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Luján Announces \$62 Million for 74 New Mexico Projects in First Appropriations Package

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.) announced that he secured \$62,796,064 for 74 projects across New Mexico in the minibus package covering six subcommittees. The projects Senator Luján secured funding for include investments in public safety, agriculture, behavioral health services, affordable housing, military installations, and acequia and water infrastructure upgrades.

“Today, I’m proud to announce Congressionally Directed Spending will soon be heading to New Mexico as part of the first package of appropriations bills. Each of these projects represent a critical need where federal funding can make a difference for New Mexicans in every corner of the state, including our rural and Tribal communities,” **said Senator Luján.** “This initial appropriations package includes much-needed investments to boost the agriculture industry, support public safety efforts, improve health care, maintain our acequias and water infrastructure, and so much more.”

“I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this legislation and avoid a government shutdown,” **continued Senator Luján.** “I am hopeful that Congress can pass additional appropriations to meet the next funding deadline and avoid the chaos that would follow another shutdown threat.”

Senator Luján championed the following provisions:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:

8 projects, \$4,162,500 total funds

Secured by Luján:

- \$750,000 for the Village of Reserve for the **Village Hall, Library & Community Center Renovation Project.**

Secured by Luján and U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.):

- \$150,000 for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for **Veterinary Diagnostic Services Equipment.**
- \$200,000 for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for **AgPrep Agriculture Disaster Preparedness and Response.**
- \$100,000 for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for **Invasive Toxic Plant Detection and Eradication.**

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and U.S. Representative Stansbury (D-N.M.):

- \$1,000,000 for the Mescalero Apache Tribe for the **Mescalero Apache Head Start Center.**

Secured by Luján and U.S. Representative Gabe Vasquez (D-N.M.)

- \$500,000 for Luna County for the **Luna Mobile Command Unit.**
- \$900,000 for the Pueblo of Isleta for the **Fire Protection Vehicle Acquisition Project.**

Secured by Luján and U.S. Representative Teresa Leger Fernández (D-N.M.):

- \$562,000 for the **El Valle Community Center.**

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies:

13 projects, \$7,295,000 total funds

Secured by Luján:

- \$800,000 for the Edgewood Police Department for the **Emergency Vehicle Fund.**
- \$10,000 for the Metro Police Athletic League for **Recreational, Educational, and Cultural Activities for At-Risk Youth.**
- \$200,000 for Sandoval County for a **Behavioral Health Planning Grant.**
- \$339,000 for Santa Fe County for the **Law Enforcement Assisted Division Program.**
- \$40,000 for Española/Rio Arriba E-911 Center for **911 Center and Training.**
- \$200,000 for Highlands University Police Department for **Police and Security Equipment.**
- \$90,000 for San Juan County for a **Virtual Reality Use of Force Simulator.**

Secured by Luján and Heinrich:

- \$1,550,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the **Alternative Pursuit Options Project.**
- \$840,000 for the University of New Mexico for the **Artemis in 3D-A STEAM Challenge and Training Program.**

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Stansbury:

- \$500,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the **Santa Fe Forensic Laboratory DNA Analysis Project.**

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Vasquez:

- \$800,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the **Communication Improvement Project.**

Secured by Luján and Representative Leger Fernández:

- \$963,000 for the Chaves County for the **CASA Program Trauma Intervention Project.**
- \$963,000 for the San Juan County Sheriff's **Mobile Command Unit.**

Energy and Water:

2 projects, \$2,220,000 total funds

Secured by Luján and Heinrich:

- \$1,720,000 for **Acequias**.
- \$500,000 for Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc for the **Questa Green Hydrogen Project**.

Interior and Environment:

14 projects, \$10,124,256 total funds

Secured by Luján:

- \$120,000 for the City of Portales for **Drainage Improvements**.
- \$1,000,000 for the Village of Ruidoso for **Pinecliff Water and Sewer Project**.
- \$300,000 for the City of Santa Rosa for **Water and Wastewater Improvements**.
- \$325,000 for the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority for **South Valley Regional Water System Improvements Project**.
- \$700,000 for the Puerto de Luna Mutual Domestic Water Community/Co-op Association for **Agua Negra Water Infrastructure**.
- \$300,000 for the Santa Clara Pueblo for **Reforestation & Kha'po Watershed Revitalization**.
- \$900,000 for the Pueblo of Taos for **Backup Well and Pumphouse**.
- \$600,000 for Taos County for the **Taos County Historic Courthouse**.

