

# Legislative update for the 2022 State Legislative Session

Office of Government and Community Relations

*Presentation to UNM Executive Cabinet*

Jan. 31, 2022



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## What's New This Year for 2022?

- “Short” session is Jan. 18 to Feb. 17
- Omicron COVID-19 surge
- Public access is being treated differently by House vs. Senate
- No performances, Rotunda events, other types of gatherings are discouraged at the Roundhouse
- Revised processes and timelines for Junior Bill and Capital Outlay requests
- [UNM Gov Rel](#) Page will be populated regularly with updates and analyses



The Roundhouse

State Legislature's Website:  
<https://www.nmlegis.gov/>

In developing our annual state legislative agenda, **Office of Government and Community Relations (OGCR)** coordinates regularly with the following units under the guidance of the President:



- Main, HSC, and Branches (via Provost)
- Finance & Administration
- OVPR and OVCR
- Faculty Senate
- Staff Council
- Alumni
- ASUNM
- GPSA
- Retirees
- Dozens of other units on a more sporadic but no less urgent basis

# FY23 New Mexico Higher Education Coalition Unified Priorities

- **I&G Funding:** Provide a 10% increase in I&G funding and address the funding formula, certificates and inflation.
- **Compensation:** Increase comp with flexibility; fund ERB contribution increases.
- **Student Enrollment & Success:** Provide \$10 million funding for Wraparound Student Services, plus support for HED to complete the Trifecta initiative.
- **Enrollment Growth:** \$250,000 to market programs that support key industries.
- **Dual Credit:** Provide \$15 million to support colleges' cost of instruction.
- **Higher Education's Role in Creating an Innovation Economy:** \$40M to support the Research Closing Fund & \$10M for the Higher Ed Endowment Fund.
- **Infrastructure Renewal & Replacement:** \$50 million for deferred maintenance and \$25M for critical IT infrastructure, plus support for updated facilities index.
- **Financial Aid:** Funding for the Lottery & Opportunity scholarships and ensuring eligibility for hardship exemptions, adult returners and boomerang students.
- **Higher Ed Centers of Excellence:** Provide funding for existing centers of excellence and align new centers of excellence with key industries.
- **Workforce Training Programs:** \$15M to re-establish the Nursing Program Development Fund and \$5M for advanced workforce skill programs at 4-year institutions and the High Skills Training Program at 2-year colleges.

# Office of Government and Community Relations: UNM FY23 Annual Priorities Brochure (2-sided)

- Development of annual priorities begins as bills are passed or vetoed in previous session
- Some priorities are perennial and others are dynamic and responsive
- Must remain nimble and adaptive to emergent opportunities and threats

<https://go.vrel.unm.edu/state-legislative-sessions/2022/2022-legislative-priorities3.pdf>



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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY REQUESTS FY23

**Legislative Priorities**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS:**

- College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology \$65,000,000
- Children's Psychiatric Center \$40,000,000

**INSTRUCTION & GENERAL FUNDING:**

- Provide for 10% funding increase to restore FY21 cuts (except \$3,584)
- Also provide base adjustment for nationwide inflation now affecting group and liability insurance and also utility costs

**WORKFORCE PIPELINE:**

- Support expansion of high-impact programs in PreK-12 teacher education, nursing and other health professions

**COMPENSATION:**

- Support additional compensation increase of at least 7% for recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff to protect and enhance state competitiveness within the current U.S. inflationary environment

**LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP:**


- Support student's efforts to bring more stability to the Lottery Scholarship Fund

**25,000+**  
Fall 2021 enrollment across all campuses

**6,000+**  
Degrees & certificates awarded in academic year '20-'21

**\$110,000,000+**  
In scholarships & grants awarded in academic year '20-'21

**250+**  
Degree & certificate programs available including  
95+ baccalaureate programs  
85+ master's programs  
40+ doctoral programs  
5 professional practice doctoral programs



**Priority Capital Outlay Projects**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUESTS**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology | \$65,000,000 |
| Child Psychiatric Center  | \$40,000,000 |
| Gurley Hall Student Experience Project                          | \$6,000,000  |
| Open Space Design and Upgrade                                   | \$2,150,000  |
| Fred Penata Hall - Career Tech Renovation and Addition          | \$3,900,000  |
| Learning Resource Center Re-roof and Solar Panel                | \$900,000    |

