

2024 State Legislative Session
Final Report



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2024 State Legislative Session Summary and Highlights

The purpose of this report is to summarize and highlight legislation impacting the University of New Mexico enacted during the 30-day 2024 State Legislative Session, formally known as the Second Session of the 56th Legislature. This report highlights major appropriations bills and points to key non-appropriation legislation.

UNM successfully influenced many significant policy bills and appropriations therein over the course of the 2024 State Legislative Session. The legislation described below is the result of a careful mix of proactive and reactive strategy, responsive to the [UNM 2040 “Opportunity Defined” Strategic Plan](#), and also reflective of those specific legislative objectives that will accelerate UNM’s progress toward attaining those goals. A summary of UNM’s [FY25 legislative priorities](#) is available on the UNM Government Relations website.

The primary sources for this report include publicly available information from the 2024 Legislative Session, the state legislative website (www.nmlegis.gov), and member correspondence from the New Mexico Council of University Presidents (NM CUP). For prior information from the 2024 State Legislative Session, see the Government Relations 2024 Legislative Session site (<https://govrel.unm.edu/state-legislative-sessions/2024/index.html>).

Major Appropriations Legislation

The majority of this report will focus on the four major appropriations bills passed and signed in the 2024 Legislative Session (see “final version” for each of the below):

- [HB 2: General Appropriations Act](#),
- [SB 275: Capital Outlay Projects](#),
- [SB 246: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations](#), and
- [HB 308: General Obligation Bonds](#)

The General Appropriations Act, referred to as House Bill 2 (HB 2), provides appropriations for the annual operating budgets for state agencies and higher education institutions. HB 2 also includes nonrecurring appropriations for a wide range of purposes and programs. Unless otherwise specified, in this report “HB 2” assumes the final 2024 version of House Bill 2.

HB 2 is organized similar to previous years broken down into sections delineating appropriations generally deemed recurring (Section 4) versus all others, with at least one new section as will be discussed further (see boldfaced item below). The bill includes the following content sections:

- Section 4: Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations, by agency
- Section 5: Special Appropriations
- Section 6: Supplemental and Deficiency Appropriations
- Section 7: Information Technology Appropriations
- Section 8: Compensation Appropriations
- Section 9: Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust**
- Section 10: Fund Transfers
- Section 11: Special Transportation Appropriations
- Section 12: Additional FY24 Budget Adjustment Authority
- Section 13: Certain FY25 Budget Adjustments Authorized
- Section 14: Transfer Authority
- Section 15: Severability

HB 2, Section 4 Appropriations Summary

Below is a high-level summary of appropriations impacting UNM, generally applicable to FY25 unless otherwise noted, followed by additional information grouped by key areas.

For UNM Central Campus and branch campuses (excluding HSC), HB 2 includes a total of \$298.603 million, inclusive of **Instruction & General (I&G) funding, categorical funding, and research and public service projects (RPSPs)**, an increase of \$8.8145 million (3.04 percent) for these recurring funds as compared to last year's "adjusted base" totals.

- For UNM branches campuses, HB 2 includes a total of \$25.041 million, inclusive of I&G funding, categorical funding, and RPSPs, an increase of \$0.526 million (2.1 percent) for these recurring funds as compared to last year's "adjusted base" totals.

For UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC), HB 2 includes a total of \$155.122 million, inclusive of I&G funding, categorical funding, and RPSPs, representing an increase of \$11.4347 million (7.96 percent) for these recurring funds as compared to last year's "adjusted base" totals.

Additionally, related to compensation, HB 2 includes partial funding for a 3 percent increase in FY25 for non-student faculty and staff in a budgeted position who have completed their probationary period, subject to satisfactory job performance, applicable to two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions, plus an additional appropriation of \$9.3701 million to be distributed for public employees statewide, including higher educational institutions, for the general fund share of medical insurance premiums paid by employers. At the time of publication, the final compensation distributions to individual higher education institutions were not available. For more details, see compensation appropriations which can be found in Section 8 of [HB 2](#), pages 235 through 238.

The above I&G totals include \$7.0 million for targeted faculty compensation and \$3.0 million for student support services, to be distributed among and available to higher education institutions statewide.

HB 2 also included an increase of \$2.0 million for graduate assistant compensation within the I&G budget for distribution statewide, with a portion of that going to UNM Central (or "Main") Campus and to HSC.

Instruction and General Funding and Categorical Funding – HB 2

Instruction and General (I&G) funding consists of recurring state general funds directly appropriated to the University.

- According to HB 2, the purpose of I&G funding at **Central Campus** (formerly, "Main Campus") is to *"provide education services designed to meet the intellectual, educational and quality of life goals associated with the ability to enter the workforce, compete and advance in the new economy and contribute to social advancement through informed citizenship."*
- According to HB 2, the purpose of I&G funding at New Mexico's **community colleges** is to *"provide credit and noncredit postsecondary education and training opportunities to New Mexicans so they have the skills to be competitive in the new economy and are able to participate in lifelong learning activities."*
- According to HB 2, the purpose of I&G funding at **UNM HSC** is to *"provide educational, clinical, and research support for the advancement of the health of all New Mexicans."*

Additionally, HB 2 includes the following:

- language allowing the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to “*reduce general fund appropriations, up to three percent, to institutions whose lower level common courses are not completely transferrable or accepted among public colleges and universities in New Mexico.*” (page 135)
- language requiring the secretary of higher education to “*work with institutions whose enrollment has declined by more than fifty percent within the past five academic years on a plan to improve enrollment, collaborate or merge with other institutions, and reduce expenditures accordingly.*” (page 135)
- language allowing HED to direct the DFA to “*withhold from an educational institutional or program that the higher education department places under an enhanced fiscal oversight program a portion, up to ten percent, of the institution’s or program’s general fund allotments.*” (pages 135 and 136)

For more details on I&G and categorical funds, see pages 138 through 147 of [HB 2](#).

For Central and branch campuses combined, the I&G increase was calculated by adding \$4.2171 million for RPSF rollups, then distributing 1.5 percent of “new money” through the higher education funding formula (\$4.1844 million in total), then adding other amounts, including student support services (\$1.0263 million), faculty compensation (\$2.3948 million), and an additional amount for graduate assistants (\$998.5 thousand).

For Central Campus, HB 2 includes a total increase for I&G and categorical funds of 3.26 percent (\$8.0751 million).

For Branches, HB 2 includes increases as follows:

- UNM-Gallup: an increase of 2.1%, or \$220.2 thousand
- UNM-Los Alamos: an increase of 2.4%, or \$54.1 thousand
- UNM-Valencia: an increase of 2.2%, or \$148.8 thousand
- UNM-Taos: an increase of 2.2%, or \$102.8 thousand

For HSC, the I&G increase was calculated by taking the FY24 adjusted base (which includes \$581,500 that the legislature rolled into I&G to cover one HSC I&G line item previously funded by the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund), manually increasing the FY23 I&G base funding by 1.5 percent, (because HSC is not included in funding formula distributions), totaling \$1.8225, and adding other amounts, including targeted medical faculty compensation (\$1.0 million) and graduate assistant compensation (\$84.6 thousand).

For HSC, HB 2 includes a total increase of 3.49 percent (\$2.9071 million) for I&G and categorical funds.

More information about UNM, UNM branch campus, and UNM HSC I&G funding and categorical funding can be found in [Appendix A](#).

