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Andrew Miner
State Budget Director
Department of Finance and Administration
State Budget Division
190 Bataan Memorial Building
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Charles Sallee, Director
Legislative Finance Committee
325 Don Gaspar Avenue, Suite 101
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: FY28 Appropriation Request

Dear Mr. Miner and Mr. Sallee,

Attached is the FY28 New Mexico Sentencing Commission appropriation request, as required by Section 6-3A-7 NMSA 1978.

The Commission has requested a base budget appropriation expansion request of \$137,500. The expansion request is to cover mandatory compensation increases that have been unfunded for the last three fiscal years (\$90,000) plus \$47,500 to cover an anticipated raise for the coming fiscal year. NMSC is housed at UNM and UNM acts as fiscal agent for NMSC. Staff of NMSC are UNM employees. NMSC reimburses UNM for salary expenses incurred at UNM.

No other programmatic changes are anticipated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Carver'.

Douglas Carver
Executive Director

**APPROPRIATION REQUEST
CERTIFICATION
FORM S-1**

Agency Name: New Mexico Sentencing Commission

Business Unit: 35400

I hereby certify that the accompanying summary and detailed statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the arithmetic accuracy of all numeric information has been verified.

Douglas Carver

Douglas Carver, Executive Director

Martin G. Suazo

Martin Suazo, Vice Chair

Amanda Armstrong

Amanda Armstrong, CFO

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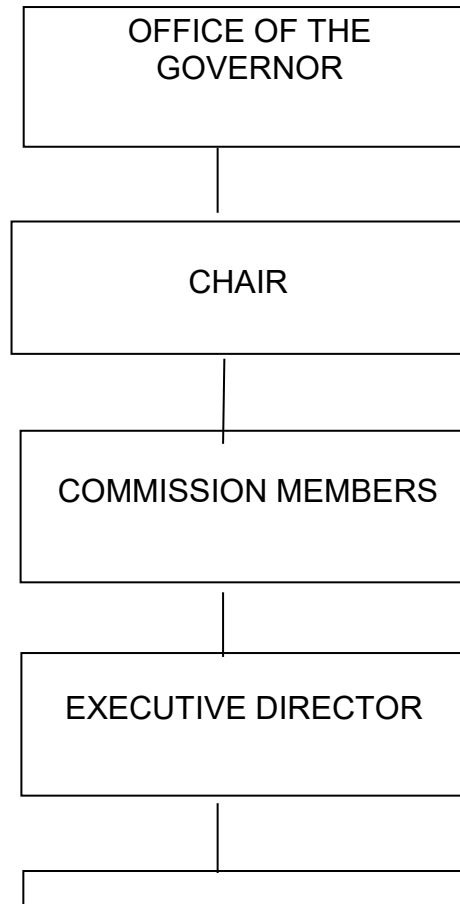
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Note: Appropriation Requests for agencies headed by a board or commission must be approved by the board or commission by official action and signed by the chairperson. Operating Budgets of other agencies must be signed by the director or secretary. Appropriation Requests not properly signed will be returned.

Agency Name: New Mexico Sentencing Commission
Program Name: New Mexico Sentencing Commission

Business Unit: 35400
Program Code: P636

**FY28 Appropriation Request
ORGANIZATION CHART
FORM S-2**



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S-8 Financial Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

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		2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	Base	----- FY 2028 Agency Request ----- Expansion	Total
REVENUE								
111	General Fund Transfers	1,514.3	1,514.3	1,514.3	0.0	1,651.8	0.0	1,651.8
112	Other Transfers	57.0	30.0	58.4	0.0	57.0	0.0	57.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS		1,571.3	1,544.3	1,572.7	0.0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8
REVENUE		1,571.3	1,544.3	1,572.7	0.0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8
EXPENSE								
300	Contractual services	1,235.2	1,202.0	1,236.6	0.0	1,371.0	0.0	1,371.0
400	Other	336.1	318.3	336.1	0.0	337.8	0.0	337.8
EXPENDITURES		1,571.3	1,520.3	1,572.7	0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8
EXPENSE		1,571.3	1,520.3	1,572.7	0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8

