

Sustainability Office Update

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During the FY25 budget cycle council approved several budget options to advance sustainability initiatives for Los Alamos County. During the past several months, many staff members have contributed to the implementation of these projects.

Project	Update
Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan	Staff is teaming up with Stantec to conduct these studies. We're waiting on the final proposal before we can subsequently issue a task order. This project is estimated to cost \$400,000; Council approval may be required.
Expand EV Charging Infrastructure	<p>Los Alamos County is planning to install 14 Level 2 EV chargers at strategic locations to support the growing electric vehicle fleet.</p> <p>Proposed Charger Locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pajarito Cliff Site (PCS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Three chargers behind Building 5 for DPU’s new EVs. o Three chargers near Building 1 for future County EVs and busses. 2. Municipal Building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Three chargers to replace existing units. o Three chargers facing Iris Street. 3. White Rock Visitor Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Two chargers. <p>Key Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility to Electrical Infrastructure: Locations were chosen to minimize installation costs. • Priority for County Fleet: EV chargers are essential for the County’s new and upcoming electric vehicles. • Tourism and Public Access: Chargers at the Municipal Building and White Rock Visitor Center will support visitors and residents. <p>Project Timeline:</p> <p>LAC staff are currently working on in-house design and equipment procurement. The project is expected to be completed by June 2025.</p>
Senior Project Manager	The County conducted a search for a Senior Project Manager and received a strong pool of candidates. After a thorough interview process, Miguel Jimenez was selected for the position.
Outreach and Education	The County is developing a scope of work for outreach and education marketing services.

**Marketing
Professional**

Energy Audits

Staff have initiated discussions with legal counsel to address procurement challenges associated with energy audit services. Additionally, potential vendors capable of providing these services have been identified.

**Grant Writing
Services**

In Fiscal Year 2024, the County contracted with five grant writing firms to enhance grant application efforts. These services have been instrumental in securing funding for critical initiatives.

Recent Grant Applications:

- USDOT Charging, Fueling, and Infrastructure Grant: The Sustainability Office, in collaboration with grant writers, applied for approximately \$4 million to expand EV infrastructure within the County.
- USDA Composting Food Waste Reduction Grant: A grant application was submitted for \$500,000 to establish a municipal food composting program.

Ongoing Efforts:

- EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program: Staff are currently working with grant writers on an application for the second round of this grant program to further support food composting initiatives.
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