



How to use the Project Accountability Reporting System ("PARS")
Hosted by DFA Local Government Division



INTRODUCING

PARS (Project Accountability Reporting System)

A centralized, unified system designed for managing grant agreements, notices of obligation (NOOs), and pay requests.

- The system is accessible from an internet browser at platform.dfa.nm.gov
- Multi-factor authentication by text or email is required
- This may be one of multiple modules a user will have access to



Key Functions

PARS empowers DFA LGD and grantee partners to manage and oversee financial activities for projects from start to finish. The system's components include:

Project Details

Project profiles highlight appropriation details, including expenditure progress and NOO and pay request history, conditions, reauthorizations, and reversions.

Grant Agreement

Grant Agreement initiation/ completion within the system allows for a smooth transition from the project meeting all requirements to submitting NOOs and pay requests. Request Submission and Tracking

Empowers local governments to submit NOOs and pay requests directly and track the status of their request, ensuring a streamlined process for communicating needs.

Historical Data and Reporting

Reporting capabilities and historical data will provide insights into past appropriations, transparency of processing times, provide central location for both the grantee and LGD.





Entity User Roles

PARS allows for two entity roles:

Entity Initiator

An Entity Initiator can *initiate NOOs and Pay Requests* for projects the entity oversees.

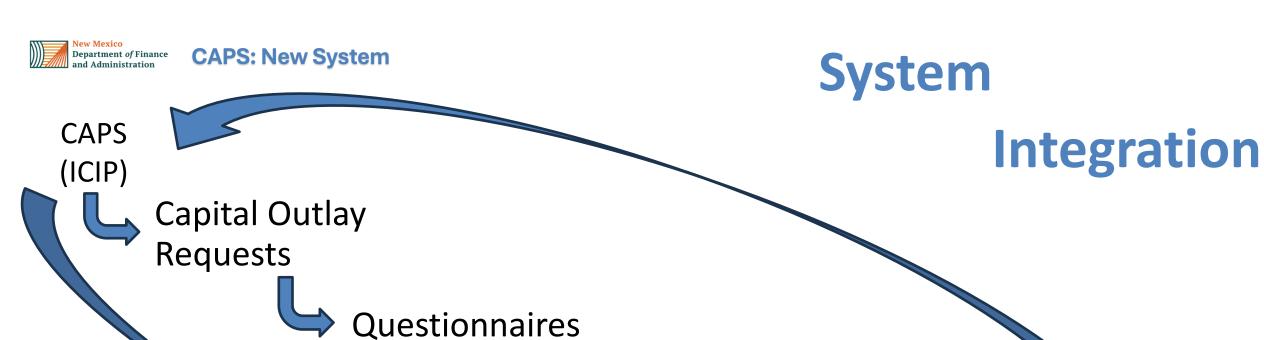
If a request is denied by an Entity Approver or Local Government Division, the Entity Initiator will receive notification and have the ability to correct or delete the submission.

Entity Approver

An Entity Approver can *approve or deny NOOs and Pay Requests* initiated by Entity Initiator for project the entity oversees.

Dual Role

A Dual Role can act as an Entity Initiator or Entity Approver, but they can not take more than one action on a request.



Audit

Compliance

PARS

NOOs,

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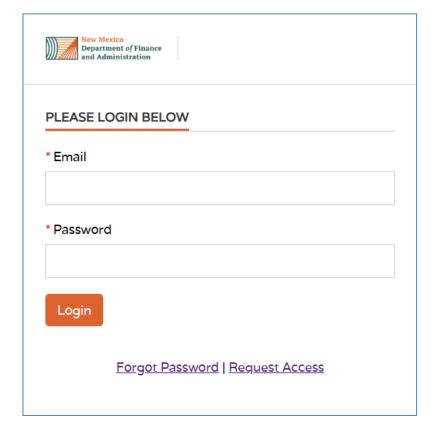
CAPS

(reporting)



How to Access PARS

- 1. Go to website https://platform.dfa.nm.gov/
- 2. Enter email and password.
- 3. To request access choose Request Access
- 4. If needed, click on forgot password. This will create a temporary login password.



