



Grant County

Top Topics 2017

During December 2016, Grant County Prospectors invited county entities along with our local legislators to a Communication Forum. The following are the top topics for Grant County:

- 1** Improving Governmental Agency Processes for Funding and Implementation of Projects
 - 2** Local Government – Hold Harmless and Fund Capital Outlay Needs
 - 3** Critical Water Projects – Fund and Support
 - 4** Education – Maintain Funding, Support Infrastructure and Programs
 - 5** Community Health – Fund and Support
 - 6** Economic Development and Rural Investment – Fund Local/State Programs
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1 Improving Governmental Agency Processes for Funding and Implementation of Projects

- We would like to see consistent processes established for awarded funding such as capital outlay and CDBG that would provide a more efficient and effective approach to the implementation of projects

Delays in processing, slow down the projects and increase costs affecting the scope of work that could lead to insufficient funds for completion of a functional project

2 Local Government – Hold Harmless and Fund Capital Outlay Needs

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- **Grant County Detention Center** to plan, design, construct, repair, replace, furnish and equip for upgrades – \$65,000
- **Patrol Vehicle for Grant County Sheriff Department** to purchase and equip – \$120,000
- **Renovate Grant County Administration Building** to plan, design, construct improvement to include ADA accessibility – \$143,000

Hold Harmless

- If the Hold Harmless (HH) reimbursement is repealed, the Town of Silver City would lose \$1.66 million on an annual basis or 18.8% of its total revenue.

Currently, the State has authorized municipalities 3/8ths Hold Harmless Gross Receipt Tax (GRT) to replace the loss of the HH reimbursement. This HH GRT will generate approximately \$959,480 on an annual basis, resulting in \$699,330 annual loss in revenue or 7.80% annual loss in revenue.

Town of Silver City

- **Sidewalk Improvements** to plan, design, construct, and repair – \$125,000

City of Bayard

- **Recreational Facility Area Improvements including landscaping** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$100,000

Village of Santa Clara

- **Bayard Street Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$200,000
- **Police Dept Improvements** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$50,000
- **Municipal Cemetery Improvements** to plan, design, construct and equip – \$60,000

Council of Governments

- Sustain funding for the state planning districts to be able to continue to provide technical assistance to rural communities

3 Critical Water Projects – Fund and Support

City of Bayard

- **New Supplemental Water Well and Infrastructure Improvements** to plan design, drill, equip and construct – \$620,000

Town of Hurley

- **Water System Improvements** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$200,000

Heredia Community Ditch Association

- **Improvements to Acequia** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$401,487

Casas Adobes Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA)

- **Water System Improvements** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish – \$100,000

4 Education — Support Infrastructure, Programs and Safety

Western New Mexico University (WNMU) Capital Requests —\$8.4 Million

- Harlan Hall Science Building Renovation
— \$6,000,000
- Critical Campus Roof Replacements
— \$1,045,000
- Campus Infrastructure — \$1,398,000
- Funding is also requested for Athletics
(increase base by \$296,200), the Student
Success Center (\$400,000) and a Veterans
Center (\$250,000) through the Research &
Public Services Projects (RPSP) process.

WNMU Operational Requests

- Maintain current funding
- Compensation increase for Faculty and Staff
- Special funding for programs

WNMU Early Childhood Programs

- Request to sustain funding to better
provide training for early childhood
professionals —\$275,000

Associated Students of WNMU

- Virtualized Applications to purchase and
install — \$255,000

Cobre Consolidated Schools

- Support PED funding request
- Technology Improvement plan, design,
construct, furnish and equip
— \$125,000
- Cobre Activity Bus purchase and equip
— \$185,000

Silver Consolidated Schools

- Support PED funding request
- Maintain Funding from Senate Bill 159 to
upgrade broadband connection
- Growing Tree Daycare Improvements to
plan, design, construct, equip and furnish
— \$350,000

5 Community Health — Fund and Support

Grant County Community Health Council

- Sustain funding for rural Health Councils;
GCCHC is celebrating 25 years of service

HMS (Hidalgo Medical Services)

- Support rural health care funding
- Create a more timely and efficient NM
health care credentialing process

Southwest Center for Health Innovation (CHI)

- Re-fund efforts to address the shortage
of Rural Primary Care Physicians.
CHI's initiative includes FORWARD NM,
a healthcare workforce development
program working with regional students,
and Rural Clinical Internships and
Rotations Program
- Policy language change to include
“workforce development” in the Rural
Primary Health Care Act to help alleviate
rural NM health provider shortages

Gila Regional Medical Center

- 3-D Mammogram Tomosynthesis to
purchase, equip and furnish — \$171,000

Life Quest

- Maintain funding for rural Early Inter-
vention/Family Infant Toddler Program
(birth to 3), the Developmental Disabili-
ties Waiver Program; Mi Via Program and
the State General Fund Developmental
Disabilities Program (for adults 18 years
and older)

SWNM Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Coalition

- Inmate Support Program funding
— \$122,907

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6 Economic Development and Rural Investment — Fund Local/State Programs

Fort Bayard / Santa Clara Joint Resolution

- Support the Joint Resolution to transfer Fort Bayard to the Village of Santa Clara for long-term economic development opportunities

Fort Bayard Historic Preservation

- **New Deal Theater Improvements** to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$100,000

Community Partnership for Children

- **Shared Service Child Care Pilot Project (LINKS)** to provide a pathway to develop an integrated system to create sustainability, higher quality and improved child outcomes — \$100,000

Tour of the Gila

- Funds to support the **31st Annual Tour of the Gila** — bringing the international cycling world to New Mexico

Imagination Library

- Support initiative to expand this program statewide

Fund and Maintain State Programs for MainStreet, the Arts, and Arts & Cultural District

- Silver City MainStreet
- Mimbres Region Arts Council
- Silver City Arts & Cultural District

Craft Spirit and Charity Gaming Bills

- Create a statutory change to allow a low entry cost tavern license that would permit owners to serve only products manufactured or bottled in New Mexico under New Mexico's craft distillery laws
- Support legislation for Charity Gaming in New Mexico



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The Prospectors are a group of business leaders whose purpose is to educate policy makers and community members about the economic, community development, and legislative needs in Grant County.

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