**Priority Capital Outlay Projects Cont'd**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>SEVERANCE TAX BOND REQUESTS</b>   |             |
| Main Campus Lab Safety Improvements  | \$4,500,000 |
| Main Campus Technology Infrastructure Upgrades                             | \$3,695,000 |
| HSC Interprofessional Healthcare Simulation Center (HSC) Expansion Project | \$4,000,000 |
| HSC Shared Research Equipment for HSC Research Centers                     | \$990,000   |
| UNM-Los Alamos Campus-wide Infrastructure Renovations                      | \$1,358,000 |

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New Mexico's only Level 1 Trauma Center

**NEW MEXICO'S ONLY**  
**ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER**

**900,000**  
Patient visits a year to UNM hospitals and clinics

*"As New Mexico's flagship university and the state's only Research 1 institution, The University of New Mexico is proud to serve and promote the well-being of our citizens. We serve our communities through transformative, cutting-edge research, academic excellence, and a world-class academic health center that stands on the frontlines of defense in response to a wide spectrum of crises. Together, we're leading the state in its coordinated COVID-19 response, serving the underserved, and providing a great education that unlocks boundless possibilities for our students, and all New Mexicans."*

*-Garrett S. Stokes  
President, The University of New Mexico*

**Research & Public Service Projects**

**NEW PROGRAM REQUESTS**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Increase Health Personnel for Underserved Communities      | \$163,400 |
| Communities to Careers for Health Professionals            | \$300,000 |
| Hungry for Success   | \$184,900 |
| Institute for American Indian Education                    | \$251,553 |
| Reclaiming Languages                                       | \$77,354  |
| Preparing High Quality Teachers During COVID-19 and Beyond | \$271,353 |

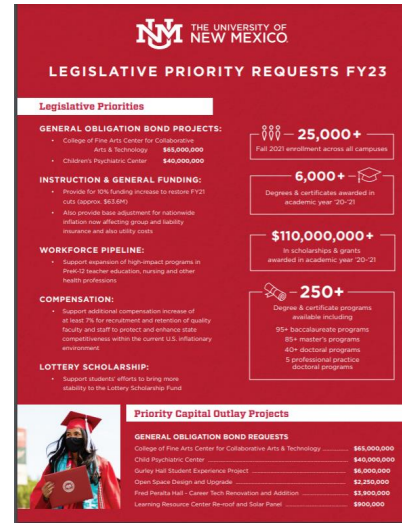
**EXPANSION PROGRAM REQUESTS**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| African American Student Success                             | \$65,000    |
| Athletics  | \$2,000,000 |
| Center for Native American Health                            | \$73,000    |
| Chicana & Chicano Studies                                    | \$350,000   |
| Comprehensive Movement Disorders Center                      | \$485,531   |
| Educational Television                                       | \$100,000   |
| El Centro de la Raza   | \$398,200   |
| Graduate Medical Education                                   | \$294,500   |
| Building Outstanding STEAM-H Students                        | \$83,200    |
| Native American Studies                                      | \$67,600    |
| NM Poison & Drug Information Center                          | \$305,300   |
| NM Office of the Medical Investigator                        | \$1,023,000 |
| NM Office of the Medical Investigator Grief Services Program | \$64,500    |
| Project ECHO   | \$4,000,000 |

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# Office of Government and Community Relations: Annual Priorities Brochure (cont.)