SENTENCING COMMISSION (35400)									
FY28 RECURRING GENERAL FUND: AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST									
CHANGES BY PROGRAM AND CATEGORY									

Sentencing Commission (P636)	Salaries and Benefits (200's)	Contractual Services (300's)	Other (400's)	Other Financing Uses (500's)	TOTAL
FY27 Operating Budget: General Fund	\$0.0	\$1,236.6	\$336.1	\$0.0	\$1,572.7
Increases (Decreases)					
GF increase for mandatory salary increases given to staff but not to NMSC resulting in a budget reduction		\$134.4			\$134.4
GF increase vehicle lease has increased			\$1.7		\$1.7
					\$0.0
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FY28 Request: General Fund	\$0.0	\$1,371.0	\$337.8	\$0.0	\$1,708.8
\$ increase over FY27	\$0.0	\$134.4	\$1.7	\$0.0	\$136.1
% increase over FY27	#DIV/0!	10.9%	0.5%	#DIV/0!	8.7%

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S-9 Account Code Revenue/Expenditure Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----		
						Base	Expansion	Total
499105	General Fd. Appropriation	1,514.3	1,514.3	1,514.3	0.0	1,651.8	0.0	1,651.8
111	General Fund Transfers	1,514.3	1,514.3	1,514.3	0.0	1,651.8	0.0	1,651.8
425909	Other Services - Interagency	27.0	0.0	28.4	0.0	27.0	0.0	27.0
499905	Other Financing Sources	30.0	30.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0
112	Other Transfers	57.0	30.0	58.4	0.0	57.0	0.0	57.0
TOTAL REVENUE		1,571.3	1,544.3	1,572.7	0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8
535200	Professional Services	30.0	1,044.3	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
535309	Other Services - Interagency	27.0	0.0	28.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
535310	Other Services - Higher Ed	1,156.7	120.0	1,032.2	0.0	1,331.1	0.0	1,331.1
535400	Audit Services	21.5	37.7	26.0	0.0	39.9	0.0	39.9
300	Contractual services	1,235.2	1,202.0	1,236.6	0.0	1,371.0	0.0	1,371.0
542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	1.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
542800	State Transp Pool Charges	5.9	7.5	5.9	0.0	9.2	0.0	9.2
545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546800	Employee Training & Education	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
547200	Grants To Individuals	0.0	12.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
547400	Grants To Local Governments	0.0	113.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
547440	Grants To Other Entities	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
547450	Grants to Other Agencies	328.5	154.3	329.0	0.0	328.5	0.0	328.5
400	Other	336.1	318.3	336.1	0.0	337.8	0.0	337.8
TOTAL EXPENSE		1,571.3	1,520.3	1,572.7	0	1,708.8	0.0	1,708.8

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S-13 Line Items by Business Unit Expenditures

(Dollars in Thousands)

					2025-26	2026-27	Request		Recommendation		
BusUnit	Line Item				Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion	Opbud
35400	P636-R	New Mexico Sentencing Commi	535200	Professional Services	1,044.28	150	0	0	0	0	0.0
			535309	Other Services - Interagency	0	28.4	0	0	0	0	0.0
			535310	Other Services - Higher Ed	120	1,032.2	1,331.1	0	0	0	0.0
			535400	Audit Services	37.67	26	39.9	0	0	0	0.0
			542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
			542800	State Transp Pool Charges	7.54	5.9	9.2	0	0	0	0.0
			545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.08	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
			546800	Employee Training & Education	0.15	0.2	0.1	0	0	0	0.0
			547200	Grants To Individuals	12.9	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
			547400	Grants To Local Governments	113.31	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
			547440	Grants To Other Entities	30	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
			547450	Grants to Other Agencies	154.34	329	328.5	0	0	0	0.0
Subtotal for:	35400	P636-R	New Mexico Sentencing Commi		1,520.27	1,572.7	1,708.8	0	0	0	0.0
35400					1,520.27	1,572.7	1,708.8	0	0	0	0.0