HB 2, Sec. 4 Details: Research & Public Service Projects, Categorical and Other State Funds

Each year, HB 2 includes line items for **Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs), categorical,** and **“other state funds”** as recurring direct appropriations to the University for the specific programs and purposes identified in each line item, and for that reason, they are more specific and purpose-bound than I&G funding. They also include those line items for which UNM manages an internal call each summer to determine which specific programs and projects will warrant a request for new or expanded funding. Therefore, the requests for these line items, whether they be RPSPs, categorical funds, or programs and projects funded by other state funds, represent important other sources of recurring funding for UNM programs and related operations. The exact amounts of the appropriations by which RPSPs, categorical funds and “other state funds” line items are funded tend to vary in some instances from year-to-year, sometimes in response to UNM’s specific requests. For more details of FY25 funding amounts, see pages 138 through 147 of [HB 2](#).

For the purposes of UNM’s communications with the Higher Education Department (HED), the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and the Legislature, UNM’s requests of these types are traditionally organized into several categories: “expansion requests” are existing line items in HB 2 that are requesting additional funds; “new requests” are programs requesting to become new line items in HB 2; “continuing requests” are existing line items in HB 2 that are requesting a flat appropriation; and “other state funds” are programs and projects funded by non-General Fund sources. For example, UNM and some RPSPs normally receive additional appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund and opioid settlements in the Consumer Settlement Fund.

This year, the Legislature removed UNM’s relevant programs from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund and decided to instead fund them through the RPSP section, seeking more stable funding streams.

An even bigger change in this year’s RPSP budgeting process is the move by appropriators, in coordination with the HED, to push for the “roll-up” of many RPSP line items at UNM and other higher education institutions, folding those into the University’s Instruction and General (I&G) line. This change was motivated by legislators raising concerns about a statewide proliferation of RPSPs that they had authorized and funded in recent years, causing administrative challenges. UNM has by far the largest number of RPSPs currently on the books among higher education institutions statewide.

As part of the new “roll-up” process, HED recommended that small-dollar (e.g., < \$200k/year) RPSPs and also RPSPs that essentially perform an I&G-type function, such as classroom instruction and student support, be rolled into I&G. By the same standard, external service oriented RPSPs, such as those related to health care and public service, were generally recommended to *not* be rolled into I&G. In the end, UNM had 23 RPSPs (inclusive of all UNM campuses) that HED and LFC recommended be “rolled up” into UNM’s I&G budget lines for FY25, totaling \$4,819,500 in “rolled up” RPSPs now being folded into I&G. 49 UNM RPSP lines were not rolled up.

The State of New Mexico is currently commissioning a state study of higher education system financing with a particular eye towards long-term sustainability. It has been announced that part of that study will include a detailed review of the RPSP process and how those projects are currently being funded and implemented. Legislative and Executive policymakers have been reluctant to add new RPSPs until the findings of that study are known.

Table 1a.

HB 2 Section 4: Summary of “New Requests” for Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs) (in thousands)

Note: Green shading denotes RPSPs whose appropriation amount increased significantly in the 2024 Legislative Session

New Requests	FY24 Budget	FY25 Request	FY25 HB 2
Accelerating Resilience Innovations in Drylands Institute (ARID)	N/A	\$997.9	\$0
Center for Excellence to Reduce Opioid and Substance Use Related Harm	N/A	\$4,622.0	\$0
The Center for Fire Resilient Ecosystems & Society (FIRES)	N/A	\$749.6	\$0
Program for Achievement by Rural College Students (PARCS)	N/A	\$862.0	\$0
UNM Student Mental Health, Well Being and Basic Needs	N/A	\$2,958.4	\$0
UNM Valencia-Student Retention and Success	N/A	\$582.0	\$0
ECHO COEHS	N/A	\$5,592.8	\$0
Health Equity for All New Mexicans	N/A	\$5,617.3	\$0
Incorporating AI in Training and Practice of Medicine	N/A	\$2,400.0	\$0
Learning Environment Office	N/A	\$575.0	\$1,725.0 (funded as a 3-year non-recurring Special Appropriation from GF in HB 2, Sec. 5)
Special Needs Dental Clinic	N/A	\$500.0	\$500.0 (+ \$500 from GF)
Totals for New Requests	N/A	\$25,457.0	\$500.0

Table 1b.

HB 2 Section 4: Summary of “Expansion Requests” for RPSPs and Categorical Funds (in thousands)

Note: Green shading denotes RPSPs whose appropriation amount changed significantly in the 2024 Legislative Session

Expansion Requests	FY24 Budget	FY25 Request	FY 25 HB 2
Athletics	\$8,358.7	\$11,941.7	\$8,358.7
Educational Television	\$1,087.9	\$1,307.9	\$1,307.9 (+ \$220.0 from GF)
Teacher Pipeline Initiatives	\$100.0	\$466.9	\$100.0
Veterans Student Services	\$228.0	\$346.3	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Corrine Wolfe Children’s Law Center	\$165.1	\$275.0	\$165.1
UNM-Valencia Nurse Expansion	\$427.2	\$785.4	\$427.2
Poison and Drug Information Center	\$2,020.3	\$2,712.5	\$2,610.5 (+ \$590.2 from Tobacco Settlement Prog. Fund; no increase)
UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center	\$6,682.2	\$8,022.2	\$7,932.2 (+ \$1,250.0 from GF)
Undergraduate Nursing Education	\$1,174.1	\$4,700.0	\$1,500.0 (+ \$325.9 from GF)
Totals for Expansion Requests	\$20,243.5	\$30,557.9	\$22,401.6 (+ \$1,770.9)

Table 1c.

HB 2 Section 4: Summary of “Continuing Requests” for RPSPs and Categorical Funds (in thousands)

Note: **Green shading** denotes RPSPs whose appropriation amount changed significantly in the 2024 Legislative Session

Continuing Requests – Central Campus and Branch Campuses	FY24 Budget	FY25 Request	FY25 HB 2
Tribal Education Initiatives	\$1,050.0	\$1,050.0	\$1,050.0
UNM Gallup-Tribal Education Initiatives	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0
Graduation, reality, and dual-role skills program	\$150.0	\$150.0	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Chicano and Chicana Studies	\$600.9	\$600.9	Rolled into I & G; no increase
African American Student Services	\$173.9	\$173.9	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Native American Studies	\$258.4	\$258.4	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Judicial Selection	\$52.3	\$52.3	\$52.3
Southwest Research Center	\$811.5	\$811.5	\$811.5
Substance Abuse Program	\$71.8	\$71.8	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Resource Geographic Information System	\$66.1	\$66.1	\$66.1
Southwest Indian Law Clinic	\$205.2	\$205.2	\$205.2
Geospatial and Population Studies/Bureau of Business and Economic Research	\$390.1	\$390.1	\$390.1
New Mexico Historical Review	\$45.2	\$45.2	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Ibero-American Education	\$84.3	\$84.3	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Manufacturing Engineering Program	\$538.0	\$538.0	\$538.0
Wildlife Law Education	\$95.3	\$95.3	\$95.3
Africana Studies	\$292.7	\$292.7	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Disabled Student Services	\$160.6	\$160.6	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Community-Based Education	\$547.8	\$547.8	\$547.8
Mock Trial Program and High School Forensics	\$411.6	\$411.6	\$411.6
Utton Transboundary Resources Center	\$429.2	\$429.2	\$429.2
Student Mentoring Program	\$177.7	\$177.7	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Land Grant Studies	\$127.4	\$127.4	Rolled into I & G; no increase
UNM Gallup-Nurse Expansion	\$803.5	\$803.5	\$803.5
UNM Taos-Nurse Expansion	\$884.6	\$884.6	\$884.6
UNM Gallup-Workforce Development Programs	\$182.4	\$182.4	Rolled into I & G; no increase
UNM Press	\$456.3	\$456.3	\$456.3
NM Bioscience Authority	\$316.5	\$316.5	\$316.5
American Indian Summer Bridge Program	\$250.0	\$250.0	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Economics Department	\$133.2	\$133.2	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Natural Heritage NM Database	\$51.6	\$51.6	\$51.6
Boarder Justice Initiative	\$180.0	\$180.0	\$180.0
ROTC Program	\$50.0	\$50.0	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Wild Friends Program	\$75.0	\$75.0	\$75.0
School of Public Administration	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0