- UNM is engaged in dozens of additional emergent opportunities and threats
- We keep those in perspective in relation to identified priorities
- Carefully coordinated prioritization is an important aspect of our “One Campus” philosophy



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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY REQUESTS FY23

**Legislative Priorities**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS:**

- College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology \$48,000,000
- Children's Psychiatric Center \$40,000,000

**INSTRUCTION & GENERAL FUNDING:**

- Provide for 10% funding increase to restore FY21 cuts (approx. \$83.8M)
- Also provide base adjustment for nationwide inflation low affecting group and liability insurance and also utility costs

**WORKFORCE PIPELINE:**

- Support expansion of high-impact programs in PreK-12 teacher education, nursing and other health professions

**COMPENSATION:**

- Support additional compensation increase of at least 7% for recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff to protect and enhance state competitiveness within the current U.S. inflationary environment

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**Priority Capital Outlay Projects**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUESTS**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology | \$65,000,000 |
| CHSD Psychiatric Center   | \$40,000,000 |
| Safety Hall Student Experience Project                          | \$5,000,000  |
| Clear Choice Center and Upgrade                                 | \$2,250,000  |
| Fixed Perilla Hall - Center Tech Renovation and Addition        | \$1,900,000  |
| Learning Resource Center Re-roof and Solar Panel                | \$900,000    |



**Priority Capital Outlay Projects Cont'd**

**SEVERANCE TAX BOND REQUESTS**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Main Campus Lab Safety Improvements  | \$4,900,000 |
| Main Campus Technology Infrastructure Upgrade                              | \$3,695,000 |
| HSC Interdisciplinary Healthcare Simulation Center (HSD) Expansion Project | \$4,000,000 |
| HSC Shared Research Equipment for HSC Research Centers                     | \$90,000    |
| UNM-Los Alamos Campus-wide Infrastructure Renovations                      | \$139,000   |

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**Research & Public Service Projects**

**NEW PROGRAM REQUESTS**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Increase Health Partners for Underserved Communities       | \$163,400 |
| Communities to Centers for Health Professionals            | \$300,000 |
| Hungry for Success   | \$184,000 |
| Institute for American Indian Education                    | \$29,193  |
| Reclaiming Languages                                       | \$27,134  |
| Preparing High Quality Teachers During COVID-19 and Beyond | \$271,333 |

**EXPANSION PROGRAM REQUESTS**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Allison American Student Success                              | \$65,000    |
| Athletics   | \$2,000,000 |
| Center for Native American Health                             | \$73,000    |
| Charles & Christine Butler                                    | \$300,000   |
| Comprehensive Movement Disorders Center                       | \$485,531   |
| Educational Television  | \$100,000   |
| El Centro de la Raza  | \$394,200   |
| Graduate Medical Education                                    | \$281,500   |
| Building Outstanding STEAM Students                           | \$83,200    |
| Native American Studies                                       | \$67,600    |
| NH Research & Drug Information Center                         | \$200,200   |
| NH Office of the Medical Investigator                         | \$173,000   |
| NM Office of the Medical Investigator - Gulf Services Program | \$64,500    |
| Project ECHO  | \$4,000,000 |

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President, The University of New Mexico

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## GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUESTS

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology ..... | <b>\$65,000,000</b> |
| Children's Psychiatric Center .....                                   | <b>\$40,000,000</b> |

- For this GO Bond cycle, we are prioritizing College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology and the Children's Psychiatric Center as our biggest-ticket items and top-level institutional priority



## INSTRUCTION & GENERAL FUNDING:

- Provide for 10% funding increase to restore FY21 cuts
  - Also provide base adjustment for nationwide inflation now affecting group and liability insurance and additional utility costs
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- I & G Funding is still in need of repair from FY21 cuts
  - UNM is joining other CUP institutions in also seeking a base adjustment to offset rampant inflation

## COMPENSATION:

- Support additional compensation increase of at least 7% for recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff to protect and enhance state competitiveness within the current U.S. inflationary environment
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- UNM needs additional state funding to further incentivize quality faculty and staff recruitment and boost retention
  - Salaries are a key motivator of employment trends
  - Additionally, inflation is now seriously eroding real-dollar value compensation packages

## LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP:

- Support students' efforts to bring more stability to the Lottery Scholarship Fund
- \$100 million in Lottery Scholarship funding was vetoed by the Governor in the 2021 (FY22) state session
- This was part of a larger (legislative vs. executive) fight over the control of federal ARPA dollars; State Supreme Court recently affirmed Legislature control
- Governor is currently working through the legislature (Sen. Stefanics and Rep. Garratt) to sponsor a combined scholarships package as part of SB 140 (Opportunity Scholarship Act)