Totals by Line Item

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35400	535200	Professional Services	1,044.28	150	0	0	0	0	0.0
	535309	Other Services - Interagency	0	28.4	0	0	0	0	0.0
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	542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
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	545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.08	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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(Dollars in Thousands)

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Grand Total		1,520.27	1,572.7	1,708.8	0	0	0	0.0

Program Description:

The NMSC continues to publish the series of annual reports it has published for years, including the "New Mexico Prison Population Forecast", a report which is updated periodically throughout the year if conditions warrant; the "Profile of New Mexico's Prison Population", a survey of the demographics of the state prison population; and the "Analysis of the Impact of Earned Meritorious Deductions". The Commission also collects jail data from an annual survey of county jail administrators, which is validated and then provided to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of reimbursing counties pursuant to the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act. Beginning in 2025, the Commission has issued Select Crimes Issue Papers, deep dives into particular criminal justice issues that are regularly discussed during the Legislative Session. The topics covered are: drug trafficking, motor vehicle theft, racketeering, sex offenses against adults, sex offenses against children, shoplifting, violent juvenile offenses, and weapons offenses. The Select Crimes Issue Papers are updated annually. In addition, the NMSC works on a number of periodic research projects and evaluations.

Additionally, the Commission annually awards crime reduction grants to criminal justice entities in Judicial Districts across the state under the Crime Reduction Grant Act. The Commission also assists in organizing the Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils that were statutorily created under that Act in each Judicial District. In 2020, the NMSC created a series of webinars for members of the state's Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils and other interested members of the public on the process to apply for crime reduction grants, and on innovative criminal justice reforms that have been tried in other jurisdictions. In 2023, the NMSC inaugurated a regular convening of crime reduction grant recipients, members of CJCCs, and other interested parties to help promote awareness of innovations in other jurisdictions and to build excitement for the grants program. The three convenings held to date, which each gathered well over 80 participants, have been of great benefit to the participants and have expanded the knowledge and understanding of the Crime Reduction Grant Act.

The Commission also has a statutory duty to facilitate the sharing of criminal justice data across the state. To better fulfill that mandate, in the last year the Commission re-formed the Justice Information Sharing Council, a gathering of New Mexico criminal justice data partners, to improve the communication between state entities about the status of criminal justice data and criminal justice data-sharing efforts.

In recent years, the demands on the NMSC's resources have increased, largely due to the welcome expansion of funds available for crime reduction grants, and due to various new statutory obligations, including that the Commission work towards integrating criminal justice data systems across the state. Additionally, there have been an increasing number of research requests to the Commission from legislators and state agencies, requests that the Commission has trouble fulfilling due to its small staff.

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Major Issues and Accomplishments:

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P-1 Program Overview

Overview of Request:	The NMSC provides criminal justice research and data analysis for the state, and is the principal coordinating agency for the various criminal justice entities in the state. The NMSC has numerous statutory reporting and research responsibilities, including, as the statutes state, to "serve as a clearinghouse for the systematic collection, analysis and dissemination of information" (Section 9-3-10(D)(11) NMSA 1978). Additionally, the NMSC has a statutory mandate to drive data-sharing across criminal justice systems, and administers the Crime Reduction Grant Act and disburses crime reduction grants under that Act. The NMSC has a wide mission, the ultimate thrust of which is to provide the best information possible to decision-makers in the state concerning the criminal justice system. The NMSC provides data and reports to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government. The Commission works particularly closely with the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD), issuing a variety of annual reports on the state's inmate population; and with analysts and evaluators with the Legislative Finance Committee. The NMSC performs analysis on bills pertaining to the criminal justice system during Legislative Sessions, and the Commission's Legislative Committee creates and widely distributes a Bill Tracker documenting every piece of criminal justice-related legislation during each Legislative Session.
Programmatic Changes:	N/A
Base Budget Justification:	The Commission's FY28 expansion request is to make the NMSC whole after the absorption of salary increases for the past three fiscal years. Since its founding, NMSC staff have been housed at the University of New Mexico. Under this arrangement, staff are employees of UNM, not FTEs in the state system, or, importantly, directly reflected in the state budget. Consequently, when there is a raise given to state employees in the state budget, those raises do not automatically get incorporated into the NMSC's appropriation from the state, as is the case with other state agencies. The NMSC honors raises for state employees when they occur. This means that without an appropriation for staff and salary benefit increases, the raise becomes an overall budget cut to the NMSC in the amount of the raise. The shortfalls – the effective cuts – to the NMSC budget for the last three years were \$34,999 for FY25, \$33,250 for FY26, and \$21,605 for FY27, a total of \$89,854. This has had a significant impact on our small and lean budget For FY28, in addition to submitting an expansion request to make the Commission whole for cuts to our budget over the last three years, the Commission is requesting an additional amount in anticipation of a state pay raise for FY28. We speculated the raise to be 3%, which would amount to \$47,500. Thus the total expansion request to make the Commission whole for absorbing state pay raises for the last three fiscal years and an anticipated raise in FY28 is \$137,500.

