

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO BUSINESS; AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN THE LOCAL
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT AND CONFORMING RELATED SECTIONS OF
4 THE ACT; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE "LOCAL AND REGIONAL
5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUND" TO THE "LOCAL ECONOMIC
6 DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND" AND THE PERMITTED USES OF THE FUND;
7 CREATING A PROGRAM BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
8 DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
9 GRANTS TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF RENT, LEASE
10 AND MORTGAGE PAYMENTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN
11 EMERGENCY.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

14 SECTION 1. Section 5-10-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
15 Chapter 297, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

16 "5-10-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Local Economic
17 Development Act:

18 A. "arts and cultural district" means a developed
19 district of public and private uses that is created pursuant
20 to the Arts and Cultural District Act;

21 B. "broadband telecommunications network
22 facilities" means the electronics, equipment, transmission
23 facilities, fiber-optic cables and any other item directly
24 related to a system capable of transmission of internet
25 protocol or other formatted data at current federal

1 communications commission baseline speed standard, all of
2 which will be owned and used by a provider of internet access
3 services;

4 C. "cultural facility" means a facility that is
5 owned by the state, a county, a municipality or a qualifying
6 entity that serves the public through preserving, educating
7 and promoting the arts and culture of a particular locale,
8 including theaters, museums, libraries, galleries, cultural
9 compounds, educational organizations, performing arts venues
10 and organizations, fine arts organizations, studios and media
11 laboratories and live-work housing facilities;

12 D. "department" means the economic development
13 department;

14 E. "economic development project" or "project"
15 means the project of a qualifying entity for which public
16 support may be provided pursuant to the Local Economic
17 Development Act;

18 F. "governing body" means the city council, city
19 commission or board of trustees of a municipality or the
20 board of county commissioners of a county;

21 G. "local government" means a municipality or
22 county;

23 H. "municipality" means an incorporated city, town
24 or village;

25 I. "new full-time economic base job" means a job:

1 (1) that is primarily performed in New
2 Mexico;

3 (2) that is held by an employee who is hired
4 to work an average of at least thirty-two hours per week for
5 at least forty-eight weeks per year;

6 (3) that is:

7 (a) involved, directly or in a
8 supervisory capacity, with the production of: 1) a service;
9 provided that the majority of the revenue generated from the
10 service is from sources outside the state; or 2) tangible or
11 intangible personal property for sale; or

12 (b) held by an employee who is employed
13 at a regional, national or international headquarters
14 operation or at an operation that primarily provides services
15 for other operations of the qualifying entity that are
16 located outside the state; and

17 (4) that is not directly involved with
18 natural resources extraction or processing, on-site services
19 where the customer is present for the delivery of the
20 service, retail, construction or agriculture except for
21 value-added processing performed on agricultural products
22 that would then be sold for wholesale or retail consumption;

23 J. "person" means an individual, corporation,
24 association, partnership or other legal entity;

25 K. "public support" means the provision of

1 assistance by the state to a local or regional government or
2 the provision of direct or indirect assistance to a
3 qualifying entity by a local or regional government for an
4 economic development project. "Public support":

5 (1) includes the provision of:

6 (a) land, buildings or other
7 infrastructure, by purchase, lease, grant, construction,
8 reconstruction, improvement or other acquisition or
9 conveyance;

10 (b) the placement of new broadband
11 telecommunications network facilities; provided that the
12 facilities shall not serve a public facility or location that
13 already meets federal communications commission baseline
14 speed standards;

15 (c) rights-of-way infrastructure,
16 including trenching and conduit, for the placement of new
17 broadband telecommunications network facilities;

18 (d) public works improvements essential
19 to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity;

20 (e) payments for professional services
21 contracts necessary for local or regional governments to
22 implement a plan or provide public support for a project;

23 (f) direct loans or grants for land,
24 buildings or infrastructure;

25 (g) technical assistance to cultural

1 facilities;