Indigenous Design and Planning Institute	\$130.0	\$130.0	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Minority Student Services	\$950.6	\$950.6	Rolled into I & G; no increase
UNM Taos-Career Services and Workforce Development Programs	\$150.0	\$150.0	Rolled into I & G; no increase
Teacher Education at Branch Colleges	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0
Total for Main/Branch Continuing Requests	\$11,613.7	\$11,613.7	\$7,624.6 (not rolled into I&G)
Continuing Requests – Health Sciences (HSC)			
	FY24 Budget	FY25 Request	FY25 HB 2
ENLACE	\$972.2	\$972.2	\$972.2
Graduate Medical Education/Residencies	\$2,368.7	\$2,368.7	\$2,368.7
Office of Medical Investigator	\$10,305.4	\$10,305.4	\$10,305.4
Native American Suicide Prevention	\$93.6	\$93.6	\$93.6
Children’s Psychiatric Hospital	\$10,444.0	\$10,444.0	\$10,444.0
Carrie Tingley Hospital	\$8,313.9	\$8,313.9	\$8,313.9
Newborn Intensive Care	\$3,408.7	\$3,408.7	\$3,408.7
Pediatric Oncology	\$1,329.1	\$1,329.1	\$1,579.1 (+ \$250.0 from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund; no increase)
Genomics, Biocomputing, and Environmental Health Research	N/A	N/A	\$937.4 (moved to RPSPs from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund; no increase)
Trauma Specialty Education	N/A	N/A	\$250.0 (moved to RPSPs from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund; no increase)
Pediatrics Specialty Education	N/A	N/A	\$250.0 (moved to RPSPs from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund; no increase)
Native American Health Center	\$324.4	\$324.4	\$324.4
Nurse Expansion	\$951.6	\$951.6	\$951.6
Graduate Nurse Education	\$1,653.1	\$1,653.1	\$4,824.2 (+ \$3,171.1 from GF)
Child Abuse Evaluation Center	\$155.2	\$155.2	\$155.2
Hepatitis Community Health Outcomes	\$6,764.4	\$6,764.4	\$9,764.4 (+ \$3,000.0 from GF)
Comprehensive Movement Disorders Clinic	\$416.5	\$416.5	\$416.5
Office of Medical Investigator Grief Services	\$322.6	\$322.6	\$322.6
Physician Assistant Program	\$2,650.0	\$653.0	\$653.0 (- \$1,997.0 reduction per request of College of Nursing)
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	\$175.6	\$175.6	Rolled into I & G
Native American Health Student Success Program	\$60.0	\$60.0	Rolled into I & G
Minority Student Services	\$166.8	\$166.8	Rolled into I & G
Rural and Urban Underserved Program	\$200.0	\$200.0	Rolled into I & G
Total for HSC Continuing Requests	\$51,075.8	\$49,078.8	\$56,334.9 (not rolled into I&G)
Total for FY25: All RPSPs (new, expansion, and continuing) & Categorical Funds rolled up into I&G			\$4,819.5
Total for FY25: All RPSPs (new, expan., and contin.) & Categorical Funds *not* rolled up into I&G			\$86,861.1

[HB 2](#) also included language regarding “other state funds” (see page 147) for UNM Health Sciences Center which provides the following appropriations to be considered additive to the above RPSP totals:

*“The internal service funds/interagency transfers appropriations to the health sciences center research and public service projects of the university of New Mexico include one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) from the **opioid crisis recovery fund** from monies from settlements, judgments, verdicts and other court orders relating to claims regarding the manufacturing, marketing, distribution or sale of opioids.”*

Table 2.

HB 2 Section 4: Summary of Projects Drawing from Other State Funds (in thousands)

Other State Funds: Opioid Crisis Recovery Fund	FY24 Budget	FY25 Request	FY25 HB 2
For the children's psychiatric hospital for services for children and families affected by opioid use disorder.	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0
For the hepatitis community health outcomes program to provide training and consultation related to opioid treatment.	\$800.0	\$800.0	\$800.0
Total from the Opioid Crisis Recovery Fund	\$1,800.0	\$1,800.0	\$1,800.0

HB 2, Section 4, Additional Information: New Mexico Health Care Authority

The New Mexico Health Care Authority Department represents one of the largest organizational restructurings of the state’s executive agencies in recent decades. In short, the scope of the Health Care Authority will incorporate and fully replace the New Mexico Human Services Department (including the Medical Assistance Division that manages the New Mexico Medicaid program), several critical functions of the New Mexico Department of Health, and specific elements of other state agencies such as the General Services Department. Additional information about the new Health Care Authority, including details and timelines for the transition plan, may be found [here](#), or by visiting https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/HCA_FinalTransitionPlanReport2024_01_16.pdf). The new structure officially takes effect July 1, 2024, which is also the start of state fiscal year 2025.

Recurring appropriations for the new Health Care Authority Department appear in Section 4 of [HB 2](#), pages 88 through page 99. On page 91, an interagency transfer appropriation relevant to UNM Health Sciences appears as follows:

“The internal service funds/interagency transfers appropriation to the medical assistance program of the health care authority department includes up to three million four hundred thousand dollars (\$3,400,000) to provide salary adjustments to graduate medical education residents and fellows at the university of New Mexico health sciences center through medicaid directed payments to the university of New Mexico health sciences center.”

HB 2, Section 5 and 6: Special Appropriations, Supplemental Appropriations, and Deficiency Appropriations

This section discusses **other appropriations** in [HB 2](#) to the University or to state agencies that may impact the University. These appropriations encompass a wide range of projects and programs, are typically nonrecurring, and are bound by a finite performance period for execution/completion. Nonrecurring funds generally fall into three categories: (1) **special appropriations** in **Section 5**, HB 2, are one-time funds for purposes typically outside of the recurring state budget; (2) **supplemental appropriations** in **Section 6**, HB 2, allocate funds to an agency or program for an anticipated shortfall during the current fiscal year; and (3) **deficiency appropriations**, also in **Section 6**, HB 2, allocate funds to budget shortfalls during previous fiscal years. Special appropriations occasionally include a mix of General Fund and other state funds, and they may represent new outlays of funding, or else extend the performance period for prior authorized spending. Note: Tables 3 through 11 below assume all appropriations are from the General Fund, unless otherwise noted. Where indicated, “GF” in these tables refers to General Fund, and “OSF” refers to Other State Funds.

