
Meeting Date: March 18, 2026
Staff Contact: Luz Carreon, Fiscal & Grant Administrator

TITLE: R-26-8 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Requests to the 118th Congress of the United States

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) is making strategic moves to secure funding for crucial infrastructure projects through 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

These initiatives align with the Water Authority's priorities at both the state and federal levels.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-26-8

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT**
4 **REQUESTS TO THE 118TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES**

5 WHEREAS, the 118th Congress of the United States established Congressionally
6 Directed Spending (CDS) Requests to support the development and operation of public
7 infrastructure and community-based services. These grants are designed to help state
8 and local governments, as well as public special authorities and nonprofit organizations
9 fund important projects that benefit the community; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico delegation has invited state and local governments,
11 public special authorities, and nonprofit organizations in New Mexico to submit requests
12 for CDS Grants; and

13 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water
14 Authority) is responding to this call by submitting applications for five key projects, aiming
15 to improve water management and infrastructure in its service area. This proactive
16 approach aligns with state and federal priorities and demonstrates commitment to
17 community development; and

18 WHEREAS, the projects include: Carnuel Water and Wastewater System
19 Infrastructure, Sediment Study and Potential Priority Removal in the Rio Chama
20 Watershed, Bosque Plant and Classroom/Education Project, and the South Valley Water
21 and Wastewater Project.

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

23 Section 1. That CDS Grant Requests will be submitted for the Carnuel Water
24 and Wastewater System Infrastructure, Sediment Study and Potential Priority Removal
25 in the Rio Chama Watershed, Bosque Plant and Classroom/Education Project, and the
26 South Valley Water and Wastewater projects.

1 Section 2. That the Executive Director will collaborate with the 118th Congress
2 New Mexico Delegation to meet established deadlines for entering into cooperative
3 agreements for any authorized CDS Grants.

4 Section 3. That the Executive Director is authorized to execute CDS Grants
5 cooperative agreements on behalf of the Water Authority.

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