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DFA announces \$50 million in recreation grants for local communities

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) announced \$50 million in grants to support the development and expansion of recreational facilities, trails and parks across New Mexico.

"From splash pads in Hatch to walking paths in Carlsbad to rodeo arena improvements—these investments give New Mexicans more places to gather, play, and stay active," said **Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham**.

With this grant cycle, DFA has funded 128 projects, representing a \$142.5 million investment as part of the state's ongoing commitment to improving quality of life, strengthening community well-being, and expanding regional recreational opportunities for residents.

"These projects create more welcoming community spaces, boost public health, and deepen local connection across our state," said **DFA Secretary Wayne Propst**. "We are proud to partner with local governments and will continue supporting community-driven recreation projects that improve the quality of life of New Mexicans."

These new grants may be used to construct new facilities or enhance existing ones that foster community engagement and support both indoor and outdoor recreational activities.

Eligible projects include community centers, trail systems, rodeo grounds, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and other public spaces that promote recreation, social connection, and healthy living.

Award entities and projects:

- **City of Albuquerque** for Balloon Fiesta Park ADA improvements.
- **City of Carlsbad** for senior outdoor recreation and walking path.
- **Town of Clayton** for Clayton Event Center development.
- **De Baca County** for fairgrounds improvements.

- **Village of Columbus** for citywide park upgrades.
- **City of Farmington** for community complex redevelopment.
- **City of Grants** for Candelaria Sports Complex with lighting and fencing.
- **Village of Hatch** for a community center splash pad.
- **Town of Hurley** for recreation center enhancements.
- **City of Las Vegas** for the Historic Las Vegas Plaza revitalization.
- **Lincoln County** for regional recreation area expansion.
- **Village of Logan** for recreational complex modernization.
- **Village of Los Lunas** for Los Cerritos Park improvements.
- **Mescalero Apache Tribe** for improvements to Veterans Park.
- **McKinley County** for restroom facilities at Red Rock Park East Arena.
- **City of Raton** for fitness and recreation upgrades at Roundhouse Park.
- **Village of Ruidoso** for recreation access expansion at Eagle Creek Sports Complex.
- **Village of San Jon** for local park infrastructure and public amenities improvement.
- **Village of Santa Clara** for new kids and bicycle pump track recreation area.
- **City of Santa Rosa** for Blue Hole master plan recreation upgrades.
- **City of Socorro** for baseball facilities at Sedillo Park.
- **Valencia County** for a new playground at Las Maravillas Community Park.

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