Items in Section 5 of HB 2 are governed by the following language (see page 181):

***SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.**--The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund or other funds as indicated for the purposes specified. Unless otherwise indicated, the appropriation may be expended in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Unless otherwise indicated, any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the appropriate fund.*

Special appropriations in HB 2 directly to the University include:

- \$1.0 million for nonrecurring costs in Athletics
- \$1.725 million for the Learning Environment Office at the Health Sciences Center.
- \$3.4651 million to purchase and replace equipment for the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI).
- \$11.5 million for the School of Public Health to expend over fiscal years 2025 through 2027, but the three HB 2 line items providing for this funding were subsequently line-item vetoed by the Governor.

Table 3.
HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to UNM: nonrecurring (in thousands)

Appropriations to UNM	UNM Location	HB 2
Nonrecurring costs in Athletics	UNM Main	\$1,000.0
Learning Environment Office for expenditure through FY 2027, with no more than \$575,000 expended in each fiscal year	UNM HSC	\$1,725.0 (total)
To purchase and replace equipment for the office of the medical investigator	UNM HSC	\$3,465.1
For the School of Public Health for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025	UNM HSC	\$1,500.0
For the School of Public Health for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026	UNM HSC	\$5,200.0
For the School of Public Health for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027	UNM HSC	\$4,800.0
Total		\$6,190.1

Table 4.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Department of Finance & Administration (DFA), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to DFA	HB 2
For capacity building grants to councils of government and local governments	\$1,000.0
For the new infrastructure division, contingent on enactment of HB 232	\$750.0
For matching assistance to local entities for matching local and federal funds, contingent on enactment of HB 177 , creating the New Mexico Match Fund	\$75,000.0
For shortfalls at a nonfederal hospital in McKinley County	\$12,000.0
For the Opportunity Enterprise Revolving Fund of the NM Finance Authority, contingent on the enactment of HB 195	\$175,000.0

Table 5.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Department of Information Technology (DoIT), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to DoIT	HB 2
For cybersecurity initiatives including public education and higher education	\$5,500.0
To support implementation of the statewide broadband plan	\$25,000.0

Table 6.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to OSI	HB 2
For elimination of the patient’s compensation fund deficit, as currently estimated, attributable to independent doctors and facilities	\$35,900.0
For the reduction of the patient’s compensation fund surcharges for rural hospitals	\$8,100.0

Table 7.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to EMNRD	HB 2
To the geothermal projects development fund contingent on enactment of HB 91	\$2,500.0
To the geothermal projects revolving loan fund contingent on enactment of HB 91	\$2,500.0

Table 8.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Health Care Authority Department (HCA), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to HCA	HB 2
For a nonfederal hospital in McKinley County	\$15,000.0
For a building for primary care in Taos County	\$15,000.0
For a hospital in Tucumcari – Quay County	\$10,000.0
To defray operating losses for rural regional hospitals, health clinics, providers, and HQHCs that are increasing access to primary care, maternal and child health and behavioral health services through new and expanded services in medically underserved areas.	\$16,000.0 (GF) \$30,000.0 (OSF)
For subsidies to certain eligible healthcare facilities contingent on enactment of SB 161	\$50,000.0

Table 9.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations to Department of Health (DOH), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to DOH	HB 2
For health councils	\$3,000.0

Table 10.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations Public Education Department (PED), relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to PED	HB 2
For pilot programs including career technical education, career technical student organizations, innovation zones, work-based learning initiatives and equipment, including \$5.0 million for summer internships.	\$40,000.0 (OSF)
For a summer reading intervention program for students based in the science of reading	\$30,000.0
For the recruitment and retention of educator fellow positions	\$20,000.0
To implement provisions of the Black Education Act	\$500.0
To implement provisions of the Hispanic Education Act	\$500.0
To implement provisions of the Indian Education Act	\$500.0
For Indian Education Initiatives for the Navajo nation and for Zuni Pueblo	\$5,000.0
To train secondary educators in evidence-based reading instruction	\$2,500.0 (GF) \$2,500.0 (OSF)

Table 11.

HB 2 Summary Section 5. Special Appropriations Higher Education Department (HED) and peer higher education institutions, relevant to UNM (in thousands)

Appropriations to HED or other Higher Education Institution(s)	HB 2
For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for building renewal and replacement and facility demolition. A report of building renewal and replacement transfers must be submitted to the higher education department before funding is released. In the event of a transfer of building renewal and replacement funding to cover institutional salaries, or any other ineligible purpose as defined in the New Mexico higher education department space policy, funding shall not be released to the higher education institutions. The appropriation	\$32,500.0

includes up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for New Mexico state university Alamogordo campus.	
For distribution to public post-secondary institutions statewide to support dual credit programs for New Mexico high school students	\$1,000.0
For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for equipment renewal and replacement. A report of equipment renewal and replacement transfers must be submitted to the higher education department before funding is released. In the event of a transfer of equipment renewal and replacement funding to cover institutional salaries, funding shall not be released to the higher education institution.	\$5,000.0
To provide scholarships to graduates of New Mexico high schools who are enrolled full-time in a master's or doctoral degree program at a graduate-degree-granting state university in New Mexico in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics program provided that no student shall receive an award amount greater than seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200) per academic year. Any unexpended funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 from this appropriation shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2027.	\$10,000.0
For the health professional loan repayment program.	\$15,000.0
For shortfalls within the opportunity scholarship program in fiscal year 2024, contingent on enactment of SB 159 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature creating a higher education endowment fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the higher education endowment fund to be awarded after July 1, 2024.	\$10,600.0 (OSF)
For a partnership with a college of osteopathic medicine to develop a comprehensive outreach program to increase youth interest in the healthcare field. For the purpose of contracting with an accredited osteopathic medical school, within the state of New Mexico, to increase the number of physicians and improve access to routine healthcare. [PARTIAL VETO]	\$1,500.0
For endowed faculty teaching positions and student financial aid, including scholarships and paid practicums in bachelor and master degree social worker programs at New Mexico public and tribal institutions of higher education to expand enrollment and the number of graduates able to work in the behavioral health, child welfare and school systems. The higher education department shall distribute funding based on the number of New Mexico residents enrolled in programs in fiscal year 2024 and must obtain certification from each higher education institution that the endowment revenue will supplement and not supplant spending at the institution's social worker program before making an endowment award.	\$10,000.0
For distribution to eligible higher education institutions for the purposes defined in Section 21-1-27.2 NMSA 1978. Funds appropriated shall be used for new research projects directly related to economic development. The other state funds appropriation is from the technology enhancement fund. (TEF)	\$10,000.0 (GF) \$15,000.0 (TEF)
Appropriation to New Mexico State University	HB 2
For operation and management of the New Mexico reforestation center, for expenditure through FY 2029	\$2,500.0
The period of time for expending the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 232 of Section 5 of Chapter 210 of Laws 2023 for land acquisition, planning, design and construction of the New Mexico reforestation center is extended through fiscal year 2025.	Language change
Appropriation to New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	HB 2
For the institute for complex systems analysis to establish and maintain a state healthcare workforce dashboard for expenditure through fiscal year 2027.	\$750.0

Capital Bills: HB 308, SB 275, and SB 246

During regular sessions occurring in even-numbered calendar years, the Legislature and Governor usually consider three capital bills, each of them focused on nonrecurring appropriations focused on physical infrastructure, buildings, and facilities.

