



Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

The Executive Budget Recommendation is \$70,815,200.

The LFC budget recommendation is \$68,360,100.

Difference: \$2.4 million

By Division:

Energy Conservation and Management Division:

- Executive: \$3,368,200
- LFC: \$3,224,200

Oil Conservation Division:

- Executive: \$11,644,700
- LFC: \$11,147,400

State Parks Division:

- Executive: \$24,973,000
- LFC: \$24,973,100

Mining and Minerals Division:

- Executive: \$8,269,600
- LFC: \$8,269,600

State Forestry Division:

- Executive: \$16,850,600
- LFC: \$15,992,100

Program Support:

- Executive: \$5,709,100
- LFC: \$4,753,700

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

- \$2,000,000 to provide grant opportunities for energy grid modernization and other clean energy projects
- \$145,000 to support climate resiliency in the reuse and reclamation of land impacted by resource extraction
- \$600,000 for information technology hardware and infrastructure upgrades

BUILDING EMNRD'S CAPACITY

Over the past two years, New Mexico has taken bold action to address climate change. The legislature has passed the ambitious Energy Transition Act, implemented a new solar tax credit to make installing solar panels more affordable, led the way on modernizing our electric grid, and more. Climate change is a priority across state government and we know additional crucial legislation is on the way in the 2021 session. It is EMNRD's job to implement these programs quickly and efficiently.

EMNRD is New Mexico's energy and natural resources agency that cultivates deep policy expertise, transparency, and a cohesive mission that balances conservation and development. 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 FY22 Executive Budget Recommendation which will best position the agency to achieve our ambitious goals and fulfill our statutory obligations. The LFC recommendation, on the other hand, would cut funding for important positions at the heart of the agency and would leave important work across the agency unfulfilled.

The Executive Budget request would enable EMNRD to expand our energy and climate policy work in ways that the LFC recommendation does not, by adding capacity in the following areas:

- Forest and watershed restoration and protection against catastrophic wildfires;
- Electric grid modernization;
- Environmental compliance and oversight of the oil, gas, and mining industries, including implementation of nation-leading methane waste rules;
- Land and Water Conservation Fund program expansion to grow the outdoor recreation economy across the state; and
- Mine reclamation to support climate resiliency in the reuse and reclamation of land used for resource extraction.

EMNRD is staffed with dedicated experts who always strive to aim higher. The Executive Budget Recommendation would provide staff with the resources and support they need to achieve even more ambitious goals and legislative directives.