REV EXP COMPARISON

(Dollars in Thousands)

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	General Fund	Other Funds	Other Transfers	Federal Funds	Total
SOURCES	1,651.8	0.0	57.0	0.0	1,708.8
Contractual services	1,314.0	0.0	57.0	0.0	1,371
Other	337.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	337.8
USES Total:	1,651.8	0.0	57.0	0.0	1,708.8
Net:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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E4 PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	FY 2028 Agency Request					Justification
			Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF	Total	
34700	542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	0.0	1.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
34700	542800	State Transp Pool Charges	7.5	5.9	0	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	Honda Accord Midsize sedan per rate sheet
34700	545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
34700	546800	Employee Training & Education	0.2	0.2	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	Defensive driving training
34700	547200	Grants To Individuals	12.9	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Recorded after pull
34700	547400	Grants To Local Governments	113.3	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Recorded after pull
34700	547440	Grants To Other Entities	30.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
34700	547450	Grants to Other Agencies	154.3	329.0	0	328.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	328.5	CRGA amount in base budget
	400	Other	318.3	336.1	0	337.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	337.8	
TOTAL EXPENSE			318.3	336.1		337.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	337.8	

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Contract by PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

				----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----							
Fund	Account		#	Contract Purpose	Actuals	GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF	Total	Justification
34700	535200	Professional Services	1000		1,044.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
34700	535310	Other Services - Higher Ed	1000	Intergovernmental agreement with UNM to act as fiscal agent for NMSC which is housed at UNM	120.0	1,331.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,331.1	NMSC staff are UNM employees, UNM acts as fiscal agent
34700	535400	Audit Services	1000	Annual financial and compliance audit	37.7	39.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.9	Per rate sheet
TOTAL EXPENSE					1,202.0	1,371.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,371.0	

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Specials Agency Report (3500)
Report Name

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Business Unit	Rank	Form ID	Language Requested for GAA	Request Type Name	GF Request	Total Request	FTE Request	Agency Contact	Phone
35400	1	85127	For a data integration project to facilitate criminal justice data in the state. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2029.	Special (FY 28)	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.00	Amanda Armstorng	505-331-7198
35400	2	85124	For grants awarded under the Crime Reduction Grant Act. The New Mexico sentencing commission may use up to three percent of the appropriation for administration and may use up to two percent of the appropriation to evaluate the effectiveness of grant recipient projects, including those awarded in prior years	Special (FY 28)	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.00	Amanda Armstrong	505-331-7198

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SPECIALS, SUPPLEMENTALS AND DEFICIENCIES DFA

(Prepare separate forms for each request)

BU: 35400
Agency: New Mexico Sentencing Commission
Program:
Analyst: Amanda Armstrong
Phone: 505-331-7198

Request Type: Special (FY 28)

Rank: 2

TOTAL SOURCES MUST EQUAL TOTAL USES

(Dollars in Thousands)

