

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ADULT PAROLE BOARD

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Dear Mr. Propst and Mr. Sallee,

The New Mexico Adult Parole Board (NMAPB) is pleased to submit our agency's appropriation request for Fiscal Year 2027.

The NMAPB is a 15-member, non-salaried board that conducts parole hearings for the state's 10 prison facilities. The Board is supported by six FTE staff, with only one current vacancy. Staff responsibilities include: victim notification, processing parole certifications, creating and maintaining electronic files, preparing cases for Board member review, conducting hearings, managing more than 20,000 active inmate and parolee files, reimbursing Board member per diem, and overseeing all budget operations including appropriation and operating requests.

For FY27, the Adult Parole Board will submit a **non-recurring special appropriation request** under *Contracts* to modernize agency records by transitioning inmate files from paper to electronic format. This project will utilize Horizons of New Mexico—Jobs for People with Disabilities—for scanning and indexing records. Horizons has estimated 1,580,000 images (632 standard banker boxes) through an on-site assessment. Horizon's quote of **\$179,000** covers all services, including scanning, indexing, retrieval of files during the nine-month project, and the return of records upon completion.

The Board's current paper-based system is resource intensive, slows case processing, and increases the risk of administrative errors. Recent New Mexico Supreme Court rulings—including *Thompson* and the 2025 decision on missed sex-offender review hearings—underscore

the critical importance of accurate eligibility tracking and timely compliance with statutory deadlines. Transitioning to electronic files will strengthen compliance, improve efficiency, and reduce backlog risks.

An electronic records system is projected to reduce administrative processing time per case by 20–25%, freeing staff resources to support additional hearings. It will also enhance communication and consistency in sharing parole decisions with NMCD, probation officers, and victims’ services. In addition to efficiency gains, the transition will reduce costs related to paper storage, duplication, and retrieval, ultimately offsetting the initial investment.

Ongoing costs will include an estimated **\$5,000 per year** in additional cloud storage, which can be absorbed within the Board’s “Other Expenditures” budget line without requiring future increases. Future increase in contracts is due to price increases for HR services and yearly audit.

Please see the budget breakdown and comparison below:

	<b>CURRENT FY26 OPBUD</b>	<b>FY27 Appropriation + Special Appropriation</b>	<b>Estimated FY28 OPBUD &amp; Ongoing</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	\$712,800	\$712,800	\$712,800
<b>Contracts</b>	\$15,700	\$196,500 <i>(includes \$179,000 one-time)</i>	\$17,500
<b>Other Expenditures</b>	\$150,100	\$150,100	\$150,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$878,600</b>	<b>\$1,064,400</b>	<b>\$880,400</b>

The NMAPB remains committed to meeting the challenges presented by the statewide uptick in crime. We will continue to partner with stakeholders in reducing recidivism and strengthening public safety.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (505) 386-6873 with any questions.

Sincerely,



**Roberta Cohen**  
Executive Director  
New Mexico Adult Parole Board

**APPROPRIATION REQUEST  
CERTIFICATION  
FORM S-1**

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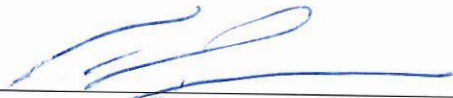
Agency Name: Adult Parole Board

Business Unit: 76000

*I hereby certify that the accompanying summary and detailed statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the arithmetic accuracy of all numeric information has been verified.*



Roberta Cohen, Executive Director



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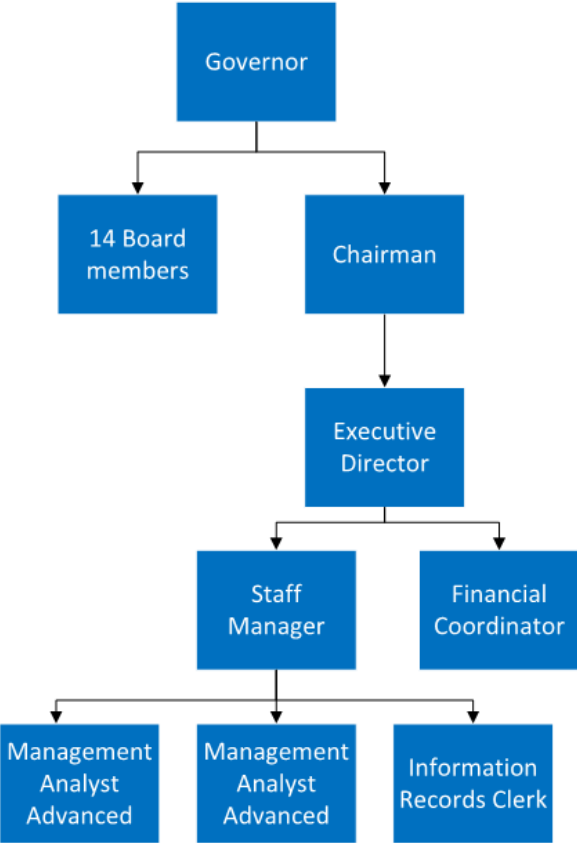
Agency Name: Adult Parole Board