First, the General Obligation Bonds bill ([HB 308](#)) includes capital projects funded by bonds issued against property tax revenue and, in accordance with the New Mexico Constitution, must be approved by voters in a general election. If voters approve the relevant bond question in November 2024, these funds will likely become available for use prior to the start of FY2025. The use of the funds is then limited to the subsequent three fiscal years. Specifically, HB 308 states that “... *state agencies and state institutions to which money has been appropriated in the 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be responsible for monitoring the projects funded in that act to ensure compliance with the constitution and laws of New Mexico and shall cause to be reverted any **unexpended or unencumbered** balance remaining at the earlier of the **third full fiscal year** after issuance of the bonds or the termination or completion of the specific project. Reverted funds shall be deposited in the debt service fund established by the state treasurer for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the state's general obligation bonds.*” The final version of the General Obligation Bonds bill (HB 308) included 6 projects for the University, including one project for UNM Central Campus, one for UNM HSC, and one project for each branch campus. For more information, see pages 28 and 29 of [HB 308](#).

Second, the Capital Outlay Projects bill ([SB 275](#)) includes projects that will be funded this cycle by non-recurring General Fund, as opposed to Severance Tax or other bonds, due to increased General Fund capacity this year. This bill contains two types of appropriations: “statewide framework” and “individual policymaker” allocations. SB 275 included 32 projects totaling \$35.8 million for UNM Central Campus, HSC, and branches. Those amounts are “*for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028, unless otherwise provided in Section 1 of this act ...*”. For more information, see pages 242 through 248 of [SB 275](#).

Third, the Capital Outlay Reauthorizations bill ([SB 246](#)) includes changes to capital appropriations made in prior years. Reauthorization changes may include amending the project's purpose, extending the reversion date, or modifying the agency (i.e., fiscal agent) charged with overseeing the funds.

Table 12. HB 308: General Obligation Bond Projects (in thousands)

Note: **Green shading** denotes “Select Capital Outlay Projects” that UNM prioritized in the 2024 Legislative Session via the statewide framework – see [UNM FY25 Legislative Priorities](#) for details

Bill Language	Amount
To plan, design, construct, renovate and equip facilities and infrastructure at the college of pharmacy at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County.	\$35,000.0
To plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a new humanities and social science facility, including abatement and demolition of existing facilities, at the university of New Mexico in Albuq in Bern Co.	\$52,000.0
To plan, design, construct, renovate and equip facilities and infrastructure at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos County.	\$1,000.0
To plan, design, renovate, construct, furnish and equip improvements to Gurley Hall at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley County.	\$4,000.0
To plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a science and space education center at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos County.	\$1,500.0
To plan, design, construct, renovate, repair, and equip facilities at the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Valencia County.	\$1,000.0
Total	\$94,500.0

Table 13. Capital Outlay SB 275 Appropriations (in thousands)

Note: Green shading denotes "Select Capital Outlay Projects" that UNM prioritized in the 2024 Legislative Session via the statewide framework

	Title	Description	SB 275
1	Student Union Building Solar	To plan, design, construct, purchase and equip solar panels for the student union building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
2	Outdoor Amphitheater	To plan, design, construct and equip an outdoor amphitheater, including a stage, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$60.0
3	Arena Improvements	To plan, design, construct, furnish, equip, and improve the arena at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
4	Athletic Facilities Improvements	To plan, design, construct equip, furnish, and improve athletic facilities at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$850.0
5	Bandelier East Building	To plan, design, construct, renovate, purchase, install, and equip the offices in the Bandelier east building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
6	Biology Facilities in Castetter Hall	To purchase, install and equip improvements, including laboratory equipment, for the biology facilities in Castetter Hall at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$25.0
7	Security Gates	To plan, design, construct, purchase, equip, and install security gates at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$200.0
8	Campus Lighting	To plan, design, construct, equip, and install safety and security improvements, including campus lighting, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque. in Bernalillo County	\$190.0
9	Cornell Mall	To plan, design, construct, equip, and improve campus lighting, including for the Cornell mall, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$345.0
10	Centennial Science and Engineering Library Classrooms	to plan, design, construct, renovate, equip, and upgrade the classrooms at the university of New Mexico Centennial science and engineering library in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
11	UNM Indoor Practice Facility Improvement	To plan, design, construct, repair, equip, furnish, and renovate the indoor football practice field at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$945.0
12	UNMHSC Research Center	To purchase and install equipment for the university of New Mexico health sciences research center in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
13	UNM CCC	to plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a comprehensive cancer center at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$15,000.0
14	UNMHSC Student Success Center	to plan, design, construct, equip, and improve a health sciences student success center at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$170.0
15	Humanities and Social Science Facility	to plan and design a new humanities and social science facility at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$2,000.0
16	Indigenous Design and Planning Institute	to plan, design, construct, and renovate classrooms and to purchase and equip equipment, including audio systems, display screens, information technology, furniture, and computer workstations, at the indigenous design and planning institute at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$250.0
17	UNM Medical Sciences Laboratory	to plan, design, construct, equip, furnish, and upgrade the university of New Mexico medical sciences laboratory in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$10.0
18	North Campus Child Care Center	to plan, design, construct, equip, and improve the north campus childcare center at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
19	North Golf Course Club House	to plan, design, construct, repair, and replace the roof of the north golf course club house at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$25.0

20	UNM Physical Therapy Program	to plan, design, construct, repair, renovate, and equip space for the physical therapy program at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$250.0
21	Popejoy Hall	To plan, design, construct, equip, repair, and improve Popejoy hall at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$1,070.0
22	UNM ROTC facilities	To plan, design, construct, purchase, and equip the reserve officer training corps facilities, including a track and training field, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$400.0
23	Zimmerman Library Sleep Pods	To plan, design, construct, equip, and install sleep pods at Zimmerman Library at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$115.0
24	Tow Diehm Complex	To plan, design, construct, improve, furnish, and equip the football team facilities in the university of New Mexico Tow Diehm complex in Albuquerque in Bernalillo Co.	\$2,825.0
25	Video Boards at Athletic Venues	To plan, design, construct, improve, furnish, equip, and install video boards for athletic venues at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$350.0
26	Women's Sports Facilities	To plan, design, construct, improve, furnish, and equip the women's sports facilities at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$675.0
27	UNM Los Alamos-Building 2 Roof	To plan, design, construct, repair, renovate, and replace the roof on building 2 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos County	\$670.0
28	UNM Los Alamos-Improvements	To plan, design, construct, renovate, repair, and equip improvements to the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos County	\$3,620.0
29	UNM Gallup-Gurley Hall Improvements	To plan, design, renovate, construct, furnish, and equip improvements to Gurley Hall at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley County	\$3,900.0
30	UNM Taos-Fred Peralta Hall Renovations and Addition	To plan, design, construct, renovate, furnish, and equip renovations and an addition to Fred Peralta Hall at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos County	\$1,125.0
31	UNM Taos-Harwood Museum Improvements	To plan, design, construct renovate, purchase, install, and equip infrastructure, including accessibility improvements, at the Harwood Museum at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos County	\$275.0
32	UNM Taos-Science and Space Center	to plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a science and space education center at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos County	\$200.0
	TOTAL Individual Capital Outlay		\$35,845.0

The Capital Outlay Reauthorization bill ([SB 246](#)), as adopted and signed, includes 3 projects involving UNM. The Indigenous Design and Planning Institute received an extension for their information technology improvements on page 21. The Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration appropriation for Dona Ana County to plan, design, and construct a reproductive health care clinic in Dona Ana County is now being transferred over to UNM on page 30. Additionally, the remaining balance of the appropriation for UNM-Gallup to repair Calvin Hall was proposed to be transferred over to the Indian Affairs Department for improvements to the Baahaali Chapter House of the Navajo Nation, but this was ultimately line-item vetoed by the Governor, see pages 43 and 44.