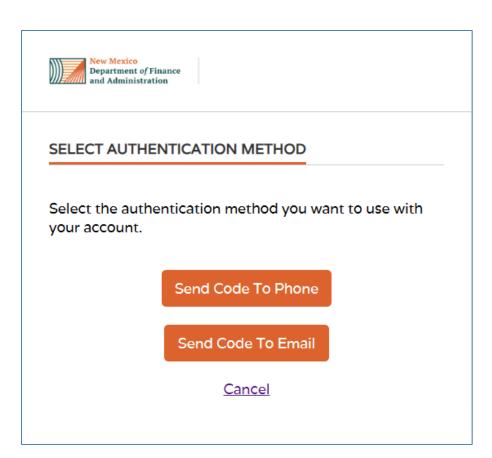


Multi-factor Authentication

Required for Initiators and Approvers:

Select Authentication Method

- Send code to Phone
- Send Code to Email



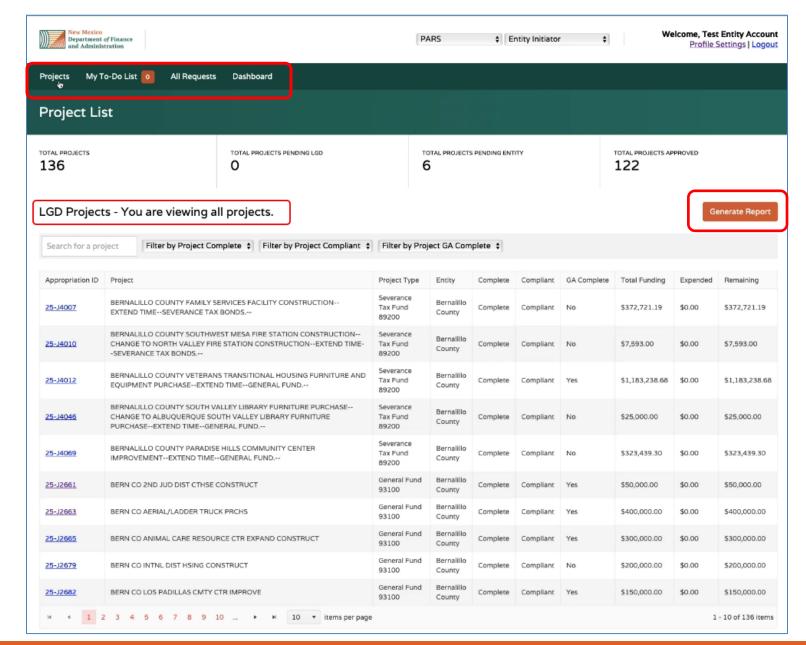


Navigating the System



Navigating the System

- "Projects" tab shows all entity projects
- 2. "My To-Do List" shows any items awaiting the user's action
- 3. "All Request"
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 that have come
 through for the
 user
- "Dashboard"
 highlights metrics
 and reporting



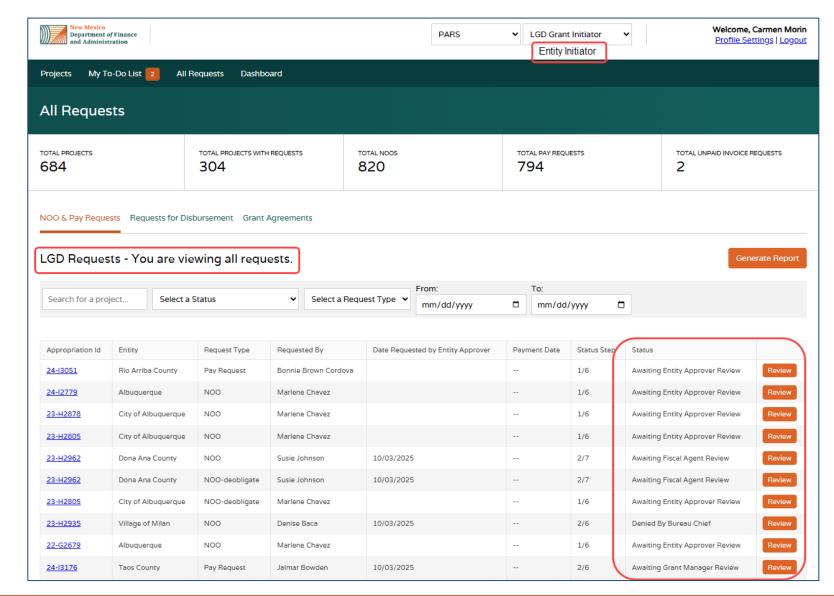
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All Requests

1. "All Requests" shows all requests that have come through for the user

Includes:

- Appropriation ID
- Entity
- Request Type (NOOs & Pay Requests)
- Date Requested
- Payment Date
- Status Step
- Status



