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Emergency funding approved for Farmington in wake of May mass shooting

SANTA FE – The Lujan Grisham administration issued an executive order yesterday approving emergency funding for the city of Farmington in the wake of a mass shooting that left three New Mexicans dead last month and six injured.

The funding will assist the city in providing increased mental health support for community members affected by the tragedy.

“I have made it clear to the Farmington community that the state will provide whatever resources necessary for as long as it takes to heal from what happened on May 15,” said **Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham**. “While the wider public’s attention shifts after just a week or two, the trauma left behind by these tragedies in communities is long-lasting, and it’s critical we support them throughout the entire recovery process.”

"The residents of Farmington appreciate the governor's support for our community in recognizing the physical, emotional, and financial impacts surrounding the events of May 15," said **Farmington Mayor Nate Duckett**. "The release of these funds will be put to their best use in support of our community's ongoing mental health needs and our public safety operations."

The executive order provides \$100,000 to support mental health resources in the city or other measures that protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-080

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON DUE TO MASS SHOOTING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington suffered a mass shooting on May 15, 2023;

WHEREAS, the mass shooting resulted in the deaths of three citizens, the injuries of six citizens, including two law enforcement officers, and broad mental health impacts on the community at large;

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington issued a local emergency declaration, noting that the City has and continues to use and need community mental health resources to address the trauma caused by the mass shooting;

WHEREAS, the local emergency declaration states that the City has expended substantial resources in responding to the mass shooting and requests aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding from the State of New Mexico and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the release of emergency funds to protect public peace, health, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Mexico and acting Governor pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico

do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist in the City of Farmington due to the mass shooting event that occurred on May 15, 2023, and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. The funds shall be expended to provide community mental health services and to perform any other action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as approved by the Governor or the Governor's Authorized Representative.

2. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor and her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies (if any) with financial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

3. The Adjutant General shall order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-1 to -8, NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 to -8, and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 to -14. Such

emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all funds authorized pursuant to this Order are expended.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2023

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Howie C. Morales

HOWIE MORALES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