2 (h) loan guarantees securing the cost
3 of land, buildings or infrastructure in an amount not to
4 exceed the revenue that may be derived from an increment of
5 the: 1) municipal gross receipts tax imposed at a rate not
6 to exceed one-fourth percent and dedicated by the ordinance
7 imposing the increment for projects; or 2) county gross
8 receipts tax imposed at a rate not to exceed one-eighth
9 percent and dedicated by the ordinance imposing the increment
10 for projects;

11 (i) grants for public works
12 infrastructure improvements essential to the location or
13 expansion of a qualifying entity and grants or subsidies to
14 cultural facilities;

15 (j) land for a publicly held industrial
16 park or a publicly owned cultural facility, by purchase; and

17 (k) the construction of a building for
18 use by a qualifying entity; but

19 (2) does not include the purchase, lease,
20 grant or other acquisition or conveyance of water rights;

21 L. "qualifying entity" means a corporation,
22 limited liability company, partnership, joint venture,
23 syndicate, association or other person that is one or a
24 combination of two or more of the following:

25 (1) an industry for the manufacturing,

1 processing or assembling of agricultural or manufactured
2 products;

3 (2) a commercial enterprise for storing,
4 warehousing, distributing or selling products of agriculture,
5 mining or industry, but, other than as provided in Paragraph
6 (5), (6) or (9) of this subsection, not including any
7 enterprise for sale of goods or commodities at retail or for
8 distribution to the public of electricity, gas, water or
9 telephone or other services commonly classified as public
10 utilities;

11 (3) a business, including a restaurant or
12 lodging establishment, in which all or part of the activities
13 of the business involves the supplying of services to the
14 general public or to governmental agencies or to a specific
15 industry or customer, but, other than as provided in
16 Paragraph (5) or (9) of this subsection, not including
17 businesses primarily engaged in the sale of goods or
18 commodities at retail;

19 (4) an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or a
20 federally chartered tribal corporation;

21 (5) a telecommunications sales enterprise
22 that makes the majority of its sales to persons outside New
23 Mexico;

24 (6) a facility for the direct sales by
25 growers of agricultural products, commonly known as farmers'

1 markets;

2 (7) a business that is the developer of a
3 metropolitan redevelopment project;

4 (8) a cultural facility; and

5 (9) a retail business;

6 M. "regional government" means any combination of
7 municipalities and counties that enter into a joint powers
8 agreement to provide public support for economic development
9 projects pursuant to a plan adopted by all parties to the
10 joint powers agreement; and

11 N. "retail business" means a business that is
12 primarily engaged in the sale of goods or commodities at
13 retail and that is located in a municipality with a
14 population, according to the most recent federal decennial
15 census, of:

16 (1) fifteen thousand or less; or

17 (2) more than fifteen thousand but less than
18 thirty-five thousand if:

19 (a) the economic development project is
20 not funded or financed with state government revenues; and

21 (b) the business created through the
22 project will not directly compete with an existing business
23 that is: 1) in the municipality; and 2) engaged in the sale
24 of the same or similar goods or commodities at retail."

25 SECTION 2. Section 5-10-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,

1 Chapter 297, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "5-10-4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS--RESTRICTIONS ON
3 PUBLIC EXPENDITURES OR PLEDGES OF CREDIT.--

4 A. No local or regional government shall provide
5 public support for economic development projects as permitted
6 pursuant to Article 9, Section 14 of the constitution of
7 New Mexico except as provided in the Local Economic
8 Development Act or as otherwise permitted by law.

9 B. The total amount of public money expended and
10 the value of credit pledged in the fiscal year in which that
11 money is expended by a local government for economic
12 development projects pursuant to Article 9, Section 14 of the
13 constitution of New Mexico and the Local Economic Development
14 Act shall not exceed ten percent of the annual general fund
15 expenditures of the local government in that fiscal year.