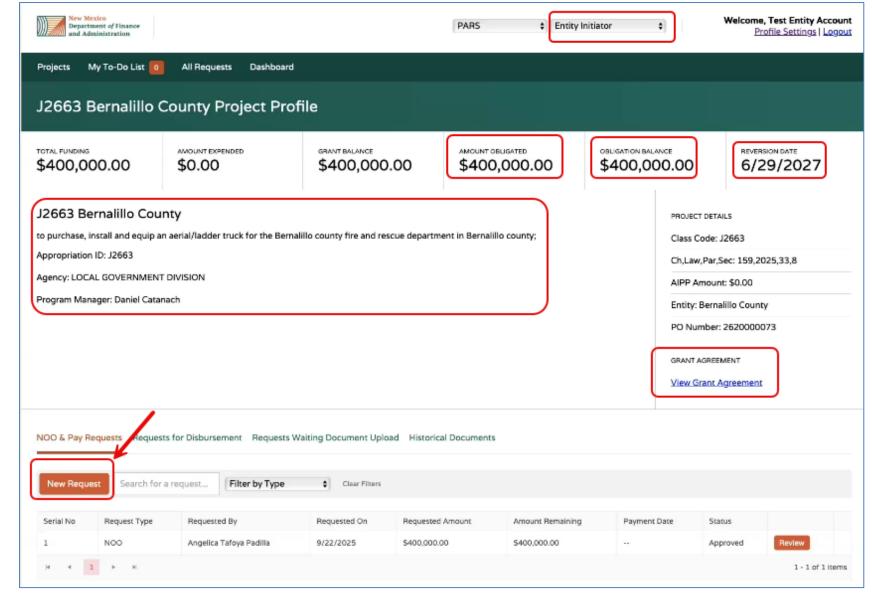


How to Submit a Notice of Obligation (NOO)

After a grant agreement is in place for a project, entities can submit NOOs and pay requests.

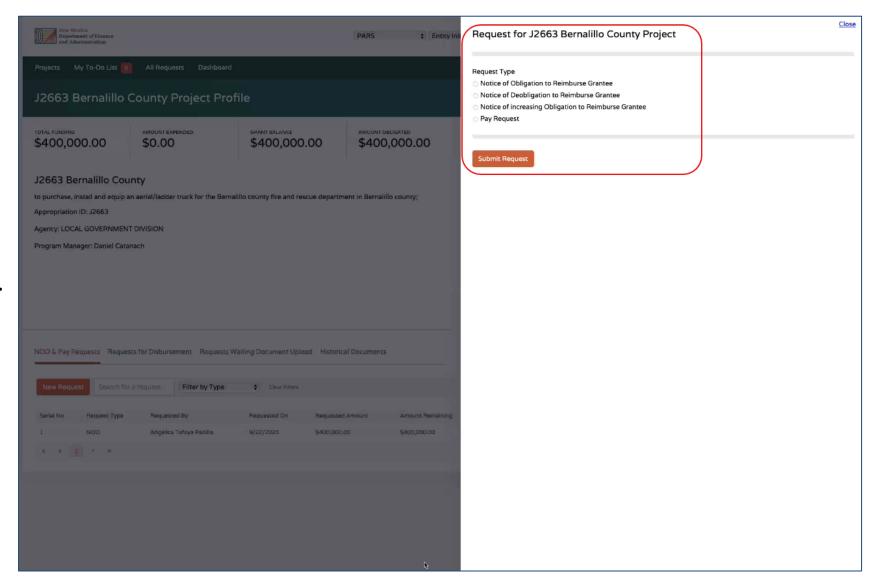
An approved Notice of Obligation (NOO) is required to submit pay requests.

Entity Initiators can submit an NOO by going to a project profile that has a grant agreement in place and selecting "New Request".



After selecting "New Request", the Entity Initiator will be prompted to select a request type.

In this case, we're going to select "Notice of Obligation".

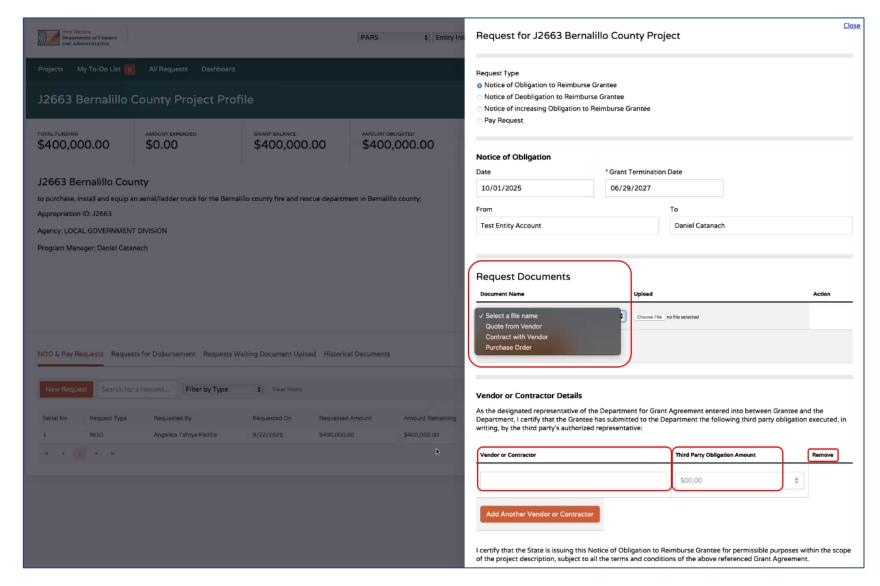




Most information will prepopulate in the request form, including date of the request, grant termination date, and who the request is to and from.