Sources		Uses	
Revenue Account	Amount	Uses Account	Amount
General Fund Transfers	1,000.0	Other	1,000.0
Total Sources	1,000.0	Total Uses	1,000.0
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)			
Type	Amount of FTE	Request is related to a recurring expense	No
	0.00	Request is related to a capital request	No
Total FTE	0.00	Request is related to proposed legislation	No

Language requested for inclusion in General Appropriations Act (Please Follow Legislative Bill Drafting Conventions - See Instructions)

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Justification Quantitative Data (Description)

The Sentencing Commission is requesting a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the crime reduction grants awarded by the Commission under the Crime Reduction Grant Act. The monies will be used for crime reduction grant awards, with small amounts set aside to administer the grants (3%, \$30,000) and to evaluate the grants (2%, \$20,000). The monies are required to ensure that the Commission can continue to make a wide variety of grant awards across the state. Thanks to prior special appropriations, the Commission has, over the years, been able to award a large number of grants in significant amounts – in FY23 there were 32 grants awarded for over \$2.2 million, in FY24 there were 36 grants awarded for over \$3.8 million, and in FY25 there were 19 grants awarded for over \$1.4 million. For FY26, however, due to the fact that there was no special appropriation to the Commission in the FY26 budget for crime reduction grants, the Commission was only able to award 19 grants for \$675,000 – this amount was cobbled together from monies not expended by grants over the prior two years and the small amount in the Commission's base budget for grants. The \$675,000 awarded for FY26 was against \$8.3 million in grant requests. As the Commission received no appropriation for crime reduction grants for FY27, the commission only had the monies available in its base budget for grants. Only 10 grants were awarded, for a total of \$310,640, against 25 applications totaling \$1,078,375. As prospective grantees knew that very limited funds were available, there was a commensurate dropoff in applications this past year. The Commission received many complaints and inquiries from prospective grantees asking why more money was not available for crime reduction grants. The Commission hopes that the Legislature will reflect the desire of prospective grantees from jurisdictions across the state to have more money available in FY28 for the crime reduction grants. If the Commission obtains its request for \$1,000,000, it will be able to award more grants to more entities in the state. The Commission can handle disbursing and managing this amount for grants without the need for additional staff.

Request: Provide a brief description of what the request does, how the dollars will be spent and explain why it is a nonrecurring need.

Request for special appropriation for monies for the Crime Reduction Grant program

Request: How the dollars will be spent.

The monies will be used for crime reduction grant awards, with small amounts set aside to administer the grants (3%, \$30,000) and to evaluate the grants (2%, \$20,000).

Request: Explain why request is nonrecurring need.

The New Mexico Sentencing Commission has a base budget amount of \$328,500 allocated for Crime Reduction grants. Recognizing that the legislature has varying funds and priorities NMSC chooses to ask for a special appropriation although the need is recurring.

Consequences: Provide a brief description of consequences of not funding a performance and accountability task.

NMSC will be able to award fewer grants with a more limited scope.

Performance: How will agency performance be affected.

The commission has a statutory obligation to dispense crime reduction grants under the Crime Reduction Grant Act

Performance: How will agency performance will be improved.

NMSC will be able to meet a wider variety, both geographically and in scope, of Crime Reduction Grants

Brief description of problem agency is addressing.

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State of New Mexico
SPECIALS, SUPPLEMENTALS AND DEFICIENCIES DFA

(Prepare separate forms for each request)

BU: 35400
Agency: New Mexico Sentencing Commission
Program:
Analyst: Amanda Armstorng
Phone: 505-331-7198

Request Type: Special (FY 28)

Rank: 1

TOTAL SOURCES MUST EQUAL TOTAL USES

(Dollars in Thousands)

Sources		Uses	
Revenue Account	Amount	Uses Account	Amount
General Fund Transfers	1,000.0	Contractual Services	1,000.0
Total Sources	1,000.0	Total Uses	1,000.0
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)			
Type	Amount of FTE	Request is related to a recurring expense	No
	0.00	Request is related to a capital request	No
Total FTE	0.00	Request is related to proposed legislation	No

Language requested for inclusion in General Appropriations Act (Please Follow Legislative Bill Drafting Conventions - See Instructions)

For a data integration project to facilitate criminal justice data in the state. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2029.

