
Meeting Date: March 18, 2026
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TITLE: R-26-9 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Apply for the Match Funds from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Requests to the 118th Congress of the United States

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (NM DFA) Infrastructure Planning and Development Division for match funding for each of the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grants. These grants are an opportunity for non-profit entities, public institutions, tribal governments, and state and local governments to receive financial support for projects that demonstrate significant community support and meet all legal and regulatory requirements.

Recap of the projects and their respective delegates:

- **Senator Martin Heinrich:** Carnuel Water and Wastewater System Infrastructure
- **Senator Ben Ray Lujan:** Sediment Study and Potential Priority Removal in the Rio Chama Watershed
- **Representative Melanie Stansbury:** Bosque Plant and Classroom/Education Project
- **Representative Gabe Vasquez:** South Valley Water and Wastewater Project

This resolution provides the Executive Director with the authority to enter into an agreement with the New Mexico DFA Infrastructure Planning & Development Division related to this funding and all established deadlines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority will be applying for the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grants which have a 25-30% match. The fiscal impact will be determined once the projects are selected and awarded. The process of each grant becoming a separate piece of legislation to be voted upon ensures thorough consideration and accountability.

1 Direct Spending funding and to take any other action necessary to carry out the
2 directives of this resolution.

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