Entity Initiator is required to upload ONE document (Quote, Contract, PO, or Memo to Deobligate) and have the option to add additional documents.

Entity Initiator is required to complete at least one Vendor or Contractor and include the obligation amount.

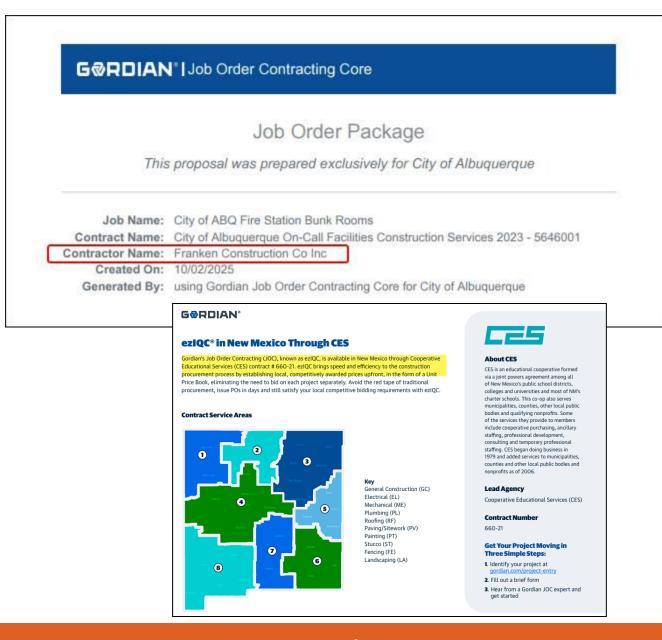




CES - Naming Conventions for NOOs

If you are working with CES or Gordian, use proper naming conventions to allow tracking for each specific vendor or contractor, i.e., CES/Franken Construction Co., Inc.

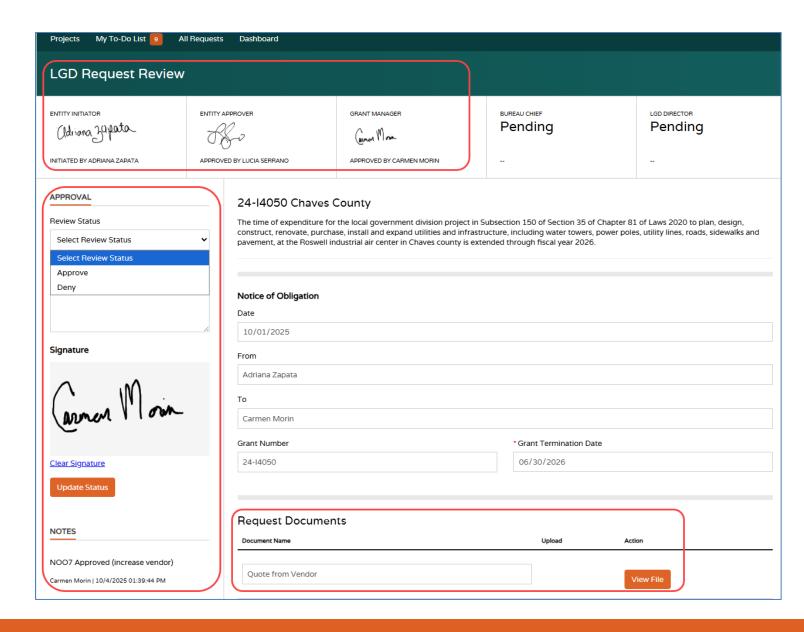
- If only contractor name is used, and payment is made to CES, may trigger a request to Deobligate to correct vendor name.
- 2. CES and Gordian are affiliated, therefore use CES/Vendor Name, not Gordian.