Justification Quantitative Data (Description)

The Sentencing Commission is requesting a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 over two fiscal years to continue its progress on integrating the state's criminal justice data. The Commission has a statutory mandate to facilitate criminal justice data integration in the state. The Commission has used a prior special appropriation for data integration to begin getting county detention centers onto the New Mexico dataXchange; to support the Department of Public Safety in the acquisition of electronic fingerprint machines for detention facilities and law enforcement offices across the state – the electronic collection of fingerprints is the first step in the criminal justice data integration process; and to begin the construction, in conjunction with New Mexico Tech's Institute for Complex Additive Systems Analysis (ICASA), a criminal justice data dashboard that shows crime trends across New Mexico. The Commission has also re-established the Justice Information Sharing Council, a gathering of New Mexico criminal justice data partners, to improve the communication between state entities about the status of criminal justice data and criminal justice data-sharing efforts. One request that the Legislature has had for many years is for more and better criminal justice data. The Commission is trying to address that need. The requested special appropriation would allow the Commission to build on the appropriation it received for data integration in the FY27 budget, and to expand upon all of this important work for the next two fiscal years.

Request: Provide a brief description of what the request does, how the dollars will be spent and explain why it is a nonrecurring need.

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Request: How the dollars will be spent.

The Sentencing Commission is requesting a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 over two fiscal years to continue its progress on integrating the state's criminal justice data.

Request: Explain why request is nonrecurring need.

The work to integrate data from the many entities involved in the criminal justice system is variable and is not appropriate for a base budget expansion.

Consequences: Provide a brief description of consequences of not funding a performance and accountability task.

NMSC will be unable to continue the progress made to date.

Performance: How will agency performance be affected.

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Performance: How will agency performance will be improved.

NMSC will be able to build on the progress made to date on the data integration

Brief description of problem agency is addressing.

The Commission has a statutory mandate to facilitate criminal justice data integration in the state. One request that the Legislature has had for many years is for more and better criminal justice data.

DFA Performance Based Budgeting Data System

Annual Performance Report

Agency: 35400 New Mexico Sentencing Commission

Program: [P636 New Mexico Sentencing Commission](#)

The purpose of the New Mexico sentencing commission program is to provide information, analysis, recommendations and assistance from a coordinated cross-agency perspective to the three branches of government and interested New Mexicans so they have the resources they need to make policy decisions that benefit the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Performance Measures:		2025-26 Target	2025-26 Result	Met Target	Year End Result Narrative
Explanatory	Number of crime reduction grants awarded	N/A	19	N/A	Explanatory
Explanatory	Total amount of funding awarded for crime reduction grants	N/A	\$675,000	N/A	Explanatory
Outcome	Percent of crime reduction grants that fully complete the scope of work outlined in the grant agreement	90%	100%	Yes	Goal met
Output	Number of commission and subcommittee meetings held	15	19	Yes	Goal exceeded
Output	Number of presentations to the legislature on proposed sentencing reforms	1	1	Yes	Goal met
Output	Number of presentations to the legislature on recommended criminal and juvenile justice system reforms the commission determines would improve those systems	2	2	Yes	Goal met
Output	Number of research projects completed	10	16	Yes	Goal exceeded
Output	Percent of criminal justice bills analyzed for a legislative session	100%	100%	Yes	Goal met
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated meetings of the sex offender management board held	100%	0%	No	The governor has not appointed members to the sec offender management board
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated research projects completed	100%	100%	Yes	Goal met

