officer

  
Date 4/15/26  
City Attorney

Recommended:

Initial  Signed by: William J. Duran 4/13/2026 | 8:38 AM MDT  
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Director



# City of Albuquerque

## Mayor's Office

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

### Inter-Office Memorandum

April 13, 2026

**To:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor  
**From:** Dr. Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Subject:** Signature Authority

<sup>DS</sup>  


I will be out of the office Monday, April 13, 2026 through Friday April 17, 2026 returning to the office on Monday, April 20, 2026.

During this time, COO Matthew Whelan will have full signature authority for the office. COO Whelan can be reached via the following:

COO Matthew Whelan  
Office: 505-331-7663  
Email: [mwhelan@cabq.gov](mailto:mwhelan@cabq.gov)

CC/ Email distribution:  
Mayor Keller's Executive Team  
Department Directors




*City of Albuquerque*  
Legal Department

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

**Interoffice Memorandum**

April 8, 2026

**To:** Dr. Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Lauren Keefe, City Attorney   
**Subject:** Acting City Attorney and Signature Authority

I will be out of the office from Thursday, April 9 through Friday, April 17, 2026. During this time, Deputy City Attorney Devon King, will be assisting to fulfill all duties as Acting City Attorney and will have full signature authority:

Devon King, Deputy City Attorney  
Cell – (505) 274-2963  
Email – [dking@cabq.gov](mailto:dking@cabq.gov)

Paralegal – Sandra Jamison:  
Office – (505) 768-4542  
Email – [sjamison@cabq.gov](mailto:sjamison@cabq.gov)

Please also feel free to contact the front desk of the Legal Department at 768-4500.

cc: Email distribution:  
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Department Directors  
Executive Assistants

## **Cover Analysis**

### **1. What is it?**

Legislation to approve Resolution for Authorization and Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). This legislation will provide funding to expand a food waste collection and composting drop-off pilot initiative.

### **2. What will this piece of legislation do?**

The approved resolution will authorize the acceptance of a Four Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$4,500.00) grant to expand the food waste collection and composting drop-off initiative currently operating at McKinley Community Center.

### **3. Why is this project needed?**

The existing food waste collection and drop-off site diverted over three tons of material in nearly one year. Participants want the pilot to continue and expand. The associated food waste prevention education materials help residents save money by wasting less food. The initiative also supports three goals in the 2021 Climate Action Plan, directly reflects feedback collected from two community engagement campaigns centered on equitable citywide composting initiative design. Community benefits include providing a new type of service and prioritizing frontline community members. Environmental benefits of composting the collected food waste includes reducing methane emissions, extending the life of the landfill, and building healthy local soils.

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

The anticipated award from the Natural Resources Defense Council is Four Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$4,500.00). There is no local match.

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

No.

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

The Sustainability Office will not have enough funds to expand the pilot and will need to look elsewhere for funding. Food waste that would otherwise be diverted to composting will go to the landfill.

### **7. Is this service already provided by another entity?**

No.

### FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE: Non-Competitive Grant for Food Waste Prevention and Composting R: O:  
 FUND: 265  
 DEPT: GSD

- 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:

	Fiscal Years			
	2025	2026	2027	Total
Base Salary/Wages				-
Fringe Benefits at				-
Subtotal Personnel	-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses	-	-	4,500	4,500
Property	-	-	-	-
Indirect Costs	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenues not affected				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenue impact				
Revenue from program				0
Amount of Grant	-	-	4,500	4,500
City Cash Match				-
City Inkind Match				-
City IDOH	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>

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

Number of Positions created: 0

**COMMENTS:** No match requirement, no reporting requirement. Funds in the amount of \$4,500 to support expanding the food waste collection and drop-off initiative.

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

**PREPARED BY:**

Signed by: Evelyn L. Torres 4/13/2026 | 7:01 AM MDT  
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 FISCAL ANALYST

**APPROVED:**

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 EXECUTIVE BUDGET ANALYST

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 BUDGET OFFICER (date)

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 CITY ECONOMIST



Sandra West  
Sustainability Office, City of Albuquerque  
1 Civic Plaza, 7th Floor,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

April 10, 2026

**Re: NRDC Funding Opportunity**

Dear Sandra West,

This letter is to confirm NRDC's (Natural Resources Defense Council) grant award of \$4,500 to support the City of Albuquerque's expansion of work funded by NRDC in 2024. The past funding enabled the distribution of food waste prevention toolkits, established a collection site in a low-income community (diverting over 3 tons of material), and provided food waste prevention education to hundreds of community members of all ages. The additional \$4,500 will allow the City to build on the lessons and successes and expand the pilot project to improve access, including an additional site and translating educational materials into an additional language.

NRDC's Food Matters initiative partners with cities to adopt and expand policies and programs to prevent food from going to waste, rescue surplus food, and recycle food scraps. The City of Albuquerque has been a Food Matters partner since November 2023. As part of this partnership, NRDC has provided strategic guidance and technical expertise on developing Albuquerque's food waste reduction strategies that include identifying, developing, and/or tailoring food waste prevention and composting policy to further enable Albuquerque's food waste reduction work.

These funds are designated to directly support Albuquerque's food waste effort.

If you are interested in accepting this award, please let us know at your earliest convenience. We'd be happy to discuss how this funding can best support your work.

Sincerely,

Darby Hoover  
Senior Resource Specialist, Food Waste  
[dh Hoover@nrdc.org](mailto:dh Hoover@nrdc.org)