Completed NOO by entity Ready for LGD Review/Approval

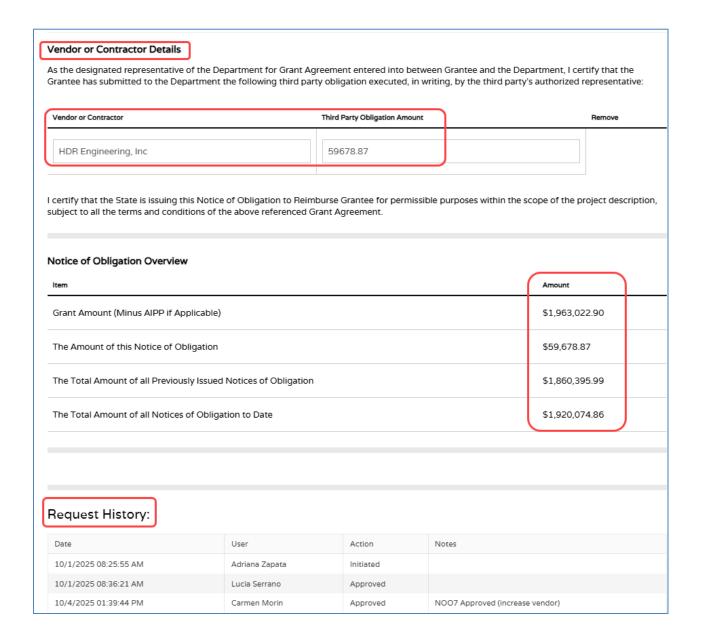
- Initiated & Approved by Entity
- Approved by Grant Manager
- Options: Approve/Deny, Enter NOO #, Notes
- Upload backup documents (quote or contract required)
- Add Vendor name and amount
- 6. Sign & Update Status after all has been reviewed and verified



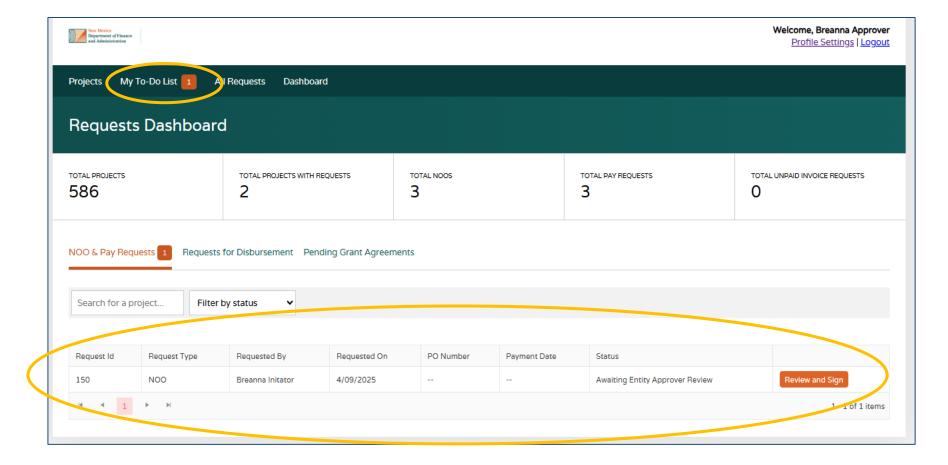


Add Vendor Details

- Upload backup documents (quote or contract required)
- Add Vendor name & add amount requested
- 3. Verify amounts
- 4. Request History shows all historical information



After the Entity Initiator submits, the request moves into the Entity Approvers "My To-Do List" for action.

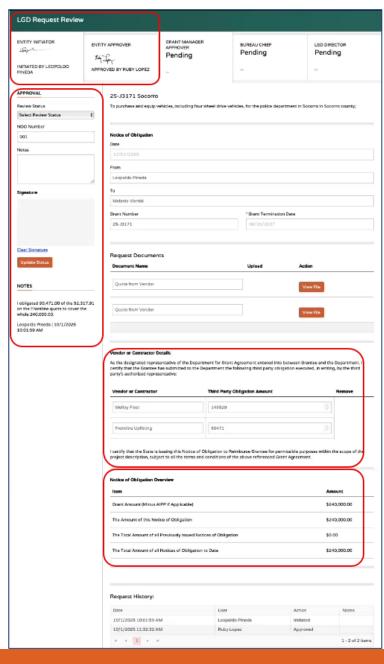




After selecting "Review and Sign", the Entity Approver can review the details of the NOO and take one of two Approval actions:

- 1. "Approve", which will send the document on to LGD staff review OR
- 2. "Deny", which will send the document back to the Entity Initiator, who can correct the request and resubmit, or cancel the request.

