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New Mexico Corrections Department presents agency budget request to the Legislative Finance Committee

SANTA FE – Today, New Mexico Corrections Department’s Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero will present the FY23 budget request to the Legislative Finance Committee. Totaling \$367,300,000, the request focuses on funding reentry initiatives as well as the private to public transitions of two prison facilities.

The budget request reflects NMCD’s continued goal to maintain safe and professional institutions and provide incarcerated persons with opportunities for successful rehabilitation. Reentry initiatives have been a top priority of the Lujan Grisham administration and with this request NMCD aims to ensure Reentry is pillar of the Department for years to come. With this request, NMCD will be elevating Reentry to a division level, ensuring continuous funding for education, vocational training, programing, behavioral health services, and transitional living services. The budget will also allow Probation and Parole to improve pre-release planning and the transition process, and the continuing incorporation of peer mentorship in prison facilities and the community. Probation and Parole will continue to work with our more than 130 community providers including transitional living centers, residential and outpatient treatment providers and with this budget request will work to expand housing support to high needs individuals preparing for release.

In addition to Reentry goals, the budget will resolve remaining compaction issues within the adult prisons division and will aid with the transitions from private to public operations in Grants at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility and in Santa Rosa at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility. Much of the increased cost related to these transitions come from increased salaries and benefits which helps to retain and hire qualified candidates to maintain safe facilities.

“Staff of the New Mexico Corrections Department are the great guardians of our state and I am so pleased to welcome staff in Grants and Santa Rosa to this dedicated and hardworking team.” Said Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero. “I am grateful for the support and vision of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham as we continue to prioritize safety and successful outcomes in our facilities and field offices as we work towards strengthening New Mexico communities.”

Secretary Tafoya Lucero will present today, November 17th 2021 at 8:15AM. Those interested may view the hearing through the [New Mexico Legislature webcast](#).

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