

2026 State Legislative Session  
Final Report



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## 2026 State Legislative Session Summary and Highlights

The purpose of this report is to summarize and highlight legislation impacting the University of New Mexico as enacted during the 30-day 2026 State Legislative Session, formally known as the Second Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature. This report highlights major appropriations bills and points to key non-appropriation legislation.

In 30-day sessions, as are held in even-numbered calendar years in New Mexico, the Legislature's charge has a more limited scope, focused mainly on budget, tax and appropriations policy with the addition of bills that are authorized for consideration with a "message" from the Governor's office. In the intervening (odd-numbered) calendar years, the Legislature broadens its scope for a 60-day session and considers not only fiscal policy but also all other proposed types of policy changes affecting state law.

This year's 30-day session commenced January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon and adjourned Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Governor's bill-signing period ended this year at noon on March 11, 2026.

Thanks to UNM's many internal and external constituents, the Lobo community was active in tracking and informing many significant policy bills and appropriations legislation over the course of the 2026 State Legislative Session. The legislation described below is, at least in part, reflective of careful mix of proactive and reactive strategy, designed to advance the [UNM 2040 "Opportunity Defined" Strategic Plan](#) and pave the way for progress in attaining those goals and objectives. A summary of UNM's [FY27 Legislative Priorities](#) is available on the [UNM Office of Government and Community Relations website](#), alongside [other 2026 Legislative Session information](#), reports and highlights.

The primary sources for this report include publicly available information from the 2026 Legislative Session, the state legislative website ([www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov)) which includes customizable "bill finder" and bill tracking functions, and member correspondence from the New Mexico Council of University Presidents (NM CUP). Other data sources include:

- [House Bill 2 \(final version, post-vetoes\)](#)
- [The FY27 Executive Budget Recommendation](#);
- The Legislative Finance Committee's FY27 (LFC) [Policy and Performance Analysis \(Volume 1\)](#), [Appropriation Recommendations \(Volume 2\)](#), and [Supplemental Charts and Graphs \(Volume 3\)](#)
- [Legislative and Budgetary Recommendations](#) for FY27 as summarized and analyzed by UNM Government Relations
- [New Mexico Secretary of State listing of 2026 signed and chaptered bills](#)

For those wanting additional background information, a helpful **glossary of legislative terminology** may be found on the State Legislature's website here: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Glossary>

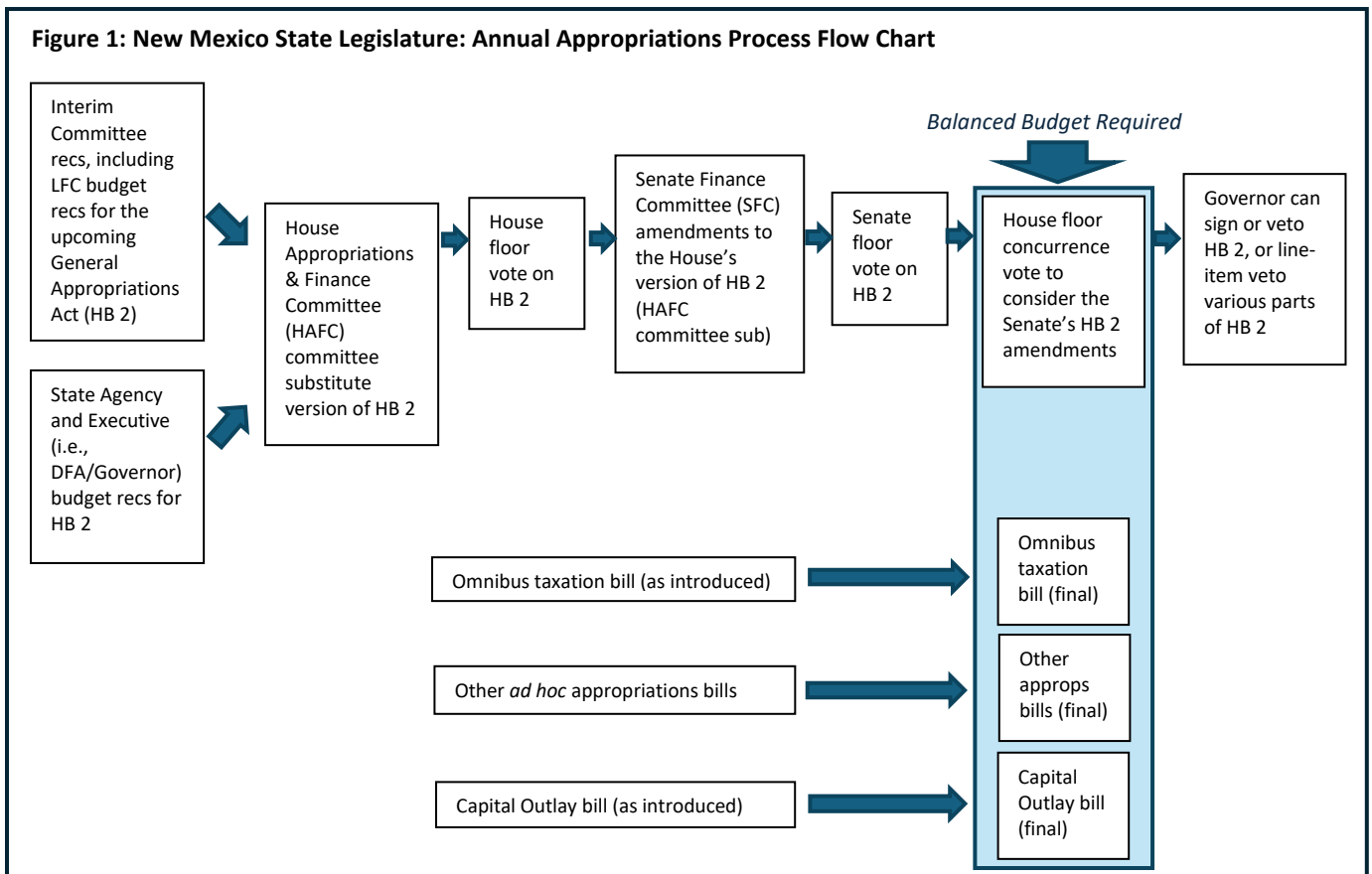
# Major Appropriations Legislation for the 2026 Session

The majority of this report will focus on the six (6) major appropriations bills passed and signed in the 2026 Legislative Session (see “final version” for each of the below):

- [HB 2: General Appropriations Act](#),
- [HB 248: General Obligation Bonds](#),
- [SB 240: Capital Outlay Projects](#),
- [HB 332: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations](#),
- [HB 8: Higher Education Major Projects Fund](#), and
- [SB 151: Corporate Income Tax Changes](#)

The General Appropriations Act, commonly referred to as House Bill 2 (or simply “[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 2026 version of House Bill 2.

Below in **Figure 1** is a flow chart depicting the basic elements of the state legislative appropriations process, specific to [HB 2](#), capital outlay legislation, and related expenditure bills.



Relative to the recent legislative session, [HB 2](#) is organized roughly similar to previous years, broken down into

sections delineating appropriations generally deemed **recurring** (Section 4) versus all others generally scored as **nonrecurring**. The bill includes the following content sections:

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Notably, past years' Section 8 "Compensation Appropriations" was not included in HB 2 this year because the legislative vehicle that contained this year's appropriations for a state employee compensation increase was an end-of-session omnibus (i.e., multi-purpose) taxation bill, [SB 151](#).

## HB 2, Section 4: Recurring Appropriations Summary

Each year, HB 2 includes line items for **Instruction and General** funding (i.e., "I&G") **Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs)**, **categorical**, and **"other state funds"** as recurring direct appropriations to the University.

As a state appropriation mechanism applicable to all public higher ed institutions in New Mexico, I&G provides significant core funding to UNM for base operations directly related to and supportive of academic instruction.

RPSP funding supports specific programs and purposes identified in each line item and are more narrowly focused and purpose-bound than I&G funding. UNM manages an internal call each summer to determine which specific RPSPs and associated line items, if applicable, 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 FY27 funding amounts, see pages 143 through 151 of [HB 2](#).

The 2026 Legislative Session ultimately saw no new RPSP line items being created/funded across the entire higher education sector, perhaps with one exception for a new \$100,000 line item at a comprehensive (4-year) institution under an existing (statewide) categorical funding mechanism. This trend doubles down on the Legislature's reluctance in recent years to create new RPSP recurring commitments for any higher education institutions.

Below in Table 1 is a full comparison of UNM's HB 2 recurring appropriations, followed by a high-level summary of those line items grouped by campus, generally applicable to FY27 unless otherwise noted.


**Table 1. HB 2, Section 4: UNM Final Recurring Appropriations for FY27, Compared to FY26 Operating Budgets (“OpBud”)**

2026 (FY27) Appropriations: Final HB 2 Recurring Line Items																	
(in thousands) rev. 3/11/26																	
	UNM Institution/Program	FY26 OpBud	FY27 HED Rec	FY27 Executive Rec	FY27 LFC Rec	HED Rec Over/Under FY26 OpBud	Exec Rec Over/Under FY26 OpBud	LFC Rec Over/Under FY26 OpBud	HED % Change	Exec % Change	LFC % Change	SFC HB 2 (final)	SFC HB2 Over/Under LFC & HAFC Rec	SFC HB2 Over/Under FY26 OpBud	HB2 FINAL	HB2 FINAL Over/Under FY26 OpBud	HB2 FINAL % Change from FY26 OpBud
4	<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO</b>																
5	Main Campus I&G	285,341.8	305,545.0	unavailable	299,760.2	20,203.2	unavailable	14,418.4	7.08%	unavailable	5.05%	299,760.2	0.0	14,418.4	299,760.2	14,418.4	5.05%
6	Athletics (categorical)	11,657.8	11,657.8	unavailable	8,657.8	0.0	unavailable	-3,000.0	0.00%	unavailable	-25.73%	8,657.8	0.0	-3,000.0	8,657.8	-3,000.0	-25.73%
7	Educational television (categorical)	1,352.5	3,412.0	unavailable	1,352.5	2,059.5	unavailable	0.0	152.27%	unavailable	0.00%	1,352.5	0.0	0.0	1,352.5	0.0	0.00%
8	Main Campus-Tribal education initiatives	1,291.4	1,291.4	unavailable	1,291.4	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	1,291.4	0.0	0.0	1,291.4	0.0	0.00%
9	Main Campus-Teacher pipeline initiatives	101.2	101.2	unavailable	101.2	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	101.2	0.0	0.0	101.2	0.0	0.00%
10	Gallup Branch-I&G	11,812.6	13,574.1	unavailable	13,016.7	1,761.5	unavailable	1,204.1	14.91%	unavailable	10.19%	13,016.7	0.0	1,204.1	13,016.7	1,204.1	10.19%
11	Gallup Branch-Tribal education initiatives	103.7	103.7	unavailable	103.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	103.7	0.0	0.0	103.7	0.0	0.00%
12	Los Alamos Branch-I&G	2,547.2	2,759.9	unavailable	2,617.8	212.7	unavailable	70.6	8.35%	unavailable	2.77%	2,617.8	0.0	70.6	2,617.8	70.6	2.77%
13	Valencia Branch-I&G	7,673.9	8,635.9	unavailable	8,342.9	962.0	unavailable	669.0	12.54%	unavailable	8.72%	8,342.9	0.0	669.0	8,342.9	669.0	8.72%
14	Taos Branch-I&G	5,204.3	6,399.3	unavailable	6,311.7	1,195.0	unavailable	1,107.4	22.96%	unavailable	21.28%	6,311.7	0.0	1,107.4	6,311.7	1,107.4	21.28%
15	<b>Research and Public Service Projects</b>																
16	Judicial Selection	176.7	176.7	unavailable	176.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	176.7	0.0	0.0	176.7	0.0	0.00%
17	Southwest Research Center	858.0	858.0	unavailable	858.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	858.0	0.0	0.0	858.0	0.0	0.00%
18	Resource Geographic Information System	71.6	71.6	unavailable	71.6	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	71.6	0.0	0.0	71.6	0.0	0.00%
19	Southwest Indian Law Clinic	220.3	220.3	unavailable	220.3	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	220.3	0.0	0.0	220.3	0.0	0.00%
20	Geospatial and population studies/BBER	417.2	417.2	unavailable	417.2	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	417.2	0.0	0.0	417.2	0.0	0.00%
21	Manufacturing engineering program	568.2	568.2	unavailable	568.2	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	568.2	0.0	0.0	568.2	0.0	0.00%
22	Wildlife law education	101.8	101.8	unavailable	101.8	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	101.8	0.0	0.0	101.8	0.0	0.00%
23	Community-based education	582.8	582.8	unavailable	582.8	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	582.8	0.0	0.0	582.8	0.0	0.00%
24	Corinne Wolfe children's law center	173.6	173.6	unavailable	173.6	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	173.6	0.0	0.0	173.6	0.0	0.00%
25	Mock trial program and high school forensics	411.6	411.6	unavailable	411.6	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	411.6	0.0	0.0	411.6	0.0	0.00%
26	Utton transboundary resources center	461.7	461.7	unavailable	461.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	461.7	0.0	0.0	461.7	0.0	0.00%
27	Gallup Branch - nurse expansion	803.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	-803.5	unavailable	-803.5	-100.00%	unavailable	-100.00%	0.0	0.0	-803.5	0.0	-803.5	-100.00%
28	Valencia Branch - nurse expansion	427.2	0.0	unavailable	0.0	-427.2	unavailable	-427.2	-100.00%	unavailable	-100.00%	0.0	0.0	-427.2	0.0	-427.2	-100.00%
29	Taos Branch - nurse expansion	884.6	0.0	unavailable	0.0	-884.6	unavailable	-884.6	-100.00%	unavailable	-100.00%	0.0	0.0	-884.6	0.0	-884.6	-100.00%
30	University of New Mexico press	482.5	482.5	unavailable	482.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	482.5	0.0	0.0	482.5	0.0	0.00%
31	New Mexico bioscience authority	335.5	335.5	unavailable	335.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	335.5	0.0	0.0	335.5	0.0	0.00%
32	Natural heritage New Mexico database	53.3	53.3	unavailable	53.3	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	53.3	0.0	0.0	53.3	0.0	0.00%
33	Border justice initiative	196.5	196.5	unavailable	196.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	196.5	0.0	0.0	196.5	0.0	0.00%
34	Wild friends program	79.9	79.9	unavailable	79.9	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	79.9	0.0	0.0	79.9	0.0	0.00%
35	School of public administration	103.7	103.7	unavailable	103.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	103.7	0.0	0.0	103.7	0.0	0.00%
36	Teacher education at branch colleges	62.8	62.8	unavailable	62.8	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	62.8	0.0	0.0	62.8	0.0	0.00%
37	Office of SUD [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
38	Quantum NM Institute [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
39	UNM-Gallup CHW Prgrm [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40	UNM-LA Early Child Prgrm [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
41	Quantum NM Institute [NEW/PROPOSED for FY27]	N/A	2,930.0	N/A	0.0	2,930.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

  denotes RPSP line items that were “rolled up” into I&G

39	UNM-Gallup CHW Prgrm [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40	UNM-LA Early Child Prgrm [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
41	Quantum NM Institute [NEW/PROPOSED for FY27]	N/A	2,930.0	N/A	0.0	2,930.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
42	UNM-Gallup Law Enfrc Acad [NEW/PROPOSED for FY27]	N/A	400.0	N/A	0.0	400.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
43	Structured Literacy Coord [NEW/PROPOSED for FY27]	N/A	125.0	N/A	0.0	125.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	<b>TOTAL MAIN + BRANCH CAMPUS RECURRING (I&amp;G + RPSPs)</b>	<b>334,559.4</b>	<b>362,293.0</b>	<b>348,142.1</b>	<b>346,913.6</b>	<b>27,733.6</b>	<b>13,582.7</b>	<b>12,354.2</b>	<b>8.29%</b>	<b>4.06%</b>	<b>3.69%</b>	<b>346,913.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,354.2</b>	<b>346,913.6</b>	<b>12,354.2</b>	<b>3.69%</b>	