## WORKFORCE PIPELINE:

- Support expansion of high-impact programs in PreK-12 teacher education, nursing and other health professions
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- Teacher preparation has been a growing focus of UNM for years
  - Nursing program expansions are finally gathering more attention at the legislature and nationally as well, with COVID exposing serious weaknesses in many facets of the health care workforce

## *FY23 RPSP Requests*

- Institute for American Indian Education - \$251,553
- Preparing High Quality Teachers - \$271,353



## *FY23 Special Appropriation Request*

- UNM Recruiting Retaining Assisting Professional (R2APT) Teachers Project - \$1,676,293

## *FY23 Colleges of Education Deans & Directors Request*

- Statewide R<sup>2</sup>APT for Teacher Pipeline: Stop the Leaks, Expand the Pipeline, and Enhance Pathways for Teacher Growth - \$20,000,000

## *FY23 RPSP Requests*

- **RPSP Expansion Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner - \$2.1 million**



## *FY23 Special Appropriation Request*

- **Finish the shelled third floor of the College of Nursing/College of Pop Health Building - \$5,200,000**

## *Program Development and Nonrecurring Funds*

- **2021 Second Special Session HED's Program Enhancement Fund - \$15,000,000**
- **Proposal for faculty chair positions - \$35,000,000**

- **School of Public Health (SB 119)**
  - Sponsored by Senators Munoz, Cervantes, Ortiz y Pino, and Hickey
  - Goal is to transform the College of Population Health into a School of Public Health accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health
    - This will require an additional 11 faculty members
  - Expand data science and biostatistics capabilities to optimize resource utilization
  - Improvement of disease prevention, population health and health equity
  - Partnership with NMSU; new hub building proposed for UNM campus



## General Obligation Bond: High Priority Capital Outlay Project Requests



### Priority Capital Outlay Projects

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUESTS

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| College of Fine Arts Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology .....  | <b>\$65,000,000</b> |
| Children's Psychiatric Center .....                                    | <b>\$40,000,000</b> |
| UNM-Gallup Gurley Hall Student Experience Project .....                | <b>\$6,000,000</b>  |
| UNM-Los Alamos Open Space Design and Upgrade .....                     | <b>\$2,250,000</b>  |
| UNM-Taos Fred Peralta Hall - Career Tech Renovation and Addition ..... | <b>\$3,900,000</b>  |
| UNM-Valencia Learning Resource Center Re-roof and Solar Panel .....    | <b>\$900,000</b>    |

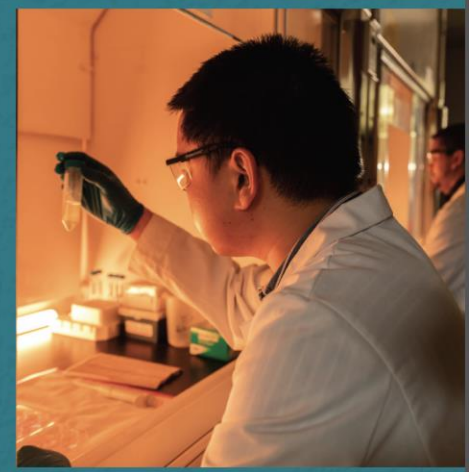


## Severance Tax Bond: High Priority Capital Outlay Requests

### Priority Capital Outlay Projects Cont'd

#### SEVERANCE TAX BOND REQUESTS

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|--|--------------------|
| Main Campus Lab Safety Improvements .....  | <b>\$4,500,000</b> |
| Main Campus Technology Infrastructure Upgrades .....                                 | <b>\$3,695,000</b> |
| HSC Interprofessional Healthcare Simulation Center (IHSC)<br>Expansion Project ..... | <b>\$4,000,000</b> |
| HSC Shared Research Equipment for HSC Research Centers .....                         | <b>\$910,000</b>   |
| UNM-Los Alamos Campus-wide Infrastructure Renovations .....                          | <b>\$1,358,000</b> |



