

NMC 2022 Legislative Priorities

HB 2 Appropriations

Detention Reimbursement Fund

- Restore the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act to the original appropriation of \$5 million.
- Currently the NM Legislature appropriates \$2.3 million even though the NM Sentencing Commission estimates the state owes counties over \$8 million a year for holding state prisoners.

Prisoner Transport and Extradition

- Create a line item in the DFA budget with \$750,000 to reimburse counties that provide transportation for state prisoners.
- Statute requires the state to make such payment, however no money has been appropriated to counties for many years.
- Counties should not have to pay for state prisoner extradition.

RISE Funding

- Make permanent and increase county participation in the RISE (Reach, Intervene, Support and Engage) Program.
- RISE is a partnership between the NM Behavioral Health Services Division and several county jails to reduce recidivism and help non-violent offenders get treatment to stay out of jail.
- As we start to see more concrete results, we hope to be able to add more counties and jails into that partnership.

Law Enforcement Protection Fund

- The state imposes taxes on insurance policies every year to pay for things like improved fire services and protecting law enforcement officers, yet every year millions of dollars have been taken from those funds to help pay for other areas in state government.
- We recently fixed the fire fund, now we need to keep the state from taking money from the LEPF.
- The \$5-\$6 million dollars that goes back into the GF should be going to local law enforcement agencies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement services.

Courthouse Funding

- Create a matching fund to help counties pay for construction and renovation of state district courthouses with an initial capital outlay request of \$50 to \$100 million.
- This is another unfunded county mandate that we would like to alleviate in the future.

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