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<b>UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER</b>																	
Health Sciences Center I&G	97,941.3	100,879.5	unavailable	104,381.3	2,938.2	unavailable	6,440.0	3.00%	unavailable	6.58%	126,381.3	22,000.0	28,440.0	126,381.3	28,440.0	29.04%	
<b>Research and Public Service Projects</b>																	
ENLACE	980.7	980.7	unavailable	980.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	980.7	0.0	0.0	980.7	0.0	0.00%	
Graduate medical education/residencies	2,549.0	2,549.0	unavailable	2,549.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	2,549.0	0.0	0.0	2,549.0	0.0	0.00%	
Office of the Medical Investigator	11,811.2	14,000.0	unavailable	13,811.2	2,188.8	unavailable	2,000.0	18.53%	unavailable	16.93%	13,811.2	0.0	2,000.0	13,811.2	2,000.0	16.93%	
Native American suicide prevention	100.5	100.5	unavailable	100.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	100.5	0.0	0.0	100.5	0.0	0.00%	
Children's psychiatric hospital	12,613.3	12,613.3	unavailable	12,613.3	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	12,613.3	0.0	0.0	12,613.3	0.0	0.00%	
Carrie Tingley hospital	9,871.9	9,871.9	unavailable	9,871.9	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	9,871.9	0.0	0.0	9,871.9	0.0	0.00%	
Newborn intensive care	3,673.0	3,673.0	unavailable	3,673.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	3,673.0	0.0	0.0	3,673.0	0.0	0.00%	
Pediatric oncology	1,677.7	1,677.7	unavailable	1,677.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	1,677.7	0.0	0.0	1,677.7	0.0	0.00%	
Poison and drug information center	2,781.7	2,781.7	unavailable	2,781.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	2,781.7	0.0	0.0	2,781.7	0.0	0.00%	
Cancer Center	8,461.4	9,500.0	unavailable	8,461.4	1,038.6	unavailable	0.0	12.27%	unavailable	0.00%	8,461.4	0.0	0.0	8,461.4	0.0	0.00%	
Genomics, biocomputing and env. health rsrch	945.7	945.7	unavailable	945.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	945.7	0.0	0.0	945.7	0.0	0.00%	
Trauma specialty education	250.0	250.0	unavailable	250.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.00%	
Pediatrics specialty education	250.0	250.0	unavailable	250.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.00%	
Native American health center	336.0	336.0	unavailable	336.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	336.0	0.0	0.0	336.0	0.0	0.00%	
Nurse expansion	951.6	0.0	unavailable	0.0	-951.6	unavailable	-951.6	-100.00%	unavailable	-100.00%	0.0	0.0	-951.6	0.0	-951.6	-100.00%	
Graduate nurse education	4,824.2	4,824.2	unavailable	4,824.2	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	4,824.2	0.0	0.0	4,824.2	0.0	0.00%	
Child abuse evaluation center	166.1	166.1	unavailable	166.1	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	166.1	0.0	0.0	166.1	0.0	0.00%	
Hepatitis community health outcomes	10,240.9	10,240.9	unavailable	10,240.9	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	10,240.9	0.0	0.0	10,240.9	0.0	0.00%	
Comprehensive movement disorders clinic	436.5	436.5	unavailable	436.5	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	436.5	0.0	0.0	436.5	0.0	0.00%	
Office of the medical investigator grief services	341.7	341.7	unavailable	341.7	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	341.7	0.0	0.0	341.7	0.0	0.00%	
Physicians asst progrm & nurse practitioners	653.0	653.0	unavailable	653.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	653.0	0.0	0.0	653.0	0.0	0.00%	
Special needs dental	500.0	500.0	unavailable	500.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.00%	
Undergraduate nursing education	1,500.0	1,500.0	unavailable	1,500.0	0.0	unavailable	0.0	0.00%	unavailable	0.00%	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	1,500.0	0.0	0.00%	
Population Health [NEW/PROPOSED for FY26]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Population Health [NEW/PROPOSED for FY27]	0.0	2,500.0	N/A	0.0	2,500.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL HSC RECURRING (I&amp;G + RPSPs)</b>	<b>173,857.4</b>	<b>181,571.4</b>	<b>176,869.70</b>	<b>181,345.8</b>	<b>7,714.0</b>	<b>3,012.3</b>	<b>7,488.4</b>	<b>4.44%</b>	<b>1.73%</b>	<b>4.31%</b>	<b>203,345.8</b>	<b>22,000.0</b>	<b>29,488.4</b>	<b>203,345.8</b>	<b>29,488.4</b>	<b>16.96%</b>	
<b>ALL UNM CAMPUSES: TOTAL RECURRING</b>	<b>508,416.8</b>	<b>543,864.4</b>	<b>525,011.80</b>	<b>528,259.4</b>	<b>35,447.6</b>	<b>16,595.0</b>	<b>19,842.6</b>	<b>6.97%</b>	<b>3.26%</b>	<b>3.90%</b>	<b>550,259.4</b>	<b>22,000.0</b>	<b>41,842.6</b>	<b>550,259.4</b>	<b>41,842.6</b>	<b>8.23%</b>	

 denotes RPSP line items that were "rolled up" into I&G

## HB 2, Section 4: Instruction and General Funding and Categorical Funding

As a backdrop for I&G appropriations to each UNM campus, HB 2 codifies the purpose of those appropriations as follows:

- 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 Health Sciences Center (HSC)** is to *“provide educational, clinical, and research support for the advancement of the health of all New Mexicans.”*

HB 2 incorporated a 4% increase—equaling \$36.2 million—as the initial input to the state’s I&G funding formula, and also another \$5.958 million for non-formula adjustments to the entire higher education institutional sector.

For more details on UNM’s I&G, RPSPs, and categorical funds, see pages 143 through 151 of [HB 2](#).

For **Central Campus**, HB 2 includes a total increase for I&G, RPSPs and categorical funds of 3.69 percent (\$12.3542 million).

For UNM **branch campuses**, HB 2 includes I&G increases as follows:

- **UNM-Gallup:** an increase of 10.19%, or \$1.2041 million
  - Note that this I&G increase includes a “roll-up” initiated this year by the State of \$803.5 thousand from the “Gallup Branch—Nurse Expansion” RPSP that will be included in the I&G line for UNM-G moving forward
  - The adjusted total recurring funding increase for UNM-Gallup, as compared to this campus’s FY26 state funded operating budget, is 3.2%.
- **UNM-Los Alamos:** an increase of 2.77%, or \$70.6 thousand
  - UNM-Los Alamos has historically not had a Nurse Expansion separate line item, so no RPSP roll-up occurred for this campus
- **UNM-Valencia:** an increase of 8.72%, or \$669.0 thousand
  - Note that this I&G increase includes a “roll-up” initiated this year by the State of \$427.2 thousand from the “Valencia Branch—Nurse Expansion” RPSP that will be included in the I&G line for UNM-V moving forward
  - The adjusted total recurring funding increase for UNM-Valencia, as compared to this campus’s FY26 state funded operating budget, is 3.0%.
- **UNM-Taos:** an increase of 21.28%, or \$1.1074 million
  - Note that this I&G increase includes a “roll-up” initiated this year by the State of \$884.6 thousand from the “Taos Branch—Nurse Expansion” RPSP that will be included in the I&G line for UNM-T moving forward
  - The adjusted total recurring funding increase for UNM-Taos, as compared to this campus’s

FY26 state funded operating budget, is 3.7%.

For the **UNM Health Sciences Center**, [HB 2](#) includes a total increase of 16.96 percent (\$29.4884 million) for I&G, RPSPs and categorical funds. HB 2 (pg. 149) directs a portion of that newly expanded appropriation for specific purposes, as follows:

*“The general fund appropriation to the health sciences center of the university of New Mexico in the instruction and general purposes category includes twenty one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$21,500,000) to provide compensation increases for clinical medical faculty and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to provide compensation increases for graduate medical education residents and fellows.”*

Additional details about UNM, UNM branch campus, and UNM HSC I&G, RPSPs and categorical funding can be found above in **Table 1**. Table 1 also shows several new RPSPs or other RPSP increases that were favored early in the legislative process by the Legislature, by the Executive, or both, and the final status of those. This table is not intended to reflect the full sweep of UNM’s “new” and “expansion” RPSP requests, but it does accurately reflect some early limited early momentum for a couple new RPSP line items. Ultimately, the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) was the sole major recurring increase provided for UNM’s RPSP line items.

For UNM Athletics, Table 1 shows a significant (\$3.0 million) decrease impacting this particular “categorical” (i.e., recurring, and potentially applicable to multiple institutions) line item. This effectively erases the \$3.0 million recurring increase the Legislature provided to UNM Athletics programs last year. The Legislature took a different approach this year: eliminating large recurring increases for UNM Athletics, but in turn, providing \$4.0 million for each of the next three (3) fiscal years as a nonrecurring line item in Section 5 of HB 2. The immediate net effect is an additional \$1.0 million over what was approved by the 2025 Legislature. More information on this development may be found below in the Section 5 Special Appropriations section of this report.

[HB 2](#) (pg. 151) also included language regarding “other state funds” 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** below identifies those UNM recurring line items funded by other state funds in HB 2, Section 4.

**Table 2. HB 2 Section 4: Summary of Line Items Drawing from Other State Funds (in thousands)**

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

Similar to last year, [HB 2](#) (pg. 151) included the following partial redirection of existing Project ECHO funding to behavior health initiatives as part of a broader, ongoing state effort known as the *Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act*:

*“The general fund appropriation to the hepatitis community health outcomes research and public service project of the university of New Mexico health sciences center includes one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to facilitate training for behavioral health providers and provide behavioral health services to patients in accordance with the **Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act**. ”*

Additionally, and similar to last year, HB 2, Section 4 includes the following language granting authority to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to adjust appropriations to higher education institutions for course articulation nonconformance, applicable to recurring appropriations to higher education institutions:

*“... the state budget division of the department of finance and administration may 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 139; strikethrough indicates partial language veto by the Governor)

HB 2, Section 4, p. 140 also included some new language related to the use of lottery or opportunity scholarship dollars by the Higher Education Department that was subsequently vetoed by the Governor:

*“The department shall not distribute lottery or opportunity scholarship reimbursement to higher education institutions for tuition and fees over the rates charged in the fall semester 2025.”*

## HB 2, Section 4: Additional Language Impacting the New Mexico Health Care Authority

The New Mexico Health Care Authority, as a state agency, is an important public policy and funding partner for the UNM Health system. For example, the Health Care Authority oversees state contracts involving the flow of federal Medicaid funding to New Mexico-based providers who are eligible for these types of service payments and/or reimbursements, including UNM Hospitals.

Recurring appropriations for the new Health Care Authority Department appear in Section 4 of [HB 2](#), pages 93 through page 103.