16 The limits of this subsection shall not apply to:

17 (1) the value of any land or building
18 contributed to any project pursuant to a project
19 participation agreement;

20 (2) revenue generated through the imposition
21 of an increment of the municipal gross receipts tax at a rate
22 not to exceed one-fourth percent and dedicated to furthering
23 or implementing economic development plans and projects as
24 defined in the Local Economic Development Act or projects as
25 defined in the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act;

1 provided that no more than the greater of fifty thousand
2 dollars (\$50,000) or ten percent of the revenue collected
3 shall be used for promotion and administration of or
4 professional services contracts related to the implementation
5 of any such economic development plan adopted by the
6 governing body;

7 (3) revenue generated through the imposition
8 of an increment of the county gross receipts tax at a rate
9 not to exceed one-eighth percent and dedicated to furthering
10 or implementing economic development plans and projects as
11 defined in the Local Economic Development Act or projects as
12 defined in the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act;
13 provided that no more than the greater of fifty thousand
14 dollars (\$50,000) or ten percent of the revenue collected
15 shall be used for promotion and administration of or
16 professional services contracts related to the implementation
17 of any such economic development plan adopted by the
18 governing body;

19 (4) the proceeds of a revenue bond issue to
20 which municipal infrastructure gross receipts tax revenue is
21 pledged;

22 (5) the proceeds of a revenue bond issue to
23 which the revenue from an increment of the county gross
24 receipts tax, imposed at a rate not to exceed one-eighth
25 percent and dedicated by the ordinance imposing the increment

1 to provide public support for projects, is pledged; or

2 (6) funds donated by private entities to be
3 used for defraying the cost of a project.

4 C. A regional or local government that generates
5 revenue for economic development projects to which the limits
6 of Subsection B of this section do not apply shall create an
7 economic development fund into which such revenues shall be
8 deposited. The economic development fund and income from the
9 economic development fund shall be deposited as provided by
10 law. Money in the economic development fund may be expended
11 only as provided in the Local Economic Development Act or the
12 Statewide Economic Development Finance Act.

13 D. In order to expend money from an economic
14 development fund for arts and cultural district purposes,
15 cultural facilities or retail businesses, the governing body
16 of a municipality or county that has imposed a municipal or
17 county local option infrastructure gross receipts tax for
18 furthering or implementing economic development plans and
19 providing public support for projects as defined in the Local
20 Economic Development Act or projects as defined in the
21 Statewide Economic Development Finance Act by referendum of
22 the majority of the voters voting on the question approving
23 the ordinance imposing the municipal or county infrastructure
24 gross receipts tax before July 1, 2013 shall be required to
25 adopt a resolution. The resolution shall call for an

1 election to approve arts and cultural districts as a
2 qualifying purpose and cultural facilities or retail
3 businesses as a qualifying entity before any revenue
4 generated by the municipal or county local option gross
5 receipts tax for furthering or implementing economic
6 development plans and providing public support for projects
7 as defined in the Local Economic Development Act or projects
8 as defined in the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act
9 can be expended from the economic development fund for arts
10 and cultural district purposes, cultural facilities or retail
11 businesses.

12 E. The governing body shall adopt a resolution
13 calling for an election within seventy-five days of the date
14 the ordinance is adopted on the question of approving arts
15 and cultural districts as a qualifying purpose and cultural
16 facilities or retail businesses as a qualifying entity
17 eligible to utilize revenue generated by the Municipal Local
18 Option Gross Receipts and Compensating Taxes Act or the
19 County Local Option Gross Receipts and Compensating Taxes Act
20 for furthering or implementing economic development plans and
21 providing public support for projects as defined in the Local
22 Economic Development Act or projects as defined in the
23 Statewide Economic Development Finance Act.

24 F. The question shall be submitted to the voters
25 of the municipality or county as a separate question at a

1 regular local or county election or at a special election
2 called for that purpose by the governing body. A special
3 local election shall be called, conducted and canvassed as
4 provided in the Local Election Act. A special county
5 election shall be called, conducted and canvassed in
6 substantially the same manner as provided by law for general
7 elections.

8 G. If a majority of the voters voting on the
9 question approves the ordinance adding arts and cultural
10 districts and cultural facilities or retail businesses as an
11 approved use of the local option municipal or county economic
12 development infrastructure gross receipts tax fund, the
13 ordinance shall become effective on July 1 or January 1,
14 whichever date occurs first after the expiration of three
15 months from the date of the adopted ordinance. The ordinance
16 shall include the effective date."

17 SECTION 3. Section 5-10-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
18 Chapter 297, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "5-10-6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN--CONTENTS--
20 PUBLICATION.--

21 A. Every local or regional government seeking to
22 pursue economic development projects shall adopt an economic
23 development plan or a comprehensive plan that includes an
24 economic development component, and an economic development
25 plan or comprehensive plan may include an analysis of the

1 role of arts and cultural activities in economic development.
2 The plan may be specific to a single economic development
3 goal or strategy or may include several goals or strategies,
4 including any goals or strategies relating to economic
5 development through arts and cultural activities. Any plan
6 or plan amendment shall be adopted by ordinance of the
7 governing body of the local government or each local
8 government of a regional government proposing the plan or
9 plan amendment.

10 B. The economic development plan or the ordinance
11 adopting the plan may:

12 (1) describe the local or regional
13 government's economic development and community goals,
14 including any economic development goals with an arts and
15 cultural component, and assign priority to and strategies for
16 achieving those goals;

17 (2) describe the types of qualifying
18 entities and economic activities that will qualify for public
19 support;

20 (3) describe the criteria to be used to
21 determine eligibility for public support and a qualifying
22 entity to participate in an economic development project;

23 (4) describe the manner in which a
24 qualifying entity may submit an application for public
25 support pursuant to Section 5-10-8 NMSA 1978, including the

1 type of information required from the qualifying entity
2 sufficient to ensure its solvency and ability to perform its
3 contractual obligations, its commitment to remain in the
4 community and its commitment to the stated economic
5 development goals of the local or regional government;

6 (5) describe the process the local or
7 regional government will use to verify the information
8 submitted on an application for public support pursuant to
9 Section 5-10-8 NMSA 1978;

10 (6) if an economic development project is
11 determined to be unsuccessful or if a qualifying entity seeks
12 to leave the area, describe the methods the local or regional
13 government will use to terminate the local or regional
14 government's public support and recoup its investment;

15 (7) identify revenue sources, including
16 those of the local or regional government, that will be used
17 to provide public support for economic development projects;

18 (8) identify other resources the local or
19 regional government is prepared to offer qualifying entities,
20 including specific land or buildings it is willing to lease,
21 sell or grant a qualifying entity; community infrastructure
22 it is willing to build, extend or expand, including roads,
23 water, sewers or other utilities; and professional services
24 contracts by local or regional governments necessary to
25 provide these resources;

1 (9) detail the minimum benefit the local or
2 regional government requires from a qualifying entity,
3 including the number and types of jobs to be created; the
4 proposed payroll; repayment of loans, if any; purchase by the
5 qualifying entity of local or regional government-provided
6 land, buildings or infrastructure; the public to private
7 investment ratio; and direct local tax base expansion;

8 (10) describe the safeguards of public
9 resources that will be ensured, including specific ways the
10 local or regional government can recover any costs, land,
11 buildings or other thing of value if a qualifying entity
12 ceases operation, relocates or otherwise defaults or reneges
13 on its contractual or implied obligations to the local or
14 regional government; and

15 (11) if a regional government, describe the
16 joint powers agreement, including whether it can be
17 terminated and, if so, how the contractual or other
18 obligations, risks and any property will be assigned or
19 divided among the local governments who are party to the
20 agreement.

21 C. The economic development plan shall be printed
22 and made available to the residents within the local or
23 regional government area."

24 SECTION 4. Section 5-10-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
25 Chapter 297, Section 7) is amended to read:

1 "5-10-7. REGIONAL PLANS--JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT--
2 REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.--

3 A. Two or more municipalities, two or more
4 counties or one or more municipalities and counties may enter
5 into a joint powers agreement pursuant to the Joint Powers
6 Agreements Act to develop a regional economic development
7 plan, which may consist of existing local plans. The parties
8 to the agreement shall be deemed a regional government for
9 the purposes of the Local Economic Development Act.