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Unit: 76000

Program Code: P704

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	2024-25 Opbud	2024-25 Actuals	2025-26 Opbud	2026-27 PCF Proj	----- FY 2027 Agency Request -----		Total
					Base	Expansion	
<b>REVENUE</b>							
111 General Fund Transfers	789.2	712.2	858.1	0.0	880.4	0.0	880.4
112 Other Transfers	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS	789.2	717.6	858.1	0	880.4	0.0	880.4
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>789.2</b>	<b>717.6</b>	<b>858.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>							
200 Personal services and employee benefits	623.4	541.2	692.3	734.4	712.8	0.0	712.8
300 Contractual services	15.7	14.6	15.7	0.0	17.5	0.0	17.5
400 Other	150.1	156.3	150.1	0.0	150.1	0.0	150.1
EXPENDITURES	789.2	712.2	858.1	734.353	880.4	0.0	880.4
500 Other financing uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OTHER FINANCING USES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>789.2</b>	<b>712.2</b>	<b>858.1</b>	<b>734.353</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
<b>FTE POSITIONS</b>							
810 Permanent	6.00	0.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
830 Temporary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
FTEs	6.00	0.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	7.00
<b>FTE POSITIONS</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>

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State of New Mexico  
**S-9 Account Code Revenue/Expenditure Summary**  
 (Dollars in Thousands)

		2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	----- FY 2027 Agency Request -----		
		Opbud	Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	Base	Expansion	Total
499105	General Fd. Appropriation	789.2	712.2	858.1	0.0	880.4	0.0	880.4
111	General Fund Transfers	789.2	712.2	858.1	0.0	880.4	0.0	880.4
499905	Other Financing Sources	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
112	Other Transfers	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>789.2</b>	<b>717.6</b>	<b>858.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	124.9	108.5	112.8	113.3	120.0	0.0	120.0
520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	327.7	265.5	288.2	403.8	310.9	0.0	310.9
520500	Temporary Positions F/T & P/T	0.0	5.0	21.9	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0
520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	9.7	1.5	9.7	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
521100	Group Insurance Premium	51.1	43.1	62.7	76.2	71.2	0.0	71.2
521200	Retirement Contributions	59.5	72.0	99.2	98.5	86.0	0.0	86.0
521300	F I C A	30.3	27.1	39.5	31.7	34.0	0.0	34.0
521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	14.1	0.0	14.1
521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	10.8	10.7	33.3	0.0	58.2	0.0	58.2
521700	RHC Act Contributions	8.9	7.5	10.3	10.8	10.0	0.0	10.0
200	Personal services and employee ben	623.4	541.2	692.3	734.4	712.8	0.0	712.8
535300	Other Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
535309	Other Services - Interagency	6.5	6.0	6.1	0.0	6.5	0.0	6.5
535400	Audit Services	9.2	8.6	9.6	0.0	11.0	0.0	11.0
300	Contractual services	15.7	14.6	15.7	0.0	17.5	0.0	17.5
542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1
542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
542300	Brd & Comm Mbr Meals & Lodging	97.0	67.1	85.1	0.0	71.8	0.0	71.8
542310	Brd & Comm Mbr Mileage & Fares	18.0	15.9	21.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	18.0
542800	State Transp Pool Charges	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
543200	Maint - Furn, Fixt, Equipment	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
543300	Maint - Buildings & Structures	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
543500	Maint - Supplies	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
544000	Supply Inventory IT	5.0	38.3	5.0	0.0	12.6	0.0	12.6
544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	5.0	2.2	5.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
544700	Supplies-Clothing,Unifrms,Linen	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7
544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	0.8	4.7	0.8	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.7
545600	Reporting & Recording	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
545700	ISD Services	3.0	4.6	4.9	0.0	8.0	0.0	8.0
545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	2.5	2.0	2.5	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.3
545900	Printing & Photo Services	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
546100	Postage & Mail Services	2.0	0.7	2.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7
546500	Rent Of Equipment	1.7	4.0	1.7	0.0	8.0	0.0	8.0
546600	Communications	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546610	DOIT Telecommunications	6.0	3.8	6.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	4.6