On page 93 of HB 2, the Governor instituted a partial veto of policy language as follows:

*“The appropriations to the medical assistance program of the health care authority assume the state will receive an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage rate for those enrolled in the expansion adult category through fiscal year 2027 as provided for in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. ~~Should the federal government reduce or rescind the federal medical assistance percentage rates established by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the health care authority shall reduce or rescind eligibility for the expansion adult category.~~ ”*

Also, on page 95, an interagency transfer appropriation relevant to UNM Health Sciences was vetoed in its entirety, as follows:

*“The internal service funds/interagency transfers appropriations to the medical assistance program of the health care authority include two million dollars (\$2,000,000) 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

**HB 2, Section 5** provides other appropriations to UNM and to other state agencies and programs that are (1) typically scored nonrecurring, and (2) are bound by a finite performance period (e.g., a single year or multi-year) for execution/completion. Special appropriations occasionally include a mix of General Fund and other state funds or federal funds, and 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 for prior years’ budget shortfalls

Special appropriations may represent new outlays of funding via line-item appropriations, or else they might not include appropriations, but instead include *language* that modifies the recipient, legislative purpose and/or performance period for prior authorized spending. Note: **Table 3** below lists the special appropriations most relevant to UNM, regardless of the recipient state agency, and assumes 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. Also, HB 2, Section 5 special appropriations may not be spent in the current fiscal year as was allowed in recent years, but must wait until state start of the state fiscal year in July, 2026. For reference, see the applicable controlling language below:

***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 year 2027. Unless otherwise indicated, any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the appropriate fund. (pg. 184)*

**Table 3. HB 2 Summary Section 5: Special (Nonrecurring) Appropriations to UNM**

**Note:**   denotes select capital outlay projects that were funded under the statewide framework that directly bear on UNM as an institution

HB2 Final	HB2 Sec. #	Line Item #	Page #	Target Entity	\$\$ Amount	Source	Language
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	26	189	State Auditor	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 32 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 to develop a plan for migration to a single financial audit for the state of New Mexico is extended through fiscal year 2027.

<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	33	190	DFA	\$2,750,000	GF	For educational television and public radio, <del>including one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for KANW educational radio station.</del> Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	39		DFA	\$20,000,000	GF	To the New Mexico match fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	44	192	DFA	\$1,000,000	OSF	For medications for opioid use disorder programming for incarcerated individuals in <del>Bernalillo county, including funds for additional nursing capacity and an injectable monthly extended release buprenorphine pilot project.</del> The other state funds appropriation is from the opioid settlement fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	47	192	DFA	\$12,000,000	GF	For a building for primary healthcare in Taos.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	67	196	DoIT	\$21,000,000	GF	To support cybersecurity initiatives for executive branch agencies, public education institutions, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties and other public entities.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	69	196	DoIT	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 65 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for cybersecurity initiatives, including initiatives for public schools and institutions of higher education to govern, identify, protect, detect, respond and recover, and cybersecurity insurance coverage and subscriptions for the state, including up to seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) for the consortium of higher education institutions statewide that shall not be used for administrative overhead expenses, is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	83	198	EDD			To the technology and innovation division for account managers for targeted sectors. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	84	198	EDD	\$10,000,000		For the purchase of time on the cloud for quantum computing.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	85	198-199	EDD	\$4,000,000		<del>For creative industries grants. The other state funds appropriation is from the art in public places fund.</del>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	86	199	EDD	\$49,300,000	GF	For the quantum benchmarking initiative to match funds from the federal defense advanced research projects agency. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	87	199	EDD	\$11,600,000	GF	For grants supporting small businesses, entrepreneurs, start-ups and research and development in the science and technology target sectors.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	88	199	EDD	\$10,000,000	GF	For distribution to New Mexico higher education institutions for endowed faculty positions and postdoctoral researchers for the education ecosystem.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	90	199	EDD	NA	N/A	The period of time for expending the fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 89 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for physical economic development infrastructure, including five million dollars for

							innovation hubs and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for quantum space is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	91	199-200	EDD	\$15,000,000	GF	For innovation hubs, including seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for start-up costs and six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for aerospace. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	94	200	EDD	\$38,000,000	GF	For a single centralized open user facility for applied quantum information science research, including capabilities that meet national security needs for full collaboration with national laboratories and including workforce training space and equipment, contingent on the facility being able to house a quantum computer and being capable of creating a hybrid classical-quantum computing workspace. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	95	200	EDD	\$3,000,000	GF	For the quantum New Mexico institute.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	96	200-201	EDD	\$110,000,000	GF	For the research, development and deployment fund, <del>contingent on performance outcomes, including research spending, jobs created and business scaling,</del> and including at least forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for quantum initiatives and at least forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for advanced energy initiatives.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	97	201	EDD	N/A	N/A	The balance of the general fund appropriation contained in Subsection 92 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for site characterization and predevelopment assessment with eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 and eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2028 shall not be expended for the original purpose but is reappropriated for site characterization and predevelopment assessment for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	122	204	EMNRD	\$2,000,000	GF	For a wildfire mapping database and artificial-intelligence-enabled early detection camera network system.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	125	204	EMNRD	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 122 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for forest management, restoration, thinning and vegetation management is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	126	204	EMNRD	\$10,000,000	GF	To the geothermal projects development fund to advance geothermal projects in New Mexico and expand state-level investments in geothermal energy.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	127	204-205	EMNRD	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 123 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 to the geothermal projects development fund to advance geothermal projects in New Mexico and to expand state-level investment in geothermal projects is extended through fiscal year 2027.

<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	128	205	EMNRD	\$5,000,000	GF	To the grid modernization grant fund including, for micro-grid development and deployment.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	144	207	IAD	\$429,600	GF	For public television and radio. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	154	209	HCA	\$25,000,000	OSF	For affordability programs to prevent coverage loss resulting from federal cuts. The other state funds appropriation is from the health care affordability fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	155	209	HCA	\$2,000,000	GF	For costs associated with competency to stand trial examinations, testing and court-ordered testimony provided by contracted forensic examiners.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	156	209	HCA	\$7,000,000	GF	To implement development, delivery and support for a new training infrastructure for statewide screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment as mandated by Chapter 156 of Laws 2025.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	157	209	HCA	\$40,000,000	OSF	For maintaining health coverage for lawfully present medicaid enrollees who will lose Medicaid eligibility on October 1, 2026. The other state funds appropriation is from the health care affordability fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	158	209-210	HCA	\$38,100,000	OSF	To offset the expiration of enhanced federal premium tax credits enacted in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 that removed the four hundred percent of the federal poverty level income limitation for eligibility for advance premium tax credits for coverage purchased through the health insurance exchange, contingent on the federal government not extending the enhanced federal premium tax credits. If the enhanced federal premium tax credits are extended by the federal government at any time during fiscal year 2027, any unexpended funds in this appropriation shall revert to the health care affordability fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the health care affordability fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	162	210	HCA	\$8,855,200	GF	For support system improvements, staff training and process enhancements to reduce payment errors, strengthen compliance and mitigate future liability under federal quality control requirements.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	163	210	HCA	\$1,000,000	GF	For obstetrician-gynecologist services and infrastructure to cover Cibola, McKinley, San Juan, Valencia and Catron counties.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	167	211	HCA	\$2,500,000	GF	For the supplemental nutrition assistance education program, in consultation with the higher education department for distribution to higher education institutions.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	169	211	WSD	\$250,000	GF	For a pilot program to provide professional development toward licensure of bilingual behavioral healthcare professionals and culturally and linguistically specific trauma-informed mental health, case management, prevention and social work services in Bernalillo county.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	174	212	WSD	\$200,000	GF	For local news fellowships.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	179	213	DOH	\$1,800,000	GF	For mosquito surveillance, prevention and mitigation. The department of health may use up to one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to provide grants to local governments and state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the New Mexico constitution for mosquito surveillance, prevention and mitigation projects. Any unexpended

							balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	180	213	DOH	\$1,500,000	GF	For an opioid addiction prevention program <del>that addresses the root cause of the opioid crisis by improving pain management protocols for surgical patients and providing personalized nurse navigation and evidence-based clinical implementation support.</del>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	181	213	DOH	\$2,500,000	GF	To manage operation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act program.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	184	213	DOH	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriated to the department of health in Subsection 195 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for operational expenses for enacting the Medical Psilocybin Act is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	187	214	DOH	\$165,000	GF	For a public service campaign on shaken baby syndrome.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	188	214	DOH	\$3,000,000	GF	To recruit, train and provide stipends to medical and behavioral health preceptors in medically underserved areas. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	189	214	Environ Dept	\$25,000,000	GF	For circular economy and industrial decarbonization initiatives.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	213	217	CYFD	\$2,500,000	GF	To <del>contract with child welfare experts to develop, implement and administer a short-term stabilization pilot program in Dona Ana, Chaves, San Juan, McKinley, Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Eddy counties.</del> Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	217	217-218	Corrections Dept	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the eleven million three hundred thousand dollars (\$11,300,000) appropriated from the government results and opportunity program fund in Paragraph 25 of Subsection A of Section 9 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for medication-assisted treatment is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	232	220	PED	\$500,000	GF	For purposes pursuant to the Bilingual Multicultural Education Act.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	233	220	PED	\$500,000	GF	For purposes pursuant to the Black Education Act.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	234	220	PED	\$35,000,000	GF, OSF	For evidence-based career technical education pilot programs, including work-based learning. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	235	220	PED	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the twenty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$28,500,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 246 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for the career technical education pilot project, including career technical student organizations, innovation zones and work-based learning initiatives is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	236	220	PED	\$20,000,000	GF	For the recruitment and retention of educator fellows and grow your own teacher programs, including one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for teacher recruitment pilots and programs to improve the teacher workforce