P636 New Mexico Sentencing Commission						
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Performance Measures:		2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Request	2027-28 Recomm
Output	Percent of criminal justice bills analyzed for a legislative session	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Output	Number of research projects completed	8	16	10	10	
Output	Number of presentations to the legislature on recommended criminal and juvenile justice system reforms the commission determines would improve those systems	6	2	2	2	
Output	Number of commission and subcommittee meetings held	15	19	15	15	
Output	Number of presentations to the legislature on proposed sentencing reforms	3	1	1	1	
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated meetings of the sex offender management board held	0%	0%	100%	0%	
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated research projects completed	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Outcome	Percent of crime reduction grants that fully complete the scope of work outlined in the grant agreement	95%	100%	90%	90%	
Explanatory	Number of crime reduction grants awarded	21	19	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Total amount of funding awarded for crime reduction grants	\$3,122,256	\$675,000	N/A	N/A	



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Agency 35400

Prepared for the FY 2028 Appropriation Request
Strategic Plan 2027-2028

Vision, Mission & Values of the NMSC

The overarching vision of the New Mexico Sentencing Commission is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all New Mexicans. Its specific mission is to provide impartial information, analysis, recommendations, and assistance from a coordinated cross-agency perspective, with an emphasis on maintaining public safety and making the best use of New Mexico's criminal and juvenile justice resources. The bulk of the Commission's mission is accomplished through the work of its subcommittees:

Subcommittee	Purpose
Grants Committee	To disburse and manage grants under the Crime Reduction Grant Act.
Justice Information Sharing Council	To coordinate data sharing across the criminal justice system.
Juvenile Committee	To discuss legislation pertaining to children in the state, particularly concerning the Delinquency Act.
Legislative Committee	To review all pieces of juvenile and criminal justice-related legislation introduced during Legislative Sessions.
Reform and Criminal Code Update Committee	To develop criminal justice reform ideas to present to the three branches of government; and to address the mandate in the FY21 and FY22 budget to rewrite the criminal code.

The values that the NMSC upholds as it approaches its work reflect the following:

- Collaboration
- Nonpartisan Decision-Making
- Inclusion
- Equal Justice Under the Law
- Continuous Improvement Culture

Goals, Objectives & Strategies

Goal 1 Advise the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of government on policy matters relating to criminal and juvenile justice.

Objective 1.1:

Bring new ideas forward to New Mexico policy makers by staying abreast of best practices in criminal and juvenile justice across the country.

Objective 1.2:

Draft legislation promoting changes to laws relating to the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Objective 1.3:

Inform Commission Members of national and local criminal and juvenile justice developments.

Related Strategies for Goal 1:

- Report regularly to the Legislature's interim Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee and any other pertinent committee of the Legislature. (Objective 1.1)
- Through the Commission's Reform and Criminal Code Update Committee, work collaboratively with Commission members and other community partners to review and, where needed, make substantive changes to the Criminal Code and related statutes. (1.2)
- Through the Commission's Juvenile Committee, consider revisions to the Delinquency Act and related statutes in the Children's Code. (1.2)
- Conduct periodic retreats of Commissioners and staff to promote the interchange of ideas and information-sharing within the Commission to create a stronger agency. (1.3)

Goal 2 Conduct analyses to support policy decisions that benefit the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Objective 2.1:

Conduct research related to criminal justice issues in the state, and report results of that research to the appropriate state entities.

Objective 2.2:

Analyze all proposed legislation concerning the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Objective 2.3:

Conduct impact estimates on proposed legislation that has the potential to affect the resources of the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Objective 2.4:

Provide data analysis as requested by criminal justice agencies, the Legislature and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

Related Strategies for Goal 2:

- Through the Commission's Legislative Committee, review all pieces of legislation related to criminal and juvenile justice that are introduced during each Legislative Session. (Objective 2.2)
- Provide fiscal impact statements, where needed, for criminal justice legislation introduced during each Legislative Session. (2.2)
- Conduct evaluation of programs for offenders. (2.4)

Goal 3 Serve as a clearinghouse for the systematic collection, analysis, and dissemination of criminal justice data.

Objective 3.1:

Create and maintain a data-sharing network to receive, store, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice data for and between participating criminal justice and behavioral health agencies.