Table 14. SB 246: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations (in thousands)

Reauthorization Description	Bill Language	Original Amount	SFC/SB 246
Indigenous Design and Planning Institute Information Technology Improvements	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 8 of Section 43 of Chapter 53 of Laws 2022 to purchase and install upgrades to information technology, including related equipment, furniture and infrastructure, for the indigenous design and planning institute at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county is extended through fiscal year 2026."</i>	\$150.0	Time Extended (through FY26)
From Dona Ana County to UNM for a UNM Reproductive Health Care Clinic Construction in Dona Ana County	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the local government division in Subsection 1 of Section 21 of Chapter 199 of Laws 2023 to plan, design and construct a reproductive health care clinic in Dona Ana county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is appropriated to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico to plan, design, acquire, construct, improve, furnish and equip a reproductive health care clinic for the university of New Mexico in Dona Ana county."</i>	\$10,000.0	Agency Change
From UNM-Gallup for Calvin Hall Repair to the Indian Affairs Department for the Baahaali Chapter House of the Navajo Nation for Chapter House improvements	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the university of New Mexico-Gallup in Subsection 31 of Section 40 of Chapter 199 of Laws 2023 to plan, design, construct, purchase and repair the exterior of Calvin hall, including stucco repairs, at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is appropriated to the Indian affairs department to plan, design, construct and equip improvements to the chapter house heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in the Baahaali chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley county."</i>	\$100.0	Agency Change and Purpose Change

HB 2, Section 8: Compensation

- The [final version of HB 2](#) included funding for a 3% compensation increase for state employees, plus an additional offset for increased costs due to escalating medical insurance premiums paid by employers.
- To achieve the above topline compensation increase targets, an earlier House version of HB 2 Section 8 was reduced from 4% to 3% via Senate Finance Committee amendments, and those amendments included the following language details along with these actual appropriation amounts:
 - A. Sixty-five million seven hundred fifty-six thousand nine hundred dollars (**\$65,756,900**) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance and administration for fiscal year 2025 to pay all costs attributable to the general fund of providing an across-the-board salary increase of three percent to employees in budgeted positions who have completed their probationary period subject to satisfactory job performance. The salary increases shall be effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2024, and distributed as follows: (...):
 - thirty-one million six hundred thirty thousand five hundred dollars (**\$31,630,500**) to the higher education department for nonstudent faculty and staff of two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions;

- *B. The department of finance and administration shall distribute a sufficient amount to each agency to provide the appropriate increase for those employees whose salaries are received as a result of the general fund appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of 2024. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.*
 - *C. Nine million three hundred seventy thousand one hundred dollars (\$9,370,100) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance and administration for fiscal year 2025 for the general fund share of ~~cost increases in excess of nine and two tenths percent for~~ medical insurance premiums paid by employers on behalf of state employees, two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions, the New Mexico military institute, New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired and New Mexico school for the deaf. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the appropriate fund. (...)*
 - *F. Except for employees supported with federal funds at the department of the environment, for those state employees whose salaries are referenced in or received as a result of nongeneral fund appropriations in the General Appropriation Act of 2024, the department of finance and administration shall transfer from the appropriate fund to the appropriate agency the amount required for the salary increases equivalent to those provided for in this section. Such amounts are appropriated for expenditure in fiscal year 2025. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the appropriate fund.*
- The above strikethrough language in Subsection C reflects a gubernatorial veto to this portion of the language.
 - At the time this report was published, the exact formula allocations by which HED will be distributing compensation funds to higher education institutions has not yet been announced.

HB 2, Section 9, Subsection D: Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust (NMGRO)

This 2024 Legislative Session showcased one entirely new funding mechanism, created by [HB 196](#), warranting a new section of HB 2 (Sec. 9) entitled “**Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust.**”

A number of new state initiatives are now funded from the Government Results and Opportunity Trust. One new offshoot of the Trust developed this session, now commonly referred to as “NMGRO,” ostensibly replaces what has historically been referred to as the “Junior (Appropriations) Bill.” The Junior Bill has always been a stand-alone legislative vehicle, considered separately from HB 2, by which the state funds supplemental appropriations sponsored by individual legislators, particularly in years when state finances allow for additional appropriations of this sort. NMGRO appropriations are instead included in this new section (Section 9) of HB 2, specifically in **Subsection D of Section 9**.

For the 2024 Session, every House member received an NMGRO allotment of \$480k in discretionary funding, with a minimum allocation of \$160k for up to 3 projects, and every Senate member received \$800k, with a minimum allocation of \$200k for up to 4 projects. Each project is funded for both FY 25 and FY 26. Section 9 contained 24 NMGRO projects totaling \$6.4 million for UNM Main Campus, HSC, and branches. For more information, see pages 274 through 277 of [HB 2](#).

Page 282 of [HB 2](#) tallies the various distributions of funding from Government Results and Opportunity trust, totaling \$319,287 in Section 9 of HB 2.

Table 15.

"NMGRO" HB 2 Section 9 Appropriations (in thousands)

	Project Title	Description	Amount
1	Cerebral cavernous angioma initiative and DNA testing	for university of New Mexico health sciences centers cerebral cavernous angioma initiative and to provide services for outreach and deoxyribonucleic acid testing for affected individuals	\$160.0
2	Cerebral cavernous angioma initiative and DNA testing	to the university of New Mexico health sciences center for the cerebral cavernous angioma initiative	\$160.0
3	Program services and resources at UNM-Gallup	to support program services and resources at the university of New Mexico-Gallup	\$160.0
4	CTE programming and resources at UNM-Los Alamos and UNM-Taos	for career and technical educational programming and resources at Los Alamos and Taos campuses	\$200.0
5	CTE programs and immigrant family support, including ESL	to support technical career education programs, and immigrant families with bilingual general educational development, English as a second language, citizenship, and job training	\$160.0
6	Educational programs for next generation of architects, planners, and landscape architects	to support educational programs for empowering the next generation of architects, planners and landscape architects through meaningful community engagement and social justice approaches	\$160.0
7	American Indian student services ambassador program	for expansion of leadership, mentoring and holistic student support activities for the American Indian student services ambassador program	\$200.0
8	Student-athlete mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness	to the board of regents to address mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness with expanded programmatic resources for student-athletes within university of New Mexico athletics	\$160.0
9	Student-athlete mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness	to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico to address mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness with expanded programmatic resources for student athletes within university of New Mexico athletics and Title IX	\$320.0
10	Chicana and Chicano Studies	to support new operating program costs related to projects managed in the Chicana and Chicano studies department	\$200.0
11	Chicano and Chicana Studies	to support operating and program costs related to pilot projects managed by the department of Chicana and Chicano studies	\$320.0
12	Dept of Architecture and Planning for research and programs	to the board of regents for the department of architecture and planning for research and programs	\$200.0
13	Cancer research at Dept Chem and Biological Engineering nanoscience/medicine lab	to the department of chemical and biological engineering nanoscience and nanomedicine lab for research combating cancer through development of nanoparticle delivery agents and silica-based cancer vaccines, including research assistantships and programmatic support and resources	\$160.0
14	Student support at UNM Health Sciences	to the board of regents for student support programs at university health sciences	\$200.0
15	UNM HSC Spanish language curriculum development and implementation	to the board of regents for the health sciences center office of diversity, equity, and inclusion for Spanish language health sciences curriculum development and implementation to enhance the medical Spanish education program for students in the health sciences center	\$200.0
16	Natural Heritage New Mexico database	for the natural heritage New Mexico database	\$160.0
17	Student-Athlete support and Cerebral Cavernous Initiative	to the board of regents to address mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness with expanded programmatic resources for student athletes and for health science center's cerebral cavernous initiative providing services such as outreach and deoxyribonucleic acid testing for affected individuals	\$200.0

