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**TORRANCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. R 2024- 09**

**RESOLUTION TITLE**

**WHEREAS**, the 42<sup>nd</sup> New Mexico State Legislature has provided up to \$500,000.00 of the Local Governments Road Fund to be expended in the FY 23/24 for purchase of New Mexico Department of Transportation Surplus equipment for local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our understanding that if a county can prove financial hardship, they may be approved for an amount of up to \$25,000 towards highway equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Torrance continues to experience financial hardship, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, will certify the financial hardship of our county and the need for financial assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the governing body of the County of Torrance is hereby requesting the financial assistance offered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation so as to purchase used Highway equipment, through the emergency rule action Pursuant to the State Highway Commission in accordance with the New Mexico Legislature House Bill SHTD Emergency Rule 93.5 Amendment 1 and/or Annual Hardship Program 18 NMAC 27.4

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6 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

7 DONE THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2024.

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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

11 Michael I. Garcia  
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13 Michael I. Garcia, County Attorney

Ryan Schwebach  
Ryan Schwebach, Chair, District 2

14 Date: 13 March 2024

15 Kevin McCall  
Kevin McCall, Vice Chair, District 1

16 Samuel D. Schropp  
17 Samuel D. Schropp, Member, District 3  
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19 ATTEST:

20 Linda Jaramillo  
21 Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk

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23 Date: 3/13/24  
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**Ryan Schwebach, Chair**

*District 2*

**Kevin McCall**

*District 1*

**Samuel Schropp**

*District 3*



***Torrance County Road Department***

***PO Box 48 ~ 205 S. Ninth Street***

***Estancia, NM 87016***

***(505) 544-4668 Main Line (505) 384-2550 Fax***

***Email: leonardl@tcnm.us***

***Janice Barela***  
*County Manager*

***Leonard Lujan***  
*Road Supervisor*

***Charmen Padilla***  
*Executive Assistant*

February 26, 2024  
Mr. John H Kraul  
Fleet Equipment Manager  
P.O. Box 1149  
Suite Fleet Management Bureau  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. Kraul,

Once again Torrance County for the FY 2023/24 is requesting up to \$25,000 from the Local Governments Road Fund Program, to be used to purchase used equipment from the New Mexico Department of Transportation Department through the emergency rule action pursuant to State Highway Commission SHTD 93-5 Amendment 1 and/or Annual Hardship Program 18 NMAC 27.4, allowing counties who show hardship to expend these monies towards used trucks and or heavy equipment.

Needed vehicles and or heavy equipment listed below are:

- (1) Pick-ups, all at 300,000 miles or more.
- (2) Tractors with trailer (semi's/belly dumps at 20 yards) are needed for transporting material.
- (3) Tractor mowers for mowing chip seal roadways. Torrance County has an estimated 101 miles of chip seal roadways.
- (4) Dump Trucks are needed for transporting material.

Please note that a high percentage of pickups and equipment that Torrance County owns, at some point, was purchased from the New Mexico Department of Transportation with financial hardship monies.

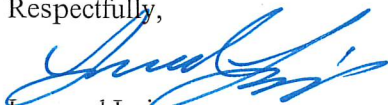
The Torrance County Road Department during each fiscal year is allocated funding for three cooperative agreements between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Torrance County for roadway construction (pit run and or chip seal projects) on our county designated roadways for maintenance.

Above listed equipment is vital in allowing our county to provide construction roadwork that is necessary for public health, safety, and general welfare for all traveling on our roadways.

We would like to request certification from the Department of Finance, which will verify that the County of Torrance qualifies for this financial hardship.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

  
Leonard Lujan  
Road Superintendent



January 31, 2024

New Mexico Incorporated Municipality, County or Land Grants-Mercedes

**SUBJECT: NMDOT 2024 ANNUAL HARDSHIP SALE**

The Local Government Road Fund is administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). The annual \$500,000.00 fund shall be used only by incorporated municipalities, counties, and land grants-mercedes to purchase surplus automotive and major road equipment.

In order to qualify for a MAX of \$25,000 – the following must be submitted:

1. A Letter of Justification explaining the entity's financial hardship  
Justification should be no longer than 2-3 pages;
2. A Resolution or Certification indicating financial hardship; and,
3. An Equipment Wish List of items they are interested in acquiring at the Sale.

Items must be received by March 31, 2024 at the following address:

New Mexico Department of Transportation  
Fleet Management Bureau – SB-2  
Attn: John Paul Ortiz, Management Analyst  
P.O. Box 1149  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149

NMDOT will then coordinate with NM Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for financial analysis and confirmation of hardship.

NMDOT will also submit request to the State Transportation Commission.

A letter will be sent notifying each entity of their request no later than June 28, 2024.

NMDOT will conduct the 2024 Annual Hardship Sale on Monday, August 12, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at the NMDOT Auction Yard located at 7315 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM. Sale will begin promptly at 8:00 AM

Contact Matthew S. Chavez at [matthew.chavez@dot.nm.gov](mailto:matthew.chavez@dot.nm.gov) or (505)660-8885 with questions.

Sincerely,

John H. Kraul  
NMDOT State Fleet Equipment Manager

**Michelle Lujan  
Grisham**  
Governor

**Ricky Serna**  
Cabinet Secretary

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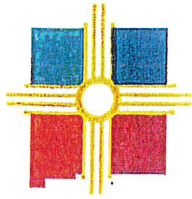
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New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
MOBILITY FOR EVERYONE

January 31, 2024

New Mexico Public Entities

**SUBJECT: NMDOT 2024 ANNUAL PUBLIC ENTITY SALE**

Public entities may purchase surplus automotive and major road equipment from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) via use of their own capital outlay funds or Local Government Road Funds.

Public entities are defined as:

- o State agencies;
- o Local public bodies;
- o School districts;
- o State educational institutions;
- o Municipalities;
- o Tribal organizations; and
- o Land Grants-Mercedes.

Public entities are "NOT" allowed to participate in both the NMDOT Entity Sale and Hardship Sale.

Automotive and major road equipment consists of light duty vehicles, medium/heavy duty trucks and highway heavy and/or off road equipment.

Public entities are expected to provide check, money order or purchase order in order to purchase items at the annual public entity sale.

Title and/or Bill of Sales will be issued on the date purchased. The purchaser will be responsible for proper title and registration through the Motor Vehicle Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department within 30 days according to State Statutes.

Public entities who are planning to participate that have questions should email Matthew S. Chavez at [matthew.chavez@dot.nm.gov](mailto:matthew.chavez@dot.nm.gov) by no later than Friday, August 16, 2024.

NMDOT will conduct the 2024 Annual Public Entity Sale on Monday, August 26, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at the NMDOT Auction Yard located at 7315 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM. Sale will begin promptly at 8:00 AM.

Sincerely,

John H. Kraul  
NMDOT State Fleet Equipment Manager

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**JESSE LUCERO**  
COUNTY ASSESSOR

205 S NINTH STREET  
POST OFFICE BOX 258  
ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO 87016  
Phone (505) 544-4320 Fax (505) 384-4362

February 22, 2024

To: Janice Barela, Torrance County Manager

From: Jesse Lucero, Torrance County Assessor

As per review and confirmation from DFA, the Mill Levy for Torrance County is at the maximum allowed by law. It is my opinion that our Road Department qualifies for Hardship Funds Torrance County is entitled to request. If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

Regards,

Jesse Lucero  
Assessor  
505-544-4320  
jlucero@tcnm.us