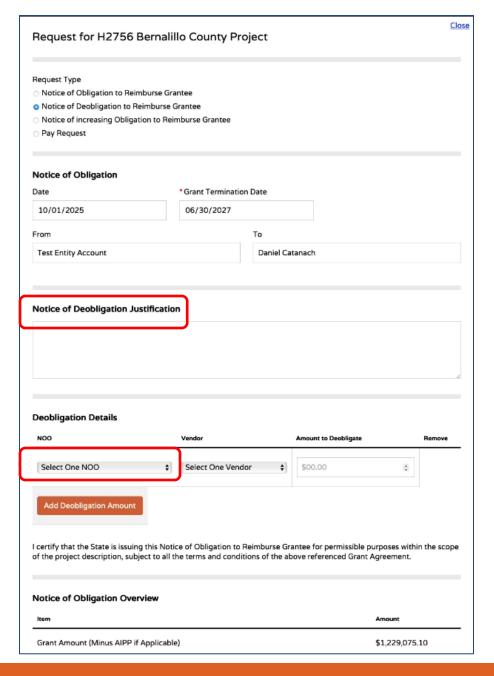
Once approved by LGD staff, the NOO will populate in the "All Requests" tab and Entity Initiator can begin submitting pay requests.





DEOBLIGATION

- 1. Choose Deobligation option
- Enter justification (memo not required)
- Select NOO that you want to Deobligate
- Enter Deobligation amount (do not add a negative number)

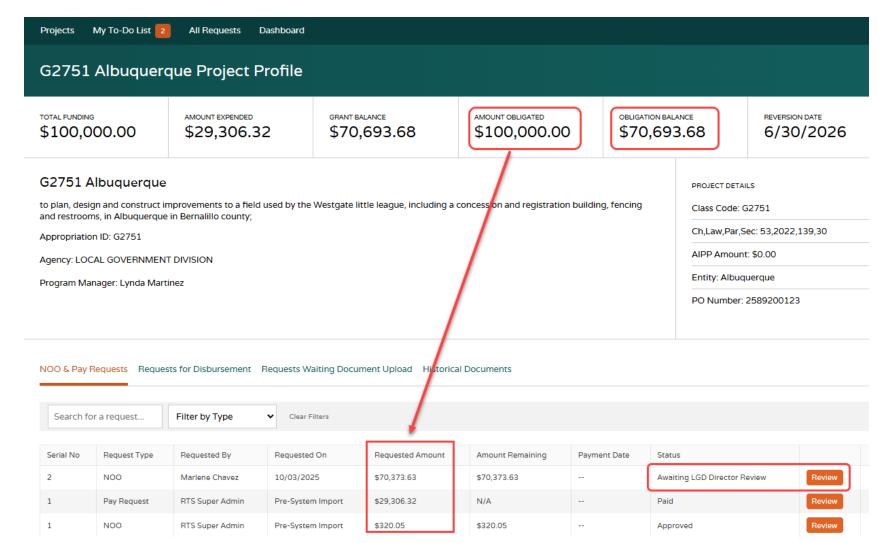


Approved by entity, grant manager, bureau chief and pending in LGD Director to do list.

Amount Obligated = requested amount

Obligated Balance = balance of NOOs submitted minus expenditure.

Grant Balance = Total Funding minus Amount Expended





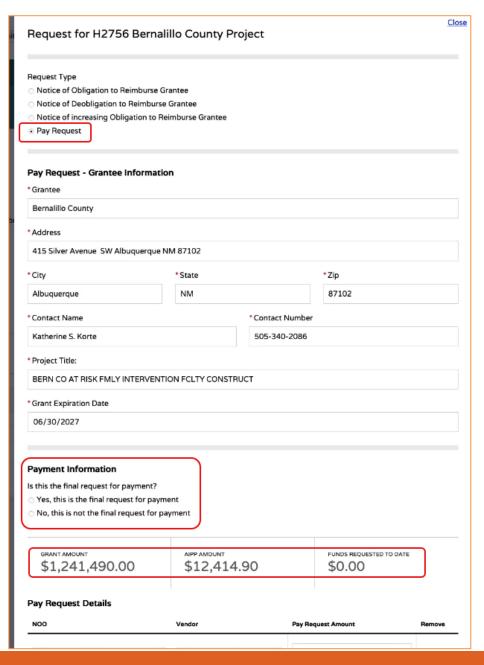
How to Submit a Pay Request



After a grant agreement and NOO is in place for a project, Entity Initiators can submit pay requests.

After selecting "New Request", the Entity Initiator will be prompted to select a request type: "Notice of Obligation" or "Pay Request".

In this case, we've selected "Pay Request" and you can see that Pay Request – Grantee information has auto- populated:



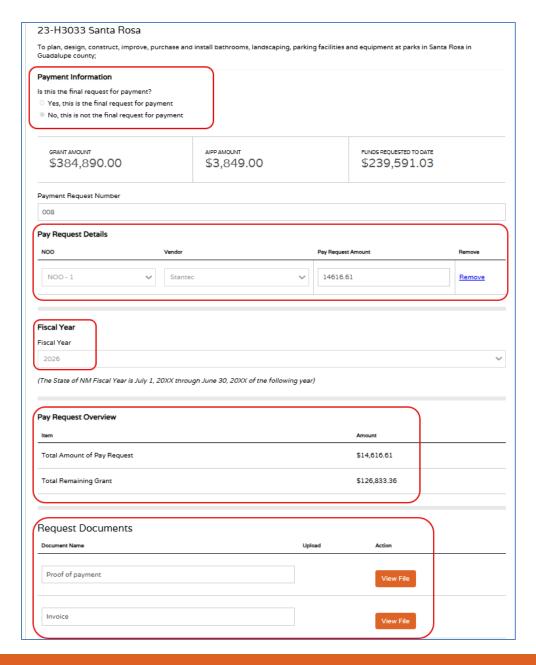


Entity Initiator will be required to select if it's the final request for payment or not and complete the amount requested for this payment. The answer to the final request for payment will reflect a "Grant Amount" for "No" or "Reversion Amount" for "Yes".

Choose NOO(s) associated with Pay Request from Pay Request Details.

The fiscal year will auto- populate to the current fiscal year. Please choose FY2026 if expenses made July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. If last fiscal year, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 choose FY2025, etc.

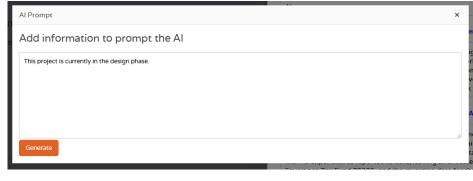
Requested Documents - Entity Initiator is required to upload proof of payment and invoice and have the option to add additional documents.

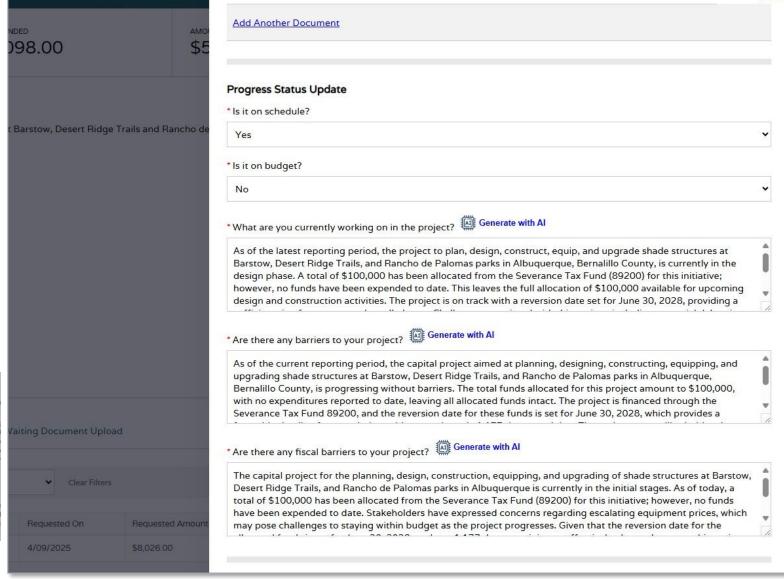




Next, the Entity Initiator will complete a "Progress Status Update" within the pay request.

Entity Initiators can complete a narrative of generate a response with AI, which will pull project details and take further prompts from the Entity Initiator to compile a response.





After completing the Progress Status Update, the Entity Initiator will complete certifications and submit the pay request.

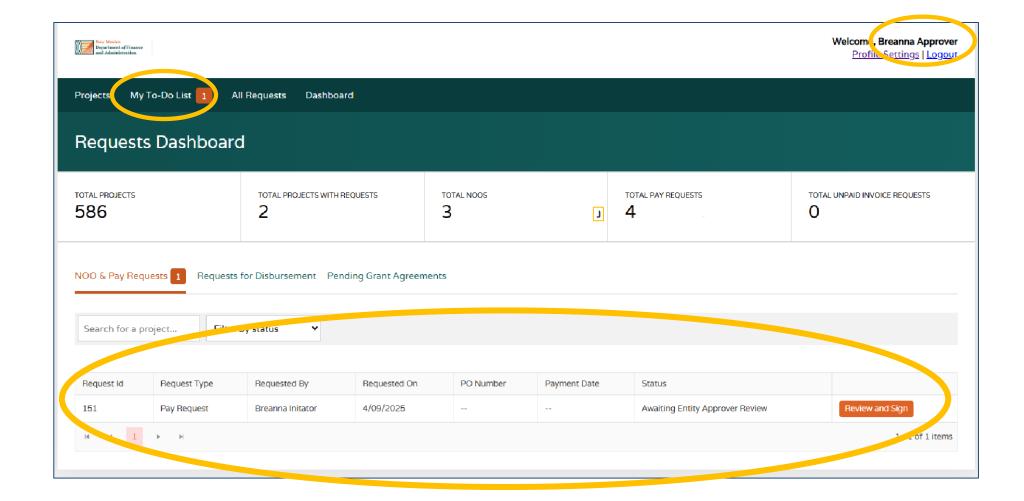
Reporting Certification I hereby certify that all conditions and requirements for payments outlined in the Agreement have been met, including but not limited to: a. Submission and approval of a Project Budget as per Article IV, Section A of the Agreement. b. Compliance with the Project Budget and expenditure of funds in accordance with the State Procurement Code and the State's Model Accounting Practices. c. Submission of supporting documentation as required by the Agreement. d. Maintenance of all necessary records and documentation as stipulated in the Agreement. Compliance Certification I attest that the information provided is correct; expenditures are properly documented and valid or actual receipts, and that the activity fully complies with Article IX, Sec. 14 of the New Mexico Constitution, known as the "anti-donation" clause..

