



Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

The Executive Budget Recommendation is \$81,354,000.

The LFC budget recommendation is \$76,107,700.

Difference: \$5.246 million

By Division:

Energy Conservation and Management (P740):

- Executive: \$4,018,300
- LFC: \$3,510,100

State Forestry (P741):

- Executive: \$17,862,700
- LFC: \$17,429,800

State Parks (P742):

- Executive: \$30,038,500
- LFC: \$28,564,900

Mining and Minerals (P743):

- Executive: \$8,950,400
- LFC: \$8,896,800

Oil Conservation (P744):

- Executive: \$14,665,800
- LFC: \$12,603,600

Program Support (P745):

- Executive: \$5,818,300
- LFC: \$5,102,500

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND:

BUILDING ON SUCCESS, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2021, New Mexico was on the world stage at the United Nations Climate Conference (COP26), highlighting how the work done at the state level can have a global impact. EMNRD's collaborative approach has led to nation-leading natural gas waste rules, an expanding renewable energy economy, innovative forest management practices that protect New Mexicans from catastrophic wildfires, and much more. The Fiscal Year 23 Executive Budget recommendation builds on this success and clearly states that there is more work to be done.

EMNRD is comprised of the following Divisions: Energy Conservation and Management, Mining and Minerals, Oil Conservation, State Forestry, State Parks, and agency-wide Program Support (IT, Legal, Administrative Services, and Office of the Secretary). EMNRD strongly supports the FY23 Executive Budget Recommendation which provides substantial additional resources to fulfill our statutory obligations and expand existing programs.

The Executive Budget acknowledges the growing complexity of EMNRD's mission and funds each Division accordingly. The Executive Budget includes the following increases across the Department:

- \$266,500 increase for contractual services to assist with modernizing New Mexico's electric grid and coordinating a whole of government approach to climate action;
- Provides additional fire management support at a time when fire seasons are year-round by funding all vacant firefighter positions and new positions for wildland fire engine bosses;
 - Includes 10% pay increases to retain firefighters in New Mexico;
- \$1.3 million for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades, and additional funds aimed at boosting employee retention and recruitment;
- Additional funds to match lost revenue from declining coal production, allowing mine reclamation work to continue;
- \$3,144,600 increase for the Oil Conservation Division which includes 25 new full-time employees in the inspection, compliance, and hearings bureaus to efficiently process permits and effectively regulate the industry;
- \$615,800 increase in the Program Support Division to fund currently vacant positions and create a new Office of Regulatory Affairs.



The Executive recommendation also includes \$50 million for the Land of Enchantment (LOE) Bond. The LOE bond aims to sustain and support New Mexico's pristine natural beauty and world-renowned outdoors by funding existing conservation and preservation efforts, including Gov. Lujan Grisham's 30x30 executive order.