10 B. The joint powers agreement shall require that
11 the governing body of each local government approve public
12 support for each economic development project. The agreement
13 may also provide for appointment of a project manager who
14 shall be responsible for the management of projects and
15 project funds. The agreement may provide for a regional body
16 consisting of representatives from the governing bodies of
17 each local government that is a party to the agreement and
18 may determine the powers and duties of that body in
19 implementing the regional government's plan and providing
20 public support for projects."

21 SECTION 5. Section 5-10-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
22 Chapter 297, Section 8) is amended to read:

23 "5-10-8. APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT.--

24 A. After the adoption of an economic development
25 plan by a local or regional government, a qualifying entity

1 shall submit to the local or regional government an
2 application for public support of a qualifying entity's
3 economic development project.

4 B. The application shall be on a form and require
5 such information as the local or regional government deems
6 necessary."

7 SECTION 6. Section 5-10-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
8 Chapter 297, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "5-10-9. PROJECT EVALUATION--DEPARTMENT.--

10 A. The local or regional government shall review
11 each application for public support submitted pursuant to
12 Section 5-10-8 NMSA 1978, and any public support shall be
13 approved by ordinance.

14 B. The local or regional government's evaluation
15 of an application shall be based on the provisions of the
16 economic development plan, the financial and management
17 stability of the qualifying entity, the demonstrated
18 commitment of the qualifying entity to the community, a cost-
19 benefit analysis of the project and any other information the
20 local or regional government believes is necessary for a full
21 review of the economic development project application.

22 C. The local or regional government may negotiate
23 with a qualifying entity on the type or amount of public
24 support to be provided or on the scope of the economic
25 development project."

1 SECTION 7. Section 5-10-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
2 Chapter 297, Section 11) is amended to read:

3 "5-10-11. PROJECT REVENUES--SPECIAL FUND--ANNUAL
4 AUDIT.--

5 A. Local or regional government revenues dedicated
6 or pledged for public support for economic development
7 projects shall be deposited in a separate account. Separate
8 accounts shall be established for each separate project.
9 Money in the special account shall be expended only for
10 economic development project purposes, which may include the
11 payment of necessary professional services contract costs.

12 B. In the case of a regional government, revenues
13 of each local government dedicated or pledged for economic
14 development purposes shall be deposited in a special account
15 of that local government and may be expended only by that
16 local government as provided by the regional government's
17 economic development plan and joint powers agreement.

18 C. The local or regional government shall provide
19 for an annual independent audit in accordance with the Audit
20 Act of each special fund and project account. The audit
21 shall be submitted to the local or regional government. The
22 audit is a public record."

23 SECTION 8. Section 5-10-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
24 Chapter 297, Section 12) is amended to read:

25 "5-10-12. PLAN AND PROJECT TERMINATION.--

1 A. At any time after approval of an economic
2 development plan, the governing body of the local government
3 or the governing body of each local government in a regional
4 government may enact an ordinance terminating the economic
5 development plan and dissolving or terminating any or all
6 public support for economic development projects. An
7 ordinance repealing an economic development plan shall not be
8 effective unless the ordinance provides for satisfying
9 existing contracts and the rights of the parties arising from
10 those contracts.

11 B. Any unexpended and unencumbered balances
12 remaining in any project fund or account upon repeal of a
13 plan and termination of public support for or dissolution of
14 a project may be transferred to the general fund of the local
15 government holding the fund or account. In the case of funds
16 or accounts of a regional government, the unexpended and
17 unencumbered balances shall be divided among the local
18 governments as provided in the joint powers agreement."

19 **SECTION 9.** Section 5-10-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2020,
20 Chapter 74, Section 1) is amended to read:

21 "5-10-14. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND.--The
22 "Local Economic Development Act fund" is created in the state
23 treasury. Income from the fund shall be credited to the
24 fund. Money in the fund shall not revert or be transferred
25 to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The

1 department shall administer the fund, and money in the fund
2 is appropriated to the department to pay the cost of
3 administering the fund and for economic development projects
4 pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act. Money in the
5 fund shall be expended on warrants of the department of
6 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the
7 secretary of economic development."

8 SECTION 10. A new section of the Local Economic
9 Development Act is enacted to read:

10 "GRANTS TO REIMBURSE RENT, LEASE OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS
11 FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES.--

12 A. Prior to January 1, 2023, the department may
13 transfer to the authority funds appropriated by the
14 legislature to the department for the purpose of providing
15 recovery grants to recovery entities pursuant to this
16 section.

17 B. The department and the authority shall enter
18 into a memorandum of understanding to develop a program for
19 the authority to accept a transfer of funds from the
20 department pursuant to Subsection A of this section, to
21 provide recovery grants to recovery entities, to accept and
22 review applications for recovery grants and to disburse
23 recovery grants to recovery entities. The authority shall
24 require documentation from applicants of employment levels
25 and rent, lease and mortgage payments for taxable year 2020

1 and subsequent taxable years in which a recovery entity
2 applies for a recovery grant. The authority shall prioritize
3 funding to applicants that had the greatest decline in
4 business revenues between comparable quarters in taxable year
5 2019 to taxable year 2020. The department shall provide
6 oversight of the program and may set policies and promulgate
7 rules in accordance with this section. The authority may
8 designate one or more application periods and shall review
9 applications received in each period and provide a
10 determination to the applicant within a reasonable amount of
11 time after review. The first application period shall accept
12 applications no later than June 30, 2021, and the last
13 application period shall accept applications no later than
14 December 31, 2021; provided that an application period for
15 funds set aside pursuant to Subsection E of this section
16 shall accept applications no later than June 30, 2022. The
17 authority shall prioritize funding to applicants that had the
18 greatest decline in business revenues between comparable
19 quarters in taxable year 2019 to taxable year 2020.

20 C. To receive a recovery grant, a recovery entity
21 shall agree to:

22 (1) use the proceeds of the recovery grant
23 for reimbursement of rent, lease or mortgage obligations of
24 the recovery entity for its business locations within the
25 state of New Mexico;

1 (2) provide a written certification signed
2 by an appropriate officer of the recovery entity that
3 certifies that:

4 (a) the officer understands that,
5 pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act, the recovery
6 grant shall be accompanied by new job creation in accordance
7 with department rules and policies and the terms of the
8 agreement issued by the authority to the recovery entity in
9 advance of disbursement of the recovery grant;

10 (b) all documents submitted in support
11 of the recovery grant application are true and accurate to
12 the best of the officer's knowledge;

13 (c) the officer has a reasonable basis
14 to believe that, as of the date of a recovery grant
15 application and receipt of any recovery grant, the recovery
16 entity does not expect to permanently cease business
17 operations or file for bankruptcy;

18 (d) as of the date of a recovery grant
19 application and of receipt of a recovery grant, the recovery
20 entity is current on all obligations pursuant to the Income
21 Tax Act, the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act, the
22 Withholding Tax Act, the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax
23 Act and the Unemployment Compensation Law applicable to the
24 recovery entity's business operations; and

25 (e) all recovery grant proceeds will be

1 used for the purpose of payment of rent, lease or mortgage
2 payments of the recovery entity pursuant to the Local
3 Economic Development Act;

4 (3) provide documentation to the authority
5 demonstrating a decline in business revenues between taxable
6 years 2019 and 2020;

7 (4) upon request, provide the department and
8 the authority with information relevant to the reporting
9 requirements of the department and the authority pursuant to
10 Subsection H of this section; and

11 (5) submit an application to the authority
12 for a recovery grant pursuant to rules established by the
13 authority, but no later than June 30, 2022.

14 D. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
15 in a recovery grant may be provided to each recovery entity
16 in quarterly payments in an amount of up to twenty-five
17 percent of the total amount of the recovery grant awarded to
18 the recovery entity. The department shall promulgate rules
19 to determine the amount of a recovery grant; provided that,
20 for each quarterly payment a recovery entity may be awarded a
21 specified amount for each job created depending on the wages
22 provided and the relative decline in business revenues for
23 taxable year 2020, not to exceed a total of twenty-five
24 thousand dollars (\$25,000) per quarter. To remain eligible
25 for additional quarterly payments, a recovery entity shall

1 provide documentation to the department and to the authority
2 demonstrating the following:

3 (1) the recovery entity remains active and
4 open and can demonstrate a net increase in the number of
5 full-time-equivalent employees relative to the immediately
6 preceding quarter, as submitted quarterly to the workforce
7 solutions department from the date of application to the date
8 of receipt of a recovery grant payment;

9 (2) the recovery entity is current on state
10 and local tax obligations; and

11 (3) the recovery entity paid rent, lease or
12 mortgage obligations of the recovery entity for its business
13 locations within the state of New Mexico from the date of
14 application to the present request for a subsequent quarterly
15 payment that exceeds all payments to the recovery entity to
16 date pursuant to this section.