I hereby certify that all representations and warranties made in the Agreement remain true, accurate, and complete as of the date of this request, and will continue to be so throughout the term of the Agreement. I acknowledge that these representations and warranties are a material inducement

Acknowledgement Certification

for the Department to approve this pay request..

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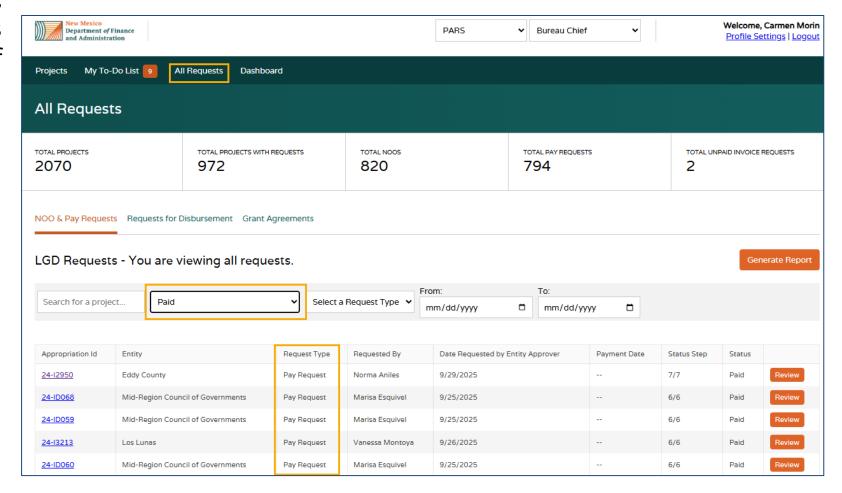




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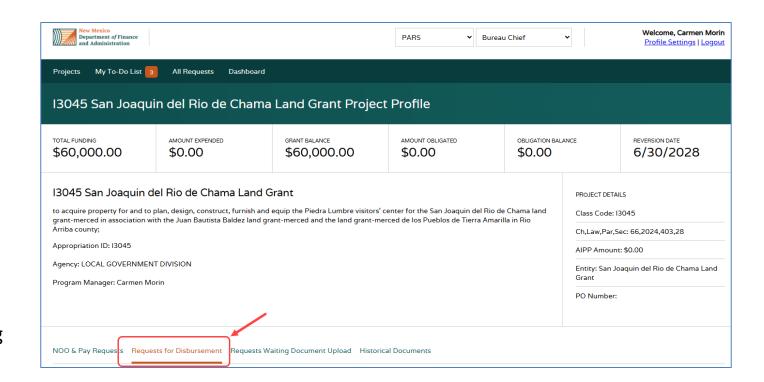
Once approved by LGD staff, the PR will populate in the "All Requests" tab and the project will be paid.





Disbursement in Lieu of Reimbursement Request

- Click on Requests for Disbursement in Project Profile of specific project which disbursement will be utilized.
- Initiator must complete all questions on form Approve and update status.
- 3. Approver will review, approve and update status.
- Grant Manager will review for completeness and Approve or Deny.
- 5. If approved, will move to LGD-Budget & Finance Bureau for final review and approval by reviewing budget submitted in LGBMS. Grantee will be notified if denied.
- 6. Upon approval, Grantee will follow the disbursement process which includes submitting Pay Request to include invoice and copy of the approved Disbursement form. The vendor must be paid with 5-days of receiving funds and must provide proof of transaction to Grant Manager and provide copy of cleared check when available.





What's Happening Now?

- One-on-one support available for grantees.
- Weekly virtual office hours every Wednesday afternoon.
- In-person training sessions scheduled statewide through end of year.
- Goal: Offer a range of training options to meet grantees' needs.

Coming Soon

Minor changes to improve user experience.

• Future plans: user guides, FAQs, and a help desk.

• Team creating step-bystep guide for NOOs, PRs, and grant agreements.



Thank you!

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