							pipeline. The public education department shall prioritize awards to school districts and charter schools that provide local matching funds for participating educators.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	238	221	PED	\$500,000	GF	For purposes pursuant to the Hispanic Education Act.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	239	221	PED	\$200,000	GF	To expand the instructional materials resource library to provide comprehensive, standards-aligned resources supporting heritage language and bilingual multicultural education programs statewide.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	242	221	PED	\$14,600,000	GF	For literacy coaches at schools in the lowest quartile. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	243	221	PED	\$2,000,000	GF	For operations of the literary [sic] institute.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	244	221	PED	\$1,750,000	OSF	<del>For state museum exhibits supporting youth experiential activities and activities in astronomy, geology and energy science the other state funds appropriations is from the art in public places fund.</del>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	246	221-222	PED	\$20,000,000	OSF	To conduct out-of-school time programs to sustain and expand comprehensive and affordable out-of-school time programming for school-age youth statewide. <del>Ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000) shall be used for school districts, charter schools, the bureau of Indian education schools and tribally controlled schools and ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000) shall be used for contracting with local and statewide nonprofit community organizations that provide out-of-school time programming.</del> Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes from either allocation. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	247	222	PED	\$29,000,000	GF	For student reading and math intervention programs.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	248	222	PED	\$5,600,000	GF	For principal and superintendent preparation, coaching and residencies pursuant to the School Personnel Act.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	251	222	PED	\$4,000,000	GF	For the implementation of special education initiatives by the public education department.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	254	223	PED	\$3,000,000	GF	For science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics initiatives.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	255	223	PED	\$3,000,000	GF	For a science, technology, engineering and mathematics network.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	263	224	HED	\$2,000,000	GF	For athletics projects and higher education institutions other than the university of New Mexico and New Mexico state university.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	264	224	HED	\$20,000,000	GF	For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for building renewal and replacement and facility demolition for expenditure in fiscal year 2027. 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

							<p>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.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	265	224	HED	\$3,000,000	GF	<p>For distribution to the athletics departments of comprehensive colleges based on the proportional size state athletics appropriations to each college, provided that no more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be distributed annually in fiscal years 2027, 2028 and 2029.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	266	224	HED	\$3,000,000	GF	<p>For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for equipment renewal and replacement. A report of equipment and 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.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	267	224-225	HED	\$25,000,000	GF	<p>For the health professional loan repayment program, contingent on enactment of House Bill 66 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-seventh legislature <del>to increase the maximum annual amount of loan repayment for physicians.</del></p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	269	225	HED	\$500,000	GF	<p>For the New Mexico longitudinal data system operations.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	270	225	HED	\$1,500,000	GF	<p>For a partnership with a New Mexico college of osteopathic medicine to improve a comprehensive outreach program to increase interest in the healthcare field within the state of New Mexico.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	271	225	HED	N/A	N/A	<p>The period of time for expending the twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 222 of Section 5 of Chapter 201 of Laws 2023 for endowments to support financial aid, including scholarships and paid practicums, for New Mexico residents who are graduates of a New Mexico high school currently enrolled in a masters' level social work program at a state institution of higher education as enumerated in Article 12 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and for clinical supervision services for licensed social workers post-graduation is extended through fiscal year 2027.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	272	225	HED	N/A	N/A	<p>Any unexpended balance from the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 283 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 to the technology enhancement fund remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall not revert to the general fund and shall be distributed <del>in equal amounts to the university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university and the New Mexico institute of mining and technology</del> to support research activities.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	273	225	HED	\$500,000	GF	<p>For tuition of Native American students attending bordering states with in-state tuition agreement.</p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	274	225-226	UNM	\$3,000,000	GF	<p><del>To the health sciences center for an actuarial study on healthcare, including cost drivers.</del></p>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	275	226	UNM	\$12,000,000	GF	<p>For improvements to athletics facilities.</p>

<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	276	226	UNM	\$5,000,000	GF	For the health sciences center for centralized high-performance computing upgrades, quantum computer access and data center renovations to expand bioscience-related activities and develop artificial intelligence and quantum computing approaches. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	277	226	UNM	\$5,000,000	GF	For the health sciences center for unified activities with the school of engineering and the college of arts and sciences in acoustomicrofluidic microneedle systems, compact optical, radio frequency and biosensors; multimodal brain imaging scanners and functionally guided brain stimulators; and genomic and transcriptomic next-generation sequencing equipment. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	278	226	UNM	\$500,000	GF	For the center of Native American health.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	279	226	UNM	\$200,000	GF	For the college of education for student teachers in underserved communities as defined by the court order in Martinez v. state of New Mexico No. D-101-CV-2014-00793 and Yazzie v. state of New Mexico No. D101-CV-2014-02224.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	280	226	UNM	\$250,000	GF	For the community engagement office.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	281	226-227	UNM	\$8,000,000	GF	To purchase equipment for a flexible ion implanter, cryogenic optical spectroscopy and quantum spin photon tools; to purchase a focused ion beam milling system with variable-energy and multispecies capability; to purchase fiber semiconductor lasers and high-power microwave test stands; to construct laboratory upgrades; and for a nitrogen liquefaction plant cost-controlled cryogenics for mission United States department of defense collaborations with the United States air force, Sandia national laboratories and Los Alamos national laboratory that depend of uninterrupted cryogenics for directed energy, quantum materials, biobanking and clinical operations. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	282	227	UNM	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 299 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for the psychedelic-assisted therapy research program in the department of family medicine is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	283	227	UNM	\$1,937,000	GF	For information technology systems necessary to integrate and format data sets regarding air quality, ground water, methane gas and carbon emissions and sequestration.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	284	227	UNM	\$750,000	GF	For the health sciences center learning environment office.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	285	227	UNM	\$5,000,000	GF	To the university of New Mexico school of medicine to provide faculty supports and tuition supports to medical students.

<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	286	227	UNM	\$150,000,000	OSF	For planning, design and construction of the school of medicine. The other state funds appropriation is from the higher education major projects fund.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	<del>287</del>	227	UNM	<del>\$750,000</del>	GF	<del>For a comprehensive movement disorders clinic.</del>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	288	227	UNM	\$2,500,000	GF	For a Native American studies faculty endowment.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	289	228	UNM	\$1,000,000	GF	To the university of New Mexico-Taos for the Taos observatory.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	290	228	UNM	\$500,000	GF	For online Navajo language program development.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	291	228	UNM	\$150,000	GF	For a psilocybin-assisted therapy research program.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	292	228	UNM	\$2,000,000	GF	To purchase robots, three-dimensional printers and supporting equipment to renovate of a centralized training facility. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	293	228	UNM	\$24,000,000	GF	For rural residencies and residency rotations to administer a program that provides payments to federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, <del>independent</del> psychiatric facilities and <del>critical access</del> hospitals to offset direct and indirect costs for medical residents associated with graduate medical education not otherwise reimbursed.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	294	228	UNM	\$16,000,000	GF	For the university of New Mexico stadium.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	295	228	UNM	\$450,000	GF	For Native American suicide prevention.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	296	228	UNM	\$6,800,000	GF	For a behavioral health technical assistance center to support the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	297	228-229	UNM	\$12,000,000	GF	For the athletics department for expenditure through fiscal year 2029, provided that no more than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be expended annually in fiscal years 2027, 2028 and 2029.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	298	229	UNM	\$114,200	GF	For the office of the medical investigator at the university of New Mexico for surgical lighting and equipment for a health radio frequency identification body management system.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	299	229	UNM	\$100,000	GF	<del>To the bureau of business and economic research for a study of utility affordability.</del>
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	300	229	UNM	\$450,000	GF	For the Utton transboundary resources center. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2028.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	301	229	UNM	N/A	N/A	The period of time for expending the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriated from the general fund Subsection 288 of Section 5 of Chapter 160 of Laws 2025 for the bioscience authority is extended through fiscal year 2027.
<a href="#">HB2</a>	Sec. 5	332	234	CNM	\$6,000,000	GF	For New Mexico community colleges to plan, develop, equip and provide advanced energy, quantum and defense workforce, apprenticeship and technician training programs in partnership with laboratories, agencies and industry.

## HB 2, Section 9: Government Results and Opportunity Program

This 2026 Legislative Session included a return of Government Results and Opportunity (“GRO”) special (i.e., *nonrecurring*) appropriations. These appropriations represent a new type of special appropriation, first instituted in the 2024 State Legislative Session, designed to serve as pilot projects deserving of formal state evaluation before eventually being included in the state’s recurring spending plan (or not). **Table 4** includes statewide projects generally requested by state agencies as non-recurring appropriations for the time period inclusive FY27 (**Subsection A**), FY28 (**Subsection B**), and FY29 (**Subsection C**). For more information, see pages 244 through 275 of [HB 2](#).