Objective 3.2:

Use the data-sharing network to evaluate local and statewide criminal justice systems and programs, and to support and encourage information sharing among criminal justice agencies and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

Objective 3.3:

Maintain the list of collateral consequences as required by the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act.

Related Strategies for Goal 3:

- Work on solutions to promote data sharing across criminal justice agencies in the state. (Objective 3.1)
- Through the Commission's Justice Information Sharing Council, manage the data sharing and data integration processes. (3.2)

Goal 4 Manage Crime Reduction Grant Act.

Objective 4.1:

Oversee awarding of grants under the Crime Reduction Grant Act.

Objective 4.2:

Monitor the effectiveness and utility of programs awarded grants under the Crime Reduction Grant Act.

Related Strategies for Goal 4:

- Promote Crime Reduction grants to Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (CJCCs). (Objective 4.1)
- Through the Commission's Grants Committee, award crime reduction grants to local criminal justice entities and monitor grant performance. (4.1)
- Provide fiscal oversight to Crime Reduction Grant recipients. (4.2)
- Consult with CJCCs and local criminal justice entities concerning Crime Reduction Grants. (4.2)

FY28 Performance Measures

Below is the most current report on progress towards Performance Measures. The NMSC will continue to report on its success in achieving these measures in future strategic plans.

		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed
Provide Recommendations						
Output	Number of presentations to the Legislature on proposed sentencing reforms	4	3	1	1	1
Output	Number of commission and subcommittee meetings held	36	15	19	15	15
Output	Number of presentations to the Legislature on recommended criminal and juvenile justice system reforms the Commission determines would improve those systems	7	6	2	2	2
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated meetings of the Sex Offender Management Board held	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
Conduct Research and Analyses						
Output	Number of research projects completed	9	8	16	10	10
Output	Percent of statutorily mandated research projects completed	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Output	Percent of criminal justice bills analyzed for a legislative session	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Manage Crime Reduction Grants						
Explanatory	Percent of awarded crime reduction grant funding reverted	0%	0%	3.1%	N/A	N/A
Explanatory	Number of crime reduction grants awarded	36	21	19	N/A	N/A
Explanatory	Total amount of funding awarded for crime reduction grants	\$3,855,738	\$3,122,256	\$675,000	N/A	N/A
Outcome	Percent of crime reduction grantees that fully complete the scope of work outlined in the grant agreement	94%	95%	100%	90%	90%

Appendix A

List of Commission Members

Bob Cleavall, Chair

Martin Suazo, Vice Chair

Cindy Aragon, appointed by the State Bar

Bennett Baur, Chief Public Defender

Jason Bowie, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety

Hon. Daniel A. Bryant, appointed by the District and Metropolitan Court Judges' Association

Ambrosio Castellano, appointed by the Speaker of the House

Hon. John Chavez, appointed by the New Mexico Supreme Court

Mark Donatelli, appointed by the Speaker of the House

Claire Harwell, appointed by the Governor

Brady Horn, Ph.D., appointed by the New Mexico Supreme Court

Scot Key, appointed by the Senate Minority Floor Leader

April Land, for the Dean of UNM School of Law

Krista Lawrence, appointed by the Governor

Ramona J. Martinez, appointed by the Senate President Pro Tem

Anita Mesa, designee of Behavioral Health Services Division

Angela "Spence" Pacheco, appointed by the Speaker of the House

Sheriff Americk Padilla, appointed by New Mexico Counties

Mariana Padilla, Secretary of Public Education

Hon. R. David Pederson, appointed by the District and Metropolitan Court Judges' Association

Karl Reifsteck, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, appointed by the New Mexico Supreme Court

Valerie Sandoval, Acting Secretary of the Children, Youth, and Families Department

Alisha Tafoya Lucero, Secretary of Corrections

Raul Torrez, Attorney General

Clint Wellborn, appointed by the New Mexico District Attorneys' Association

Sydney West, appointed by the Senate President Pro Tem

Douglas Carver, New Mexico Sentencing Commission Executive Director

Keri Thiel, New Mexico Sentencing Commission Deputy Director