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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tribal, School Districts and University Law Enforcement Departments

FROM: Hallie Brown, Deputy Director ^{Initial} 
Local Government Division

DATE: May 29, 2026

RE: Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) Fiscal Year 2027 Final Distribution

Pursuant to the Law Enforcement Protection Fund Act, Section 29-13-5 NMSA 1978, the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD) hereby notifies applicants of the final Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) distribution for Fiscal Year 2027. The division anticipates the distribution of the LEPF will be made in September 2026.

Please keep in mind that the LEPF funds are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes as allowed by law and must be budgeted and accounted for in a special revenue fund.

If your entity has entered into a loan intercept agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA), the loan payment amount due for the fiscal year 2027 has been accounted for on the attached distribution spreadsheet to determine the net distribution to be paid to your entity. The loan payment will be distributed directly to the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) on your entity's behalf.

Should you require additional information, please contact our office via email at LEPF@dfa.nm.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION

Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distribution (LEPF) - Tribal Police Departments

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026 To June 30, 2027

May 1, 2026 - FINAL DISTRIBUTION

Tribal Police Dept	Number of Commissioned Peace Officers	Total @ \$1,500 Per Officer	Total Distribution
Isleta Pueblo		\$0	\$0
Jicarilla Apache Nation		\$0	\$0
Ramah Navajo	2	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sandia Pueblo	24	\$36,000	\$36,000
Santa Ana Pueblo		\$0	\$0
Zuni Pueblo	6	\$9,000	\$9,000
TOTAL	32	\$48,000	\$48,000

For tribal police departments to qualify for LEPF funding they cannot issue citations to non-native americians through a tribal court. Also, commissioned peace officers must have worked in New Mexico at least 200 days in the calendar year just ended. In some instances, officers were claimed on application who are no longer certified or no longer employed. Only certified officers employed full-time, on the ACADIS Roster and those who are enrolled in the law enforcement academy and are on track to be certified by July 1 are eligible for the per officer distribution.

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Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distribution (LEPF) - NM School District Police Departments

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026 To June 30, 2027

May 1, 2026 - FINAL DISTRIBUTION

SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEPF Base Amount	No. of Certified Officers	Total @ \$1,500 Per Officer	No. School Resource Officers	Total @ \$1,500 Per Officer	Total School PD Distribution
Albuquerque School District	\$95,000	50	\$75,000	50	\$75,000	\$245,000
Los Lunas School District	\$95,000	12	\$18,000	12	\$18,000	\$131,000
TOTALS	\$190,000		\$93,000		\$93,000	\$376,000

Notes:

In some instances, officers were claimed on application who are no longer certified or no longer employed. Only certified officers employed full-time and on the ACADIS Roster and those who are enrolled in a law enforcement academy and are on track to be certified by July 1 are eligible for the per officer distribution.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION

Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distribution (LEPF) - Universities

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026 To June 30, 2027

May 1, 2026 - FINAL DISTRIBUTION

University Police Dept	LEPF Base Amount 95,000	Number of Certified Officers	Total @ 1,500 Per Officer	Total University PD Distribution
Eastern NM University	\$95,000	6	\$9,000	\$104,000
NM Highlands University	\$95,000	6	\$9,000	\$104,000
NM State University	\$95,000	19	\$28,500	\$123,500
NM Tech (Univ of Mining & Tech)	\$95,000	5	\$7,500	\$102,500
University of NM	\$95,000	35	\$52,500	\$147,500
Western NM University	\$95,000	9	\$13,500	\$108,500
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$570,000	80	\$120,000	\$690,000