Secured by Luján and Heinrich:

- \$1,200,000 for the New Mexico State University for **New Mexico Reforestation Center Planting Program**.
- \$1,200,000 for the New Mexico State Forestry Division for **Chama Watershed Wildfire Mitigation Project**.
- \$600,000 for the Village of Chama for **Water and Sewer Infrastructure**.

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Vasquez:

- \$959,752 for the City of Carlsbad for **Double Eagle Waterline Replacement Project**.

Secured by Luján and Representative Vasquez:

- \$959,752 for the City of Bayard for **Wastewater Systems Improvement Project**.

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Leger Fernández:

- \$959,752 for the Pueblo of Tesuque for **Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**.

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs:

4 projects, \$12,960,000 total funds

Secured by Luján and Heinrich:

- \$4,300,000 for the De Bremond Training Site **Soldier Performance, ACFT Support Building: Unspecified Minor Construction**.
- \$3,600,000, for the White Sands Missile Range **El Paso Gate Access Control Point: Unspecified Minor Construction**.
- \$2,000,000 for Cannon Air Force Base **Satellite Fire Station: Planning and Design**.
- \$3,060,000 for White Sands Missile Range **J-DETC Directed Energy Facility: Planning and Design**.

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development:

33 projects, \$26,034,308 total funds

Secured by Luján:

- \$240,000 for the **Raton—East Tenth Street Bridge Project**.
- \$1,116,000 for the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for the **Early Childhood Development Center**.
- \$1,000,000 for the Battered Families Services for the **Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter**.
- \$200,000 for Future Forge Inc. for the **Grant County Transitional Trade Center**.
- \$1,000,000 for the Jardin de los Niños for the **Hatch Expansion Project**.
- \$233,000 for the El Caldito Soup Kitchen for **Kitchen Equipment Upgrades**.
- \$1,000,000 for Homewise, Inc. for **Los Prados Park**.
- \$1,000,000 for the County of Catron for the **Luna Community Center**.
- \$200,000 for Supporting People In Need for the **Luna County SPIN Complex Remodel**.
- \$100,000 for the Economic Council Helping Others, Inc. for **Mitigating Homelessness in San Juan County**.
- \$1,000,000 for Associated Universities, Inc. for the **Next Generation Learning Center at the Very Large Array**.
- \$1,000,000 for the Pojoaque Valley School District for the **Pojoaque Valley Teacher Housing**.
- \$260,000 for the Tatum Municipal Schools for a **Roof for Tatum High School VoTech Building**.
- \$750,000 for the Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools for **Rural Teacher Housing**.
- \$1,000,000 for the New Mexico Veterans Integration Center for the **Veterans Housing Expansion Project**.
- \$620,000 for the Village of Mosquero for the **Village of Mosquero Housing Project**.
- \$1,000,000 for the El Camino Real Housing Authority for **Vista De Socorro Affordable Housing**.
- \$1,000,000 for the Village of Ruidoso **Workforce Housing Development Project**.
- \$926,000 for the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps New Mexico **Workforce Training Facility**.

Secured by Luján and Heinrich:

- \$1,600,000 for **Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Planning**.
- \$283,000 for the Family YMCA for the **Enhancing Prevention Services at Española YMCA Teen Center Space**.
- \$2,000,000 for the Santo Domingo Pueblo for the **Village Housing Project**.
- \$338,000 for the Town of Silver City for the **Vistas De Plata Affordable Housing Project**.

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Vasquez:

- \$500,000 for the **I-10 Improvement Project**.

Secured by Luján, Heinrich, and Representative Leger Fernández:

- \$850,000 for McKinley County for **New Mexico Red Rock Park Improvements**.

Secured by Luján and Representative Vasquez:

- \$1,000,000 for the City of Las Cruces for the **Lift Up Las Cruces Project**.

Secured by Luján and Representative Leger Fernández:

- \$1,666,279 for the Village of Questa for a **Convention Facility**.
- \$335,750 for the Los Alamos Family YMCA for **YMCA Rehabilitation**.
- \$500,000 for the Santa Fe County Housing Authority for **Public Housing Units Electrical System Upgrades**.

Secured by Luján and Representative Stansbury:

- \$1,466,279 for the City of Rio Rancho for **Sara Road**.
- \$850,000 for Sandoval County for the **El Zocalo-Sena Building Renovation Project**.
- \$500,000 for the Region 9 Education Cooperative for the **Early Childhood Education Center**.
- \$500,000 for Youth Development, Inc. For the **Ensuring & Empowering Homeless Youth: Independence, Life Skills & Workforce Development Project**.

For a full list of projects funded in this package, please visit the Senate Appropriations Committee website [here](#).

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