**Table 4. HB 2, Sections 9.A, 9.B, and 9.C: Statewide GRO Program Fund Appropriations to State Agencies (i.e., those most relevant to UNM)**

Appropriations Applicable to FY27, FY28, and FY29 (in thousands)	HB 2, Sec. 9
<p><b>Section 9.A</b>  <i>The following amounts are appropriated from the government results and opportunity program fund or other funds as indicated in fiscal year 2027 for the purposes specified. The department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee shall approve performance measures for agencies, including those specified in this section, and any independent impact evaluation plans and results of the evaluation, for the items in this section. Appropriations included in this subsection include sufficient funds for evaluation. Any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the government results and opportunity expendable trust fund or the appropriate fund. Appropriations are contingent on enactment of House Bill 158 or similar legislation updating accountability provisions.</i></p>	
<p>(4) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT  <i>To continue implementation of the wage and career ladder framework.</i></p>	\$10,000.0
<p>(10) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  <i>To conduct a randomized-controlled trial on high impact tutoring during the school day to improve student reading proficiency and math proficiency. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p>	\$5,100.0
<p>(11) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  <i>To conduct a randomized-controlled trial of innovation zones to improve student attendance, graduation and employability. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p>	\$7,200.0
<p>(12) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  <i>To conduct a randomized-controlled trial of community schools to improve student attendance. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p>	\$6,100.0

<b>Section 9.B</b>	
<i>The following amounts are appropriated from the government results and opportunity program fund or other funds as indicated in fiscal year 2028 for the purposes specified. The department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee shall approve performance measures for agencies, including those specified in this section, and any independent impact evaluation plans and results of the evaluation, for the items in this section. Appropriations included in this subsection include sufficient funds for evaluation. Any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the government results and opportunity expendable trust fund or the appropriate fund. Appropriations are contingent on enactment of House Bill 158 or similar legislation updating accountability provisions.</i>	
(3) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT <i>To continue implementation of the wage and career ladder framework.</i>	\$10,000.0
(8) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial on high impact tutoring during the school day to improve student reading proficiency and math proficiency. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$5,100.0
(9) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial of innovation zones to improve student attendance, graduation and employability. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$7,200.0
(10) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial of community schools to improve student attendance. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$6,100.0
<b>Section 9.C</b>	
<i>The following amounts are appropriated from the government results and opportunity program fund or other funds as indicated in fiscal year 2029 for the purposes specified. The department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee shall approve performance measures for agencies, including those specified in this section, and any independent impact evaluation plans and results of the evaluation, for the items in this section. Appropriations included in this subsection include sufficient funds for evaluation. Any unexpended balances of the appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the government results and opportunity expendable trust fund or the appropriate fund. Appropriations are contingent on enactment of House Bill 158 or similar legislation updating accountability provisions.</i>	
(3) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT <i>To continue implementation of the wage and career ladder framework.</i>	\$10,000.0
(8) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial on high impact tutoring during the school day to</i>	\$5,100.0

<p><i>improve student reading proficiency and math proficiency. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p> <p>(9) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial of innovation zones to improve student attendance, graduation and employability. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p> <p>(10) PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  <i>To conduct a <del>randomized controlled</del> trial of community schools to improve student attendance. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) may be used by the public education department to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i></p>	<p>\$7,200.0</p> <p>\$6,100.0</p>
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Additionally, the 2026 State Legislative Session included a mechanism for state legislators to request and sponsor individual GRO line items as a discretionary endeavor; however, this process was more restrictive than it was in its most recent instantiation back in 2024. No public documents soliciting public constituent requests were openly distributed, limiting UNM’s participation in this cycle. Each of these discretionary legislator requests is applicable to a time/performance period spanning two years, as found in [HB 2](#), Section 9, **Subsection D**, pages 273-274). **Table 5** further below provides the full list of individual discretionary GRO appropriations to UNM, as enacted.

Also, new for this year is the adoption of [HB 158](#), Plans on Use of Certain Funds, requiring an accountability plan to be developed and submitted for GRO appropriations funded by the Government Results and Opportunity Program Fund. The new program evaluation process will be jointly overseen by the Director of the State Budget Division and the Director of the Legislative Finance Committee, and additional details will be forthcoming for recipients of this type of funding.

**Table 5. HB 2, Section 9.D: “GRO” Appropriations to UNM**

<b>Section 9.D</b>				
<i>The following amounts are appropriated from the <b>government results and opportunity program fund in fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028</b> for the purposes specified. Any unexpended balances of the appropriation remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the government results and opportunity expendable trust fund. The legislative council service shall publish on the legislative website a searchable list of the appropriations contained in this subsection as it passed the legislature, the name of each legislator who allocated a portion of the appropriation and the amount of the verified allocation. The list, including vetoes, shall be published thirty days after the adjournment of the legislative session in which the General Appropriation Act of 2026 is approved by both chambers of the legislature.</i>				
<b>HB2 Page</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Line item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico</b>
273	17	a	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for expansion of leadership, mentoring and holistic student support activities for the American Indian student services ambassador program;</i>
273	17	b	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for university of New Mexico health sciences office for diversity, equity and inclusion communities-to-careers program to grow New Mexico's diverse healthcare workforce by providing hands-on, experiential</i>

				<i>health career and education programs for elementary, secondary and postsecondary diverse students;</i>
273	17	c	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the el centro de la raza camperinos program providing academic guidance, structured mentoring and scholarships;</i>
273	17	d	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) 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;</i>
273	17	e	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the development of students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics training;</i>
273	17	f	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to support the Chicana and Chicano studies department at the university of New Mexico;</i>
273-274	17	g	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for a program at the office of diversity, equity and inclusion at the university of New Mexico health sciences center to provide students with academic support, college readiness, leadership, professional development and career exploration, to establish an alumni association to initiate diversified funding and to provide students with new coats for intern program participation;</i>
274	17	h	\$360,000	<i>three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) to the university of New Mexico health sciences center for the cerebral cavernous angioma initiative;</i>
274	17	i	\$180,000	<i>one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to support the indigenous design and planning institute in continued expansion of the immersive environment through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics programming;</i>
274	17	j	\$180,000	<i>one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to support undergraduate and graduate students assisting with community-engaged research in the Chicana and Chicano studies department;</i>
274	17	k	\$810,000	<i>eight hundred ten thousand dollars (\$810,000) for a pilot public policy leadership pipeline program in the political science department to establish program framework, fund paid undergraduate internships and graduate fellowships and support collaboration with additional university of New Mexico departments to strengthen the education-to-career pathway for public service and policy careers;</i>
274	17	l	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the department of anesthesiology and critical care medicine for continued development of the anesthesia assistant program;</i>
274	17	m	\$150,000	<i>one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for university of New Mexico psychedelic-assisted therapy research program <del>provided that seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is to be spent in year one and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in year two;</del></i>

## HB 2, Section 11: Fund Transfers

Tracking the movement of state dollars out of the General Fund into purpose-bound restricted funds with guardrails provides a helpful window onto current state priorities, funding mechanisms, and related spending trends.

**Table 6** below lists a few fund transfers found in [HB 2](#), Section 11 (see page 275 ff.). Of paramount interest to UNM on this list was the establishment of the **Higher Education Major Projects Fund**.

**Table 6. HB 2, Section 11: Fund Transfers Most Relevant to UNM (in thousands)**

<b>FUND TRANSFERS.</b> -- <i>Unless otherwise indicated, the following amounts are transferred in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund or other funds as indicated for the purposes specified.</i>	
(1) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRUST FUND <i>The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2027.</i>	\$50,000.0
(2) OPIOID CRISIS RECOVERY FUND <i>The other state funds transfer is from the opioid settlement restricted fund in fiscal year 2026.</i>	\$12,102.0
(3) OPIOID CRISIS RECOVERY FUND <i>The other state funds transfer is from the opioid settlement restricted fund in fiscal year 2027.</i>	\$22,802.0
(4) GOVERNMENT RESULTS AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FUND <i>The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2027.</i>	\$50,000.0
(12) HIGHER EDUCATION MAJOR PROJECTS FUND <i>The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2027, contingent on enactment of House Bill 8 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-seventh Legislature creating the higher education major projects fund.</i>	\$185,000.0
(13) HIGHER EDUCATION MAJOR PROJECTS FUND <i>The state board of finance may issue and sell supplemental severance tax notes in an amount not exceeding one hundred fifteen million dollars (\$115,000,000) in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 when the higher education department certifies the need for the issuance to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip student housing and student life projects that may be funded from the higher education major projects fund provided that the issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act or the Public School Capital Improvements Act shall take precedence over notes issued for the student housing and student life projects and provided that the issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds for any other appropriations by the Legislature shall also take precedence over notes issued for the student housing and student life projects. Any proceeds from the sale of notes for student housing and student life projects shall be transferred to the higher education major projects fund and are subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The Legislature shall appropriate any proceeds from notes sold pursuant to this authorization within two years of the note sale. The total issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 shall not exceed the debt service limitations provided for in Subsection D of Section 7-27-14 NMSA 1978 and shall not impair any minimum annual transfers to the severance tax permanent fund required by law, contingent on enactment of House Bill 8 or similar legislation of the second session of the fifty-seventh Legislature creating the higher education major projects fund.</i>	\$115,000.0
(14) LOTTERY TUITION FUND <i>The general fund transfer is in fiscal year 2027.</i>	\$56,000.0

