



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-013

ORDER CREATING THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT; ESTABLISHING A COMPETITIVE GRANT ADVISORY TEAM; AND REQUIRING COOPERATION AMONG STATE AGENCIES

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") into law to counteract the dramatic downturn in the national economy, a downturn that has significantly impacted many New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, as a result of the passage of ARRA, New Mexico must endeavor to take all appropriate steps to maximize its ability to qualify for and receive approximately \$2 billion dollars in federal funds to build infrastructure, stabilize unemployment and healthcare benefits for those in need, avoid deep cuts in the State's education spending, invest in healthcare, and create and retain jobs;

WHEREAS, New Mexico will have an unprecedented opportunity to compete for hundreds of millions of dollars to transform our broadband capability, modernize our energy grid to introduce clean energy into thousands of homes, develop an electronic medical records system that will transform healthcare, and create stable, high-wage jobs in the technology and renewable energy sectors;

WHEREAS, the State must make certain that federal funding is distributed as fairly and evenly as practicable, particularly in rural communities that have been hit particularly hard by the recession;

WHEREAS, New Mexico must leverage and utilize all available resources, including those in the public and private sectors to ensure that the State is well positioned to compete for every available dollar;

WHEREAS, the President and Congress have made clear that it is the responsibility of state governors to ensure that ARRA money is spent appropriately and transparently, and that systems are put in place to track and monitor every dollar spent, with the ultimate goal of creating and retaining jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State must act swiftly to implement ARRA to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order the following:

1. I hereby establish the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment ("NMORR"), which shall be responsible for directing and monitoring the implementation of the programs enacted by ARRA. The NMORR's principle functions shall be to ensure that (a) ARRA monies are spent quickly to provide immediate relief to impacted individuals and families and to help stimulate New Mexico's economy as quickly as feasible; (b) that the funding process is fair, merit-based, and transparent to the public; (c) that fraud, waste and abuse is avoided; (d) that state agencies are held strictly accountable for ARRA funds; and (e) as directed by President Obama, that New Mexico's expenditure of federal funds spurs immediate economic activity, creates and retains jobs, and promotes long-term economic prosperity and quality of life by investing in health and science, transportation, renewable energy and other infrastructure that will foster energy independence and improve the quality of the education and healthcare systems in New Mexico.

2. The NMORR shall be staffed as determined by the Governor and shall initially be chaired by former Governor Toney Anaya.

3. The NMORR shall review and make recommendations to the administration regarding the approval of ARRA funding.

4. The NMORR shall create and implement an effective communications and outreach plan, including a State website and such other available technology tools, that shall keep the public informed of the State's ARRA related activities, funding opportunities and the process for applying, and the funding decisions made by the administration.

5. The NMORR shall strive to ensure that all pertinent information is made available to the public regarding possible opportunities for funding and that input to the NMORR is used to maximize the ability of entities within the state to receive funding.


6. In cooperation with the Department of Finance and Administration, the NMORR shall provide a system for tracking, monitoring and auditing the expenditure of ARRA funding, including formula monies, infrastructure projects, and competitive grant monies obtained by the State. To the extent practical, the NMORR shall seek to identify, compile and report to the Governor the total dollars received by non-state government entities in New Mexico.

7. I hereby establish a Competitive Grant Advisory Team ("Team"), which shall be comprised of individuals in the public and private sectors, and which shall (a) work at the direction of the NMORR to assist with outreach and educational efforts throughout the State; (b) leverage all available resources to compete for and obtain competitive ARRA funding; and (c) provide such advice as the NMORR may request in carrying out its responsibilities. Members of the Team, including a chair, shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve until May 31, 2009. The Team shall be staffed by the NMORR. The Team shall report to the Governor and the NMORR as necessary and as directed. The work of the Team shall be advisory only and

members of the Team shall not receive per diem, pay nor be reimbursed for travel or subsistence expenses, unless otherwise provided by law.

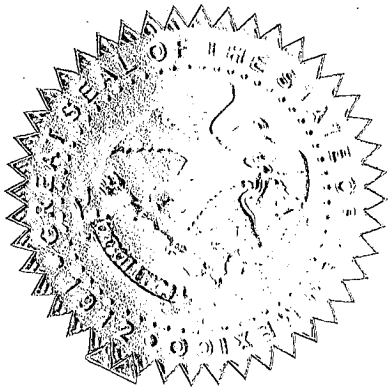
8. State agencies shall work cooperatively with the NMORR to provide any and all information related to the effective and efficient implementation of ARRA funding and programs and shall assist the NMORR with public outreach efforts.


ATTEST:


MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2009

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




BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR