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N.M. Corrections budget bolsters recruitment, reentry services

SANTA FE—The New Mexico Corrections Department’s (NMCD) Fiscal Year 2026 budget request proposes strategic investments aimed at improving reentry services, staff recruitment, and cadet training.

“The priorities in this budget proposal reflect our commitment to maintaining public safety, enhancing services, and supporting effective reentry programs benefiting incarcerated individuals and the state of New Mexico,” said **NMCD Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero**.

Budget highlights include:

- **Staff Salaries and Benefits:** The request will fund needed staff salaries and benefits in facilities.
- **Behavioral Health Services:** The requested funding will support essential behavioral health services, including substance addiction and mental health treatment.
- **Reentry Services:** The department is requesting funding for transitional living contracts, expanded reentry services, and enhancement of rehabilitation programs.
- **Recruitment and Training:** The New Mexico Corrections Training Academy is included with a request for funds to help strengthen recruitment efforts and ensure that cadets are fully prepared to meet the demands of the corrections profession.

Total FY26 Budget Request

The total budget request for FY26 is \$357,538,500, reflecting a 6% increase of \$20,330,400 over FY25. This increase will help address rising operational costs, including utilities, food services,

and staff salaries and benefits. Overall, the request highlights the department's commitment to maintaining public safety, enhancing services, and supporting effective reentry programs aimed at reducing recidivism in New Mexico.

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The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) is one of the largest state departments in New Mexico. The department staff and volunteers are fully committed to integrating programs in its facilities for rehabilitation. It is through programs and services the department aims to improve outcomes for offenders and enhance public safety in communities. For more information, visit cd.nm.gov or follow NMCD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X](#) at @NMCDPIO.