17 E. If, on the effective date of this section,
18 there remains in effect a public health order that requires
19 businesses to remain closed, the department and the authority
20 shall set aside a portion of the funds available for recovery
21 grants until such time as the public health order ceases to
22 be in effect or is changed to permit all businesses subject
23 to the public health order to be open. The portion set aside
24 shall be estimated, at the discretion of the department and
25 the authority, to represent the number of recovery entities

1 and employees impacted by the public health order, but in no
2 case shall exceed twenty percent of the total funds
3 appropriated pursuant to Section 11 of this 2021 act.

4 F. If a recovery entity loses eligibility in a
5 quarter, the authority shall set aside funds for the recovery
6 entity to access should the recovery entity become eligible
7 again in a succeeding quarter.

8 G. Information obtained by the department and the
9 authority regarding individual recovery entity grant
10 applicants shall be confidential and not subject to
11 inspection pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act;
12 provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the
13 department and the authority from disclosing broad
14 demographic information and information relating to the total
15 amount of recovery grants made, the total outstanding balance
16 of recovery grants made and the names of the recovery
17 entities that received recovery grants.

18 H. The department and the authority shall submit
19 an annual report in each year of 2021 through 2023 to the
20 legislature, the legislative finance committee, the New
21 Mexico finance authority oversight committee, the revenue
22 stabilization and tax policy committee and the interim
23 legislative committee concerning economic and rural
24 development. The report shall provide information regarding
25 recovery grants made pursuant to this section. The report

1 shall include:

2 (1) the total dollar value of recovery
3 grants made to date, along with breakouts of disbursements by
4 quarterly payment number;

5 (2) the number of recovery entities
6 assisted, in total and by county;

7 (3) the total number of new jobs created and
8 the total number of employees currently employed by recovery
9 entities that received grants;

10 (4) the total projected annual payroll for
11 the jobs created;

12 (5) the total number of recovery grant
13 applications;

14 (6) the number of recovery entities, if any,
15 that received initial payments but were determined to be
16 ineligible for additional quarterly payments; and

17 (7) an overview of the industries and types
18 of business entities represented by recovery entities that
19 received recovery grants.

20 I. As used in this section:

21 (1) "authority" means the New Mexico finance
22 authority;

23 (2) "recovery entity" means a corporation,
24 limited liability company, partnership, joint venture,
25 syndicate, association or other person that:

1 (a) is a business operating in New
2 Mexico with one or more employees but with fewer than
3 seventy-five people employed at any of the business's
4 business locations;

5 (b) is current on all state or local
6 tax obligations; and

7 (c) experienced a decline in business
8 revenue between one or more comparable quarters in taxable
9 years 2019 and 2020, as determined by the economic
10 development department and the authority based on
11 documentation provided by the business;

12 (3) "recovery grant" means a grant disbursed
13 to a recovery entity by the authority from funds provided by
14 the department for the purpose of reimbursement of rent,
15 lease or mortgage payments of the recovery entity pursuant to
16 the Local Economic Development Act; and

17 (4) "taxable year" means "taxable year" as
18 that term is used in the Income Tax Act or the Corporate
19 Income and Franchise Tax Act, as applicable to a recovery
20 entity."

21 **SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred million dollars
22 (\$200,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
23 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal
24 years 2021 through 2023 to provide grants pursuant to Section
25 10 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance

1 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the
2 general fund.

3 SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of Sections 1 through 9 of this act is July 1,
5 2021.

6 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
7 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
8 immediately. _____

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