18	Study of PTSD, depression, and addiction using psychedelics	to study new and innovative approaches to post traumatic stress disorder, depression, addiction, and end of life care through the use of psychedelic-assisted therapies	\$200.0
19	Student-Athlete Wellness and Title IX Support	to the board of regents for student athlete wellness, career preparation and Title IX support to address mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness with expanded programmatic resources for student-athletes	\$800.0
20	Student-Athlete mental health, nutrition, travel, and wellness	to the board of regents to address mental health, nutrition, travel, health, and wellness with expanded programmatic resources for student athletes	\$800.0
21	Student-Athlete wellness, career preparation and Title IX support	to support university of New Mexico athletics student-athlete wellness, career preparation and Title IX support	\$160.0
22	Student mentoring program for high school students & minority student services	for a student mentoring program to provide government training for high school students and minority student services	\$800.0
23	Carlos Cisneros and Healy Foundation acequia and land grant archives	for operations, salaries, benefits and supplies to equip, operate, and supervise the Carlos Cisneros and Healy foundation acequia and land grant archives at university of New Mexico Taos	\$160.0
24	Workforce solutions/technical education and certificate programs at UNM-Valencia	to provide workforce solutions for technical education and certificate programs in hard to fill occupations at university of New Mexico-Valencia for high demand career and technical fields	\$160.0
	Total:		\$6,400.0

HB 2, Section 9, Subsections A, B, and C: Other Appropriations

HB 2, Section 9, Subsections A, B, and C, includes a number of other nonrecurring appropriations to specific state agencies and higher education institutions, beyond those aforementioned projects and programs outlined in the NMGRO subsection of Section 9. These appropriations are governed by the following language, with Subsection A relevant to FY25; Subsection B relevant to FY26; and Subsection C relevant to FY27:

“The following amounts are appropriated from the government results and opportunity program fund or other funds as indicated in fiscal year [2025/2026/2027] for the purposes specified, contingent on enactment of House Bill 196 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature creating the government results and opportunity expendable trust and providing for the distribution of the fund. The department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee shall approve performance measures for agencies, including those specified in this section that shall be reported on a quarterly basis, and any independent impact evaluation plans and results of the evaluation, for the items in this section. Any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the government results and opportunity expendable trust fund or the appropriate fund.”
 [strikethroughs indicate partial/line-item veto]

Table 16.

HB 2 Section 9. Summary of appropriations other than NMGRO appropriations

Appropriations to the Health Care Authority (HCA)	HB 2, Sec. 9
For a pilot to expand evidence-based behavioral health services, including screening brief intervention and referral to treatment and certified community behavioral health clinics, to sustainably bill medicaid once fully operational.	\$5,000.0 (FY25) \$5,000.0 (FY26) \$5,000.0 (FY27)

Appropriations to the Public Education Department (PED)	
For educator clinical practice programs	\$20,000.0 (FY25) \$20,000.0 (FY26) \$20,000.0 (FY27)
For stipends and pay differentials to fill hard to staff special education positions	\$5,000.0 (FY25) \$5,000.0 (FY26) \$5,000.0 (FY27)
For New Mexico community colleges and regional universities to pay up to the full cost of student tuition and fees for workforce training courses not eligible for other state financial aid and that result in an industry-recognized credential or endorsement. This funding may also be used to subsidize costs of students involved in apprenticeships or internships and for program development. Higher education institutions shall submit an implementation plan to the higher education department prior to receipt of funding and include identification of the types of certificates or credentials offered and the employers and industries eligible for internship and apprenticeship support. The higher education department shall distribute this funding to higher education institutions based on their proportional share of instruction and general funding no later than August 1st of each year.	\$20,000.0 (FY25) \$20,000.0 (FY26) \$20,000.0 (FY27)
Appropriations to New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	
For geothermal resource development	\$500.0 (FY25) \$500.0 (FY26) \$500.0 (FY27)

HB 2, Section 10: Other Fund Transfers

The Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust is funded by a transfer from the General Fund into the new trust, an action authorized by the successful passage of [HB 196](#). Several other new trust funds were created and/or supported with new appropriations in the form of fund transfers from the General Fund, except where other sources are noted below.

Table 17.

HB 2 Section 10. Summary of fund transfers

Fund Transfers from the General Fund	HB 2
GOVERNMENT RESULTS AND OPPORTUNITY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2025. The general fund transfer is contingent on enactment of House Bill 196 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature creating a government results and opportunity expendable trust and program fund and providing for the distribution of the trust fund.	\$512,000.0
GOVERNMENT RESULTS AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2025. The general fund transfer is contingent on enactment of HB 196 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature creating a government results and opportunity expendable trust and program fund and providing for the distribution of the trust fund.	\$325,800.0
NEW MEXICO HOUSING TRUST FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2025 for the New Mexico mortgage finance authority to carry out the provisions of the Affordable Housing Act to acquire, build and rehabilitate affordable housing for people statewide, including those with behavioral health needs and victims of domestic violence.	\$50,000.0

PUBLIC LIABILITY FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2025.	\$20,000.0
OPIOID CRISIS RECOVERY FUND The internal service funds/interagency transfers transfer is in fiscal year 2024 from the opioid settlement restricted fund.	\$12,700.0
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRUST FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2025. The transfer is contingent on enactment of HB 5 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature creating the fund.	\$30,000.0
TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT FUND The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2024.	\$5,000.0

Higher Education Trust Fund

The 2024 State Legislative Session included a significant change in state investment accounts, prompted by the passage of [SB 159](#), to create a new **Higher Education Trust Fund** (\$959.0 million) and **Higher Education Program Fund** in the state treasury, with funding transferred from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund. The vision and intent for this new trust fund, as expressed in the course of this year’s legislative debates on the bill, is to plan for additional, long term funding that may be needed to sustain critical state higher education scholarship programs such as the Lottery Scholarship and Opportunity Scholarship, generating interest from the Trust Fund that can be used to offset any increased costs and appropriately preserve access to higher education opportunities for students. SB 159 includes the following language for the Higher Education Program Fund:

"HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND.--The 'higher education program fund' is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and income from investment of the fund. The higher education department shall administer the fund. Money in the fund is subject to appropriation by the legislature to provide money for scholarships for tuition and fees at public post-secondary educational institutions, as provided by law. Expenditures from the fund shall be by warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of higher education or the secretary's authorized representative. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to the higher education trust fund."

Summary of Legislative and Executive Actions

During the 2024 State Legislative Session, 777 pieces of legislation were introduced, and the Office of Government and Community Relations tracked more than 100 bills, memorials, and resolutions related to the University. By the end of the session, 72 bills were passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for consideration. Of those, the Governor rendered the following actions:

- 69 bills were signed (some included partial—often referred to as “line-item”—vetoes)
- 1 was vetoed (SB 217: Severance Tax Bond Fund Distributions)
- 2 were pocket vetoed (SB 129: Cybersecurity Act Changes; SB 175: Law Enforcement Fund Distributions)
- 81 legislative memorials were introduced; 35 resolutions were introduced

Below is a summary of legislation, including appropriations bills and non-appropriation-related bills, most relevant to UNM and passed by both chambers of the legislature. Please use the link in the “Bill #” column to access that piece of legislation’s webpage for more information. Final actions include the governor’s signature (S), governor’s veto (V), pocket veto (Pocket V), partial veto (Partial V), and passage (P) for memorials that do not require a final action by the governor.

Table 18. Legislation enacted or vetoed during the 2024 State Legislative Session, most relevant to UNM

Bill #	Short Bill Title	Final Action
HB 2	General Appropriation Act of 2024	S / Partial V
HB 5	Workforce Development & Apprenticeship Fund	S
HB 7	Health Care Affordability Fund Distribution	S
HB 33	Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act	S
HB 91	Geothermal Resources Project Funds	S
HB 151	Post-Secondary Affirmative Consent Policies	S
HB 171	School Graduation Requirements	S
HB 177	NM Match Fund	S
HB 182	Election Changes	S
HB 195	Housing Fund & Changes	S
HB 196	Gov’t Accountability Trust & Fund	S
HB 232	Infrastructure Planning & Development Division	S
HB 253	Capital Outlay Changes	S
HB 270	Higher Ed Tech Enhancement Fund Provisions	S
HB 308	General Obligation Bonds	S / Partial V
HM 3	Prenatal Substance Exposure Task Force	P
HM 12	Behavioral Health Workforce Study	P
HM 31	UNM Day	P
HM 34	Citizen Science in State Agencies	P
SB 14	Health Care Authority	S
SB 15	Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act	S
SB 17	Health Care Delivery & Access Act	S
SB 127	Professional Psychologist Act Changes	S
SB 129	Cybersecurity Act Changes	Pocket V
SB 135	Step Therapy Guidelines	S
SB 142	Behavioral Health Facility Notification	S
SB 159	Higher Education Trust Fund	S
SB 161	Acute Care Facilities Subsidies	S
SB 175	Law Enforcement Fund Distributions	Pocket V
SB 217	Severance Tax Bond Fund Distributions	V
SB 230	Disclosure of Certain Health Info	S
SB 239	Lottery & Opportunity Scholarship Changes	S
SB 246	Capital Outlay Reauthorizations	S / Partial V
SB 275	Capital Outlay Projects	S / Partial V
SJR 1	Appellate Judges Nomination Commission, CA	S
SM 12	Study Psilocybin for Therapeutic Treatments	P

Appendix A

Sec. 4 General Fund Recurring - Recommendation Summary (in thousands)																				
4	5	UNM Campus	FY24 Final	FY24 RPSP Rollup into I&G Subtotal	FY24 Final / Adjusted, including RPSP Rollup	FY24 Final, including I&G, Categorical Funds, and All RPSPs	FY25 Request	Formula Adjustments: 1.5% New Money			Non-Formula Adjustments			HB2 FINAL: I&G + Categorical Funds			HB2 Final RPSP Total (non-rollup RPSPs)	HB2 Final I&G + Categorical Funds + RPSPs	\$ Change from FY24 Final / Adjusted	% Change from FY24 Final / Adjusted
								Total Change	Subtotal FY25	% Change	Student Support	Faculty Compensation	Grad. Assistant Compensation	TOTAL	HB2 Sec. 4 Final FY25	\$ Change from FY24 Final / Adjusted				
7	Central	\$243,618.7	\$3,884.7	\$247,503.4		10.5% increase for "core higher education operations"	\$3,964.4	\$251,467.8	1.60%	\$933.7	\$2,178.6	\$998.5	\$4,110.7	\$255,578.5	\$8,075.1	3.26%	\$4,951.6	\$260,530.1		
8	Athletics	\$8,358.7	\$0.0	\$8,358.7									\$8,358.7	\$0.0	0.00%					
9	Educ TV	\$1,087.9	\$0.0	\$1,087.9									\$1,307.9	\$220.0	20.22%					
10	Categorical NM tribal education initiatives (Main)	\$1,050.0	\$0.0	\$1,050.0									\$1,050.0	\$0.0	0.00%					
11	Categorical NM teacher pipeline initiatives (Main)	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$100.0									\$100.0	\$0.0	0.00%					
12	Gallup	\$10,419.2	\$182.4	\$10,601.6			\$87.1	\$10,688.7	0.82%	\$39.9	\$93.2		\$133.1	\$10,821.8	\$220.2	2.08%	\$803.5	\$11,625.3		
13	Categorical NM tribal education initiatives (Gallup)	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$100.0									\$100.0	\$0.0	0.00%					
14	Los Alamos	\$2,294.9	\$0.0	\$2,294.9			\$24.8	\$2,319.7	1.08%	\$8.8	\$20.5		\$29.3	\$2,349.0	\$54.1	2.36%		\$2,349.0		
15	Valencia	\$6,899.8	\$0.0	\$6,899.8			\$60.7	\$6,960.5	0.88%	\$26.4	\$61.7		\$88.1	\$7,048.6	\$148.8	2.16%	\$427.2	\$7,475.8		
16	Taos	\$4,568.8	\$150.0	\$4,718.8			\$44.4	\$4,763.2	0.94%	\$17.5	\$40.9		\$58.4	\$4,821.6	\$102.8	2.18%	\$884.6	\$5,706.2		
17	UNM Main + 4 Branch Campuses	\$278,498.0	\$4,217.1	\$282,715.1	\$289,788.5		\$4,181.4	\$286,896.5	1.48%	\$1,026.3	\$2,394.8	\$998.5	\$4,419.7	\$291,536.1	\$8,821.0	3.12%	\$7,066.9	\$298,603.0	\$8,814.5	3.04%
18	HSC	\$82,735.7	\$602.4	\$83,338.1	\$143,688.1	Additional recurring funding requested for School of Medicine (clinical faculty \$46.0m, residents & fellows \$3.4m); College of Population Health faculty expansion \$5.7m.	\$1,822.5	\$85,160.6	2.19%		\$1,000.0	\$84.6	\$1,084.6	\$86,245.2	\$2,907.1	3.49%	\$68,877.6	\$155,122.8	\$11,434.7	7.96%
19	All Campuses	\$361,233.7	\$4,819.5	\$366,053.2	\$433,476.6		\$6,003.9	\$372,057.1	1.64%	\$1,026.3	\$3,394.8	\$1,083.1	\$5,504.2	\$377,781.3	\$11,728.1	3.20%	\$75,944.5	\$453,725.8	\$20,249.2	4.67%