## Capital Outlay and Related Bills: HB 248, SB 240, HB 332, HB 247, and HB 8

During regular sessions occurring in even-numbered calendar years, as was the case in the 2026 session, the Legislature and Governor usually consider at least three “capital outlay” bills, each of them focused on nonrecurring appropriations designed to fund improvements to physical infrastructure, including proposed projects involving new (or newly renovated) buildings and facilities. Links to each of these perennial legislative vehicles for capital outlay may be found [here](#) or at: [https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/BillFinder/Capital\\_Outlay](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/BillFinder/Capital_Outlay)

First, the **General Obligation Bonds** bill ([HB 248](#)) 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 statewide general election. If voters approve the relevant bond question in November 2026, these funds will likely become available for use prior to the start of FY2028. The use of the funds is then limited to the subsequent three fiscal years. Specifically, HB 248 states the following:

*“The state agencies and state institutions to which money has been appropriated in the 2026 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, if applicable, the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall cause to be reverted any unexpended 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.”* (pgs. 26-27)

The final version of the General Obligation Bonds bill (HB 248) included 5 projects for the University, including one project for UNM Health Sciences, and one project for each branch campus. For more information, see pages 19 and 20 of [HB 248](#). See **Table 7** below for details.

**Table 7. HB 248: General Obligation Bond Projects (in thousands)**

**Note:** **Green shading** denotes “Select Capital Outlay Projects” that UNM prioritized in the 2026 Legislative Session via the statewide framework – see [UNM FY27 Legislative Priorities](#) for details

Bill Language	Amount
"to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip the school of medicine at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county."	\$116,000.00
"to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip improvements to building 1 and building 7 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos county."	\$3,000.00
"to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the north wing of Calvin Hall at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Mckinley county."	\$3,000.00
"to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip improvements to Pueblo Hall at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos in Taos county."	\$2,500.00
"to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Lunas in Valencia county."	\$1,000.00

Second, the **Capital Outlay Projects** bill ([SB 240](#)) includes appropriations totaling \$1.3 billion from all sources, including \$444.2 million from senior severance tax bonds, \$445.1 million from the general fund, \$280 million from supplemental severance tax bonds, and \$85.8 million from other state funds for the purpose of funding 1,344 capital outlay projects across the state. This bill contains two types of appropriations: “statewide framework” and “individual policymaker” allocations. SB 240 included 25 projects totaling \$300.7 million for UNM Central Campus, UNM HSC, and branches. The below section-by-section bill analysis provided by SB 240’s state-sponsored [fiscal impact report](#) includes critical new information for 2026:

- Section 1 provides for the circumstances and timelines under which appropriations made in this bill shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund. Unexpended balances shall revert no later than September 30 following the end of FY28 for appropriations to purchase vehicles, furniture, or equipment and following the end of FY30 for appropriations for construction or renovations.
- Sections 2 and 3 align the timelines for expenditures from the general fund and other state funds with those for projects funded with severance tax bonds. If grantees do not certify the need for appropriations named within the bill to the Department of Finance and Administration by the end of FY28, the authorizations for those projects are void.
- Additionally, Section 2 specifies that general fund appropriations are made in FY27.

**Table 8** below details each capital outlay project appropriation directed to UNM in the 2026 State Legislative Session.

**Table 8. SB 240: Capital Outlay Project Appropriations (in thousands)**

**Note:** Green shading denotes “Select Capital Outlay Projects” that UNM prioritized in the 2026 Legislative Session via the statewide framework

	Title	Bill Language	SB 240
1	Accessibility Resource Center Renovation and Relocation	<i>to plan, design, construct, relocate, renovate, equip and furnish the accessibility resource center at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$900.0
2	Campus Light & Safety Improvements	<i>to plan, design, construct and improve campus lighting and security infrastructure at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$250.0
3	Campus Safety & Security Upgrades	<i>to purchase, equip and improve campus safety and security systems, including the LoboLift ride service program, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$435.0
4	Children’s Hospital Equipment Purchase	<i>to purchase equipment for the pediatric emergency department of the university of New Mexico children’s hospital in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$100.0
5	Enterprise Server Info Tech Upgrades	<i>to purchase, install, replace and upgrade information technology, including servers, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$100.0
6	Fume Hood Repair	<i>to plan, design, construct, repair, equip and improve laboratory safety systems, including fume hoods, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$450.0
7	Irrigation Systems Upgrade	<i>to purchase, install and upgrade rain sensors for campus irrigation systems at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$100.0

8	Law Center Building Renovation	<i>to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and improve the law center building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$100.0
9	Popejoy Hall Improvements	<i>to plan, design, construct, repair, purchase, equip and improve facilities at Popejoy hall at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$50.0
10	Quantum Materials Facility Construction	<i>to plan, design, construct, repair, renovate, purchase, install, furnish and equip the quantum materials and technologies laboratories at the center for high technology materials at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$150.0
11	Residential Fire Suppression System Improvements	<i>to plan, design, construct, purchase, install, improve and equip fire suppression systems in residential facilities at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$250.0
12	School of Engineering EV Equipment Purchase	<i>to purchase machinery and automotive components for and to plan, design, construct and equip a formula-style electric vehicle for the school of engineering at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$125.0
13	School of Medicine Facility Construction	<i>to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip the school of medicine at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$280,000.0
14	Softball Facility Construction	<i>to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and improve the softball clubhouse at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$1,011.0
15	Student Union Building Solar Panels Construction	<i>to plan, design, construct, purchase, equip and install solar panels on the student union building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$225.0
16	University Stadium Renovation	<i>to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and improve the stadium at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$125.0
17	Video Board Improvements	<i>to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and install video boards at athletic venues at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county</i>	\$100.0
18	Los Alamos Building 4 Roof Replacement	<i>to plan, design, construct and replace the roof, including gutters, on building 4 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos county</i>	\$150.0
19	Gallup Auditorium AV Upgrade	<i>to purchase and install audiovisual equipment and information technology for the auditorium at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county</i>	\$50.0
20	Gallup Police Vehicle Purchase	<i>to purchase and equip police vehicles at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county</i>	\$25.0
21	Purchase Clinical Services Building	<i>to acquire property for and to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish clinical facilities to improve rural access to health care in San Miguel county</i>	\$15,000.0
22	Harwood Museum Creative Learning Center Improvements	<i>to plan, design, construct and renovate the center for creative learning at the Harwood museum of art, including accessibility improvements, in Taos in Taos county</i>	\$200.0
23	Taos Culinary Equipment Purchase	<i>to purchase and install equipment for a culinary program at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos in Taos county</i>	\$325.0
24	Valencia Automotive Tech Lab Equipment Purchase	<i>to plan, design, construct, purchase and install equipment, including lifts and audiovisual systems, for the automotive program at the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Valencia county</i>	\$400.0
25	Valencia Student Community Center Improvements	<i>to purchase, equip and install audiovisual and projection systems for the student community center at the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Valencia county</i>	\$50.0
	<b>TOTAL Appropriations in Capital Outlay Projects Bill (SB 240)</b>		<b>\$300,671.0</b>

Third, the **Capital Outlay Reauthorizations** bill ([HB 332](#)) includes changes to capital appropriations originally codified in prior years. Under current law, 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 9** below lists the details of the three reauthorizations granted to UNM during the recent session.

**Table 9. HB 332: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations (in thousands)**

Reauthorization Description	Bill Language	Original Amount	HTRC/HB 332
Quantum Materials and Technologies Laboratory Renovation	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 11 of Section 43 of Chapter 53 of Laws 2022 to plan, design, construct, purchase, furnish, equip, install and renovate the quantum materials and technologies laboratory at the center for high technology materials at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county is extended through fiscal year 2028."</i>	\$100.00	Time Extended (through FY 28)
School of Engineering Safety Infrastructure Improvement	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 13 of Section 43 of Chapter 53 of Laws 2022 to plan, design, purchase, renovate, install and equip safety and security infrastructure in the school of engineering buildings at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county is extended through fiscal year 2028."</i>	\$70.00	Time Extended (through FY 28)
UNM Reproductive Health Clinic Construction	<i>"The university of New Mexico project in Subsection 26 of Section 46 of Chapter 159 of Laws 2025 to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish a reproductive health care clinic in northern New Mexico may include the acquisition of property."</i>	\$10,000.00	Purpose Expansion

Fourth, a **Capital Outlay Changes** bill, [HB 247](#), institutes policy changes to the capital outlay process at large, seeking to prevent and/or address stalled capital outlay projects by establishing limitations on reauthorizations and new appropriations for capital outlay projects, including state and also local projects. It furthermore:

- limits reauthorizations of capital appropriations from occurring more than once to extend time and limits time extensions to a maximum of two years;
- allows for reauthorizations to make technical changes to original appropriations but not to entirely change the purpose of the original appropriation;
- establishes that at least ten percent of the initial appropriation must be encumbered by January 1 of the year in which reauthorization is requested for a capital outlay project to be eligible for reauthorization.
- requires projects requesting new capital appropriations to appear on an infrastructure capital improvement plan to receive capital appropriations of \$100 thousand or more.