## New RPSP Program Requests

### NEW PROGRAM REQUESTS

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|---|------------------|
| Increase Health Personnel for Underserved Communities .....     | <b>\$163,400</b> |
| Communities to Careers for Health Professionals .....           | <b>\$300,000</b> |
| Hungry for Success .....  | <b>\$184,900</b> |
| Institute for American Indian Education .....                   | <b>\$251,553</b> |
| Reclaiming Languages .....                                      | <b>\$77,134</b>  |
| Preparing High Quality Teachers During COVID-19 and Beyond..... | <b>\$271,353</b> |

## Expansion RPSP Program Requests



### EXPANSION PROGRAM REQUESTS

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| African American Student Success .....                             | \$65,000    |
| Athletics .....  | \$2,000,000 |
| Center for Native American Health .....                            | \$73,000    |
| Chicana & Chicano Studies .....                                    | \$350,000   |
| Comprehensive Movement Disorders Center .....                      | \$485,531   |
| Educational Television .....                                       | \$100,000   |
| El Centro de la Raza .....   | \$398,200   |
| Graduate Medical Education .....                                   | \$294,500   |
| Building Outstanding STEAM-H Students .....                        | \$83,200    |
| Native American Studies .....                                      | \$67,600    |
| NM Poison & Drug Information Center .....                          | \$305,300   |
| NM Office of the Medical Investigator .....                        | \$1,723,000 |
| NM Office of the Medical Investigator Grief Services Program ..... | \$64,500    |
| Project ECHO .....   | \$4,000,000 |

# SB 48: Junior Bill Appropriations

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/22%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0048.pdf>

- Each year, if funding allows, the **“Junior” appropriation bill** is drafted in the Senate to complement HB 2, the omnibus appropriations bill in the House
- This year, each Senator received an allocation of \$300k recurring / \$300k non-recurring for Junior bill projects
  - House members were allocated \$180k recurring / \$180k non-recurring
- The Government Relations team contacted dozens of lawmakers in support of various Junior bill requests, including unfunded RPSP requests, athletics requests, and several other unfunded items
- \$1.7+ million pledged; capture rate on pledges should be revealed soon

## SB 41: College Research Park and Economic Development Changes

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/22%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0041.pdf>

- Proposes changes to University Research Parks Economic Development Act (URPEDA) to make research parks a “public employer” for the purposes of the Public Employee Bargaining Act
  - But SRMC employees already have the right to collectively bargain as non-govt employees under federal law (National Labor Relations Act)
- SB 41 would hamper both SRMC and the greater university research park community by eliminating flexibilities designed to protect intellectual property and encourage economic development
- The bill ran into some trouble during its first substantive hearing on Jan. 28 and was amended (narrowed) to apply only to health care facilities w are that organized as research parks – this is still a problem

## **Soliciting Capital Projects (non-recurring funding):**

- Individual discretionary capital outlay requests (30+ projects for UNM) were required to be uploaded in the state system by Jan. 13 this year
- This past week, the Government Relations team connected with dozens of ABQ metro-area legislators and some targeted legislators in other districts statewide to encourage them to identify one or more UNM capital outlay requests in the system as being of interest
- This week we will circle back with those legislators who “tapped” one or more UNM capital outlay requests to suggest funding amounts to them that might be appropriate for the projects at hand

# What to Expect in the Next 17 Days

## This week:

- HB 2 will be adopted by House and transmitted to Senate
  - Proposed Junior bill appropriations will be made public soon

## The final 10 days:

- The Senate adds their changes to HB 2 in partial collaboration with the Governor's office
- Senate and House must then reconcile HB 2 differences
- The Governor will have 3 days to sign or veto any bills that are passed by in the final 3 days of the session; otherwise she has 20 days to take action post-session



## *For more information:*

- **UNM Gov Rel Main Page**
  - <https://govrel.unm.edu/>
- **State Session 2022**
  - <https://govrel.unm.edu/state-legislative-sessions/2022/index.html>
- **Bill Tracker**
  - [https://unmm-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/bnoonen\\_unm\\_edu/Ea0swUy2hLdOrzjtwoffNU9IBzZsbKjD9TvS6-yKi-4oRfw?e=blfOIU](https://unmm-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/bnoonen_unm_edu/Ea0swUy2hLdOrzjtwoffNU9IBzZsbKjD9TvS6-yKi-4oRfw?e=blfOIU)
- **Gov Rel Listserv**
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