



NEW MEXICO  
ASSOCIATION of  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES

Supported by the Higher Education Regents Coalition 

## New Mexico Higher Education 2026 Legislative Session Unified Request

### Recurring Requests



**Formula funding** a **4.7% increase** in formula funding, **\$42.5 million**.

This increase is based upon inflation at 3.7% and 1.0% additional funding to address skyrocketing health insurance costs.



**Compensation Increase Equivalent to State Agencies** a COLA for all employees, allowing institution flexibility to implement an 'average' increase, **\$12.7 million** for each percentage increase.



**Legislative Mandates Fully fund** any mandates that require new institutional services, including enhanced employee benefits.

### Non-Recurring Requests



**Campus Safety \$20.0 million** for campus safety equipment including access controls, many of our older buildings must be retrofitted for updated control systems.



**Expanded Cybersecurity \$13.1 million**, working in conjunction with HED and DoIT, to assist in protecting institutions from cyber threats.



**Building Renewal & Replacement \$100 million**, to address deferred maintenance and building demolition.



**Equipment Renewal & Replacement \$10 million**, for instruction and general equipment.

## Sector Specific Requests



**Workforce Training; Paid Internships and Apprenticeships** The regional four-year institutions and the community colleges are gathering data to demonstrate the ROI of the NM GRO funding. We will request predictable, sustainable funding in the 2027 Session.



**Innovation Hub Package** **\$100.0 million** appropriated to the Economic Development Department to support New Mexico's competitiveness with our research universities and national labs.



**Technology Enhancement Fund** **continued support** for TEF.

## Language Request



We request the legislature adopt language requiring the Public Education Department to provide funding up to the standard tuition rate to post-secondary institutions for dual credit students.

## New Mexico Funding Formula Fast Facts



Each 1.0% of formula funding generates approximately \$9.0 million



Each 1.0% tuition increase generates approximately \$4.9 million



Each 1.0% of formula funding is equivalent to a 1.8% tuition increase

We respectfully ask the state to continue funding student tuition programs that drive success, retention, and completion in New Mexico.