And, finally, a **Higher Education Major Projects Fund** bill, [HB 8](#), creates a new mechanism by which the State of New Mexico can now direct state dollars to larger scale capital outlay projects at 2-year and 4-year public colleges and universities without creating additional pressure on

existing mechanisms such as general obligation bond capacity and/or severance tax bonding capacity. While the bill does not appropriate money *per se*, it does create a new funding pathway for very large projects, and it furthermore outlines and recommends current and future priorities for consideration by subsequent legislatures. The only major project awarded funding by the legislature and approved by governor using this new mechanism in the 2026 Legislative Session was a \$150 million special appropriation in HB 2, Section 5 for the UNM School of Medicine expansion project. The fund transfers required to establish this new \$300 million fund were noted in a previous section of this report, specifically related to [HB 2](#), Section 11.

## Other Legislation: SB 151: Corporate Income Tax Changes and State Employee Compensation

The 2026 legislative session was notable because it included an appropriation to provide a 1% compensation increase for state employees, including the higher education sector, in a bill other than HB 2. This policy approach differed from the historical practice of including such funding in HB 2, in years where the state’s fiscal outlook has allowed for such raises.

At the start of the session, funding for the 1% compensation increase was, in fact, originally written into HB 2. Later in the session, after the 1% compensation increase was amended out of HB 2, it reappeared in an unusual legislative vehicle, namely the omnibus taxation package, and specifically Section 10 of [SB 151](#), **Corporate Income Tax Changes**. This section of the bill includes appropriations sufficient to fund a 1 percent salary increase for employees of state agencies, higher education institutions, and public schools, to cover I&G-funded positions at a rate of 80% of cost.

The appropriations and associated language in SB 151 related to state employee compensation are as follows (see pages 52-53):

### SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS.—

*A. Twenty-six million six thousand dollars (\$26,006,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to pay all costs attributable to the general fund of providing a salary increase of one percent to employees in budgeted positions who have completed their probationary period subject to satisfactory job performance. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund. The salary increases shall be effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2026, and distributed as follows:*

...

*(4) twelve million twenty-three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$12,023,800) to the higher education department for nonstudent faculty and staff of two-year and four-year public post-secondary educational institutions; (SB 151 final version, page 53)*

Beyond this 1% compensation increase, SB 151 included other policy changes of interest to UNM, including tax credits for the following entities, below organized by bill section number:

- Local news organizations, their employees, and local news printers (Sections 3, 4, and 10)

- Physicians (Section 6)  
"PHYSICIAN TAX CREDIT.—  
A. For taxable years prior to January 1, 2032, a taxpayer who files an individual New Mexico tax return, is not a dependent of another individual, is a physician and provides health care services in New Mexico for at least one thousand five hundred eighty-four hours during a taxable year may claim a credit against the tax liability imposed by the Income Tax Act for that taxable year in an amount equal to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The credit provided in this section may be referred to as the "physician tax credit".  
B. A taxpayer shall apply for certification of eligibility for the tax credit from the department of health on forms and in the manner prescribed by that department. Completed applications shall be considered in the order received. For a taxpayer approved to receive the credit, the department of health shall issue a certificate of eligibility to the qualifying physician. The department of health shall provide the department with certificates of eligibility issued pursuant to this subsection in an electronic format at regularly agreed-upon intervals.  
C. That portion of a tax credit that exceeds a taxpayer's tax liability in the taxable year in which the credit is being claimed may be carried forward for up to three consecutive taxable years.  
D. A taxpayer allowed a tax credit pursuant to this section shall claim the credit on forms and in a manner required by the department.  
E. The tax credit provided by this section shall be included in the tax expenditure budget pursuant to Section 7-1-84 NMSA 1978, including the annual aggregate cost of the tax credit.  
F. As used in this section, "physician" means a health professional who is a medical physician or an osteopathic physician licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico pursuant to the Medical Practice Act."
- Companies creating qualifying "high wage jobs" (Section 9)

The state's SB 151 analysis is at <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/26%20Regular/firs/SB0151.PDF>.

## Other Legislation: Board of Regents Nominating Committees (ballot question)

During The 2026 State Legislative Session, legislators adopted a resolution, [House Joint Resolution 1](#), mandating a ballot question that proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to create a new process for the nomination of all new regents serving at New Mexico's higher education institutions. If adopted by the general election voters statewide, this new process directs the governor to nominate regents henceforth based on a list of candidates provided by new nominating committees to be formed for each institution. Final selection of regents will still be made *by and with the consent of the senate*. The Joint Resolution further dictates that the legislature will be responsible for developing the appointments, terms, powers and duties for the new nominating committee entities applicable to each higher education institution.

Because this is a joint resolution that passed both chambers of the Legislature, the measure now heads to the voters as a ballot question to be considered in the November, 2026, statewide election, unless a statewide election is needed for other reasons prior to then. The state's analysis of this joint resolution may be found at:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/26%20Regular/firs/HJR01.PDF>

## Other Legislation: State Legislator Compensation (ballot question)

The 2026 State Legislative Session also included a different statewide ballot proposal, [House Joint Resolution 5](#), seeking changes to the long-standing issue of state legislator compensation in New Mexico via a state constitutional amendment. In the state’s 114-year history, state legislators have been generally considered volunteers, rather than salaried employees of the state, an anomaly among all fifty states. Currently, state legislators are generally only provided *per diem* reimbursement for costs related to travel expenses incurred in the course of their execution of duties for elected positions. Regular, salaried compensation would require a change to the state’s constitution.

This measure, if approved by the voters, would provide compensation to seated members of the Fifty-Ninth Legislature (and beyond), and the Fifty-Ninth Legislature is expected to commence in January, 2029. The state’s analysis of this measure may be found at: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/26%20Regular/firs/HJR05.PDF>

## Final Summary of Legislative and Executive Actions

During the 2026 State Legislative Session, nearly 700 distinct pieces of legislation were introduced, and the Office of Government and Community Relations tracked more than 100 bills, memorials, and resolutions directly pertinent to the University. By the end of the session, 74 bills were passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for consideration. Of those, the Governor rendered the following actions:

- 71 bills were signed and “chaptered” into state law (some included partial—often referred to as “line-item”—vetoes)
- 2 bills were vetoed (HB 180: Use of Emergency Funds & Disasters; HB 153: Low-Carbon Construction Materials Rebate Act)
- 1 bill was pocket vetoed (HB 96: Space Commission Working Group)

Additionally, the Legislature initiated the following measures that are not legally binding:

- 105 legislative memorials (House or Senate) and joint memorials were introduced
- 21 resolutions (House or Senate) and joint resolutions were introduced

Gubernatorial signatures and vetoes/pocket vetoes of bills (and/or individual line items or language therein) may be found on the Secretary of State’s website [here](#), or here:

<https://www.sos.nm.gov/legislation-and-lobbying/signed-chaptered-bills/2026-legislation/>

Below in **Table 10** 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 and signed in full or in part by the Governor. Please use the link in the “Bill #” column to access that piece of legislation’s full webpage for more information.

**Table 10. Legislation adopted and signed during the 2026 State Legislative Session, most relevant to UNM and its community partners**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Short Title</b>	<b>Final Action</b>
<a href="#">HB 2</a>	General Appropriations Act of 2026	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 4</a>	Health Care Affordability Fund Distributions	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 8</a>	Higher Education Major Projects Fund	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 30</a>	Teacher Residency Act Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 50</a>	Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 66</a>	Health Care Professional Loan Fund Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 99</a>	Medical Malpractice Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 154</a>	Advanced Energy Product Definition	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 158</a>	Plans on Use of Certain Funds	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 247</a>	Capital Outlay Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 248</a>	General Obligation Bonds	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 253</a>	Public Education Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 255</a>	Public Safety Workforce Building Program	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 306</a>	Prohibit Certain Health Care Facility Fees	Chaptered
<a href="#">HB 332</a>	Capital Outlay Reauthorizations	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 1</a>	Enacting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 3</a>	Commitment Procedure Changes & Definitions	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 20</a>	Prior Authorization & Prescription Drugs	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 29</a>	Math Requirements for Teaching License	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 37</a>	High Quality Literacy Instruction Act	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 48</a>	State Fairgrounds District Bonds	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 101</a>	Health Care Delivery & Access Act Repeal	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 151</a>	Corporate Income Tax Changes	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 240</a>	Capital Outlay Projects	Chaptered
<a href="#">SB 241</a>	Child Care Assistance Program Act	Chaptered