546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546800	Employee Training & Education	0.0	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
546810	Board Member Training	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
546900	Advertising	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
547300	Care & Support	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
547900	Miscellaneous Expense	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
549800	Brd & Comm O/S Mileage & Fares	1.0	1.8	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
549900	Brd & Comm O/S Meals & Lodging	1.0	2.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
<b>400</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>150.1</b>
555100	Other Financing Uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>500</b>	<b>Other financing uses</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>789.2</b>	<b>712.2</b>	<b>858.1</b>	<b>734.353</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
810	Permanent	6.00	0.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
810	Permanent	6.00	0.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
830	Temporary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
830	Temporary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL FTE POSITIONS</b>		<b>6.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>

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**S-13 Line Items by Business Unit Expenditures**

(Dollars in Thousands)

BusUnit	Line Item	2024-25	2025-26	Request		Recommendation		Opbud
		Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion	
76000	P704-R Adult Parole							
	521410 GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.25318	0.4	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
	521500 Unemployment Comp Premium	0	14.1	14.1	0	0	0	0.0
	521600 Employee Liability Ins Premium	10.74493	33.3	58.2	0	0	0	0.0
	535400 Audit Services	8.60999	9.6	11	0	0	0	0.0
	542800 State Transp Pool Charges	0.08781	0.5	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
	543400 Maint - Property Insurance	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.0
	545700 ISD Services	4.55625	4.9	8	0	0	0	0.0
	545710 DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.968	2.5	2.3	0	0	0	0.0
	546610 DOIT Telecommunications	3.7692	6	4.6	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Subtotal for:</b>	<b>76000 P704-R Adult Parole</b>	<b>29.98936</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>76000</b>		<b>29.98936</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Totals by Line Item**

BusUnit	Line Item	2024-25	2025-26	Request		Recommendation		Opbud
		Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion	
76000	<b>521410 GSD Work Comp Insur Premium</b>	0.25318	0.4	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>521500 Unemployment Comp Premium</b>	0	14.1	14.1	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>521600 Employee Liability Ins Premium</b>	10.74493	33.3	58.2	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>535400 Audit Services</b>	8.60999	9.6	11	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>542800 State Transp Pool Charges</b>	0.08781	0.5	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>543400 Maint - Property Insurance</b>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>545700 ISD Services</b>	4.55625	4.9	8	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>545710 DOIT HCM Assessment Fees</b>	1.968	2.5	2.3	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>546610 DOIT Telecommunications</b>	3.7692	6	4.6	0	0	0	0.0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29.98936</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Program Description:****Program Purpose**

The New Mexico Adult Parole Board serves as an independent decision-making body that balances public safety, offender accountability, and rehabilitation in the parole process. The Board's statutory purpose is to determine whether eligible offenders may be safely reintegrated into the community under supervision, to establish appropriate parole conditions, and to ensure compliance with those conditions once parole is granted.

**Program Goals**

Protect public safety through careful, evidence-informed release decisions.  
Provide a fair, consistent, and transparent parole process that complies with statutory and constitutional requirements.  
Support the successful reentry of offenders by setting conditions that encourage rehabilitation and reduce recidivism.  
Ensure timely parole hearings and certification processes to meet statutory deadlines and safeguard due process.  
Incorporate victim participation and input into decision-making, consistent with New Mexico law.

**Primary Activities Performed**

Conducting parole hearings, including initial eligibility, re-hearings, parole violation hearings, and duration-of-parole reviews.  
Reviewing case files, institutional conduct records, risk assessments, and reentry plans to make informed release decisions.  
Establishing and modifying conditions of parole, including supervision requirements, treatment programs, and housing approvals.  
Issuing parole certificates and communicating decisions to the Department of Corrections and Probation and Parole Division.  
Ensuring victim notification and facilitating participation in parole hearings.  
Coordinating with the Governor's Office for statutory parole reviews requiring executive action.

**Services Provided**

To Offenders: Opportunity for parole consideration, due process in hearings, and clear conditions of supervision.  
To Victims: Notification of hearings, opportunity for testimony or input, and assurance their voices are considered in release decisions.  
To the Public: Protection of community safety through careful release determinations and enforcement of parole compliance.  
To State Partners: Collaboration with the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Division, and courts to ensure lawful and effective parole administration.

**Beneficiaries**

Direct Beneficiaries: Incarcerated individuals eligible for parole, victims and their families.  
Indirect Beneficiaries: The general public, by ensuring safe reintegration and reducing recidivism.  
Partner Agencies: Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Division, local law enforcement, and community treatment providers.

**Current Service Levels**

The Board conducts approximately 3,000–3,500 hearings annually, including initial, review, and violation hearings.  
The Board manages a consistent monthly docket across multiple correctional facilities statewide.  
Compliance with statutory timelines has been strengthened, with parole violation hearings held within the 30-day statutory requirement and sex-offender review hearings now scheduled on a twice-monthly cadence.  
The Board works with NMCD to ensure eligible victims are notified of parole hearings and provided with options for participation.

**Major Issues and Accomplishments:**

**Major Accomplishments (Jul 2024 – Jun 2025)**

- Cleared the sex-offender review backlog & normalized cadence. The Board reported catching up a ~280-case sex-offender hearing backlog by early 2025 and reduced those reviews to a twice-monthly schedule.
- Resolved Serious Youthful Offender (SYO) cases. completion of hearings for SYO cases impacted by statute changes, with follow-ups scheduled as needed.
- Met timeliness target for violation hearings. By March 2025, the Board was in compliance with the 30-day requirement for parole violation hearings.
- Adopted 2025 Open Meetings Act resolution & continued hybrid access. The Board formally adopted its 2025 OMA resolution and continued in-person/virtual meetings to improve access.
- Launched structured collaboration with UNM & (De)serving Life. The Board engaged in a pilot with UNM researchers and (De)serving Life to study and support decision-making (e.g., structured professional judgment tools) and reentry success.
- Standardized supervision practices with PPD. The Board and Probation & Parole Division aligned on processes, including a 6-month review convention for GPS removal requests via PO recommendation and clearer routing for certificate changes.
- Improved victim-services integration. December 2024 discussions documented stronger victim notification/participation options (in-person, telephonic, video, letters) and clearer hearing protocols to protect privacy while centering victim voice.
- Operational stability & capacity. The Board continues to ensure no pending parole certifications, onboarding of new members, and a 3% budget increase supporting workload management.
- The Parole Board Membership is fully staffed with 15 members.

**Legislative & Policy Environment Affecting the Board**

- SB 375 (Probation & Parole Changes) SIGNED (Apr 7, 2025). Removes parole supervision fees statewide, offers earlier completion pathways for low-risk probationers, and simplifies meritorious deduction calculations—measures the Board and NMCD prepared to implement. Coverage notes fees end June 20, 2025.
- SB 17 (Parole & Parole Board changes; homicide hearings) VETOED (Mar 2025). Would have updated guidance for lifer parole decisions and modernized Board structure; veto acknowledged in March Board meeting.

**Ongoing / Major Issues Tracked**

- The Executive Staff is not fully staffed, as the Board has been unable to hire an additional Records Manager due to funding limitations.
- Board member compensation & professionalization. Persistent statutory/per-diem constraints on compensating preparatory/administrative work; multiple vacancies and confirmations pending in 2024–25. SB 17 would have addressed elements of professionalization; continued legislative outreach noted.
- The 2025 New Mexico Supreme Court ruling, building on the Thompson decision, clarified that missed sex-offender parole review hearings do not result in automatic release but instead require judicial review. This ruling places added pressure on the Adult Parole Board to strictly comply with statutory hearing deadlines, accurately calculate eligibility (including in-house parole time), and be prepared for increased judicial oversight when delays occur.
- Housing & placement barriers (esp. sex-offender cases). Continued difficulty finding compliant housing; progress on consistent distance-measurement standards and case-by-case evaluation of home surveillance cameras to avoid blanket denials.
- Field consistency & communication. Work with NMCD to align interpretations on time credits, reconsiderations, and the handling of Board orders across facilities.

**Overview of Request:**

Funding Request and Alignment with Agency Goals

The Adult Parole Board’s requested funding levels for FY2027 are directly tied to its mission of ensuring public safety, supporting successful reentry, and complying with statutory requirements governing parole eligibility and review. The Board’s request reflects stable operations with no major new programmatic expansions. The only significant change is a one-time initiative to transition from paper-based records to an electronic file system.

**Derivation of Budget Request**

**Baseline Operating Costs:** The majority of the request is based on historical expenditure patterns, covering mandated Board hearings, per diem for Board members, travel to correctional facilities, and standard administrative support.

**Electronic File Transition:** The incremental increase is calculated from projected costs for document management software, scanning and digitization of existing files, training for staff, and IT support. Estimates were derived through consultation with NMCD’s IT division and comparable agency transitions.

**Programmatic and Policy Focus**

The primary policy goal of the request is modernization. Transitioning to an electronic records system supports more efficient scheduling, faster retrieval of information, and improved compliance with statutory deadlines, particularly those highlighted by recent Supreme Court rulings.

This modernization aligns with broader state priorities of transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government operations.

**Rationale for Funding Priorities**

By prioritizing digitization, the Board reduces reliance on physical storage, minimizes administrative errors, and enhances security and confidentiality of sensitive information.

The request does not expand program scope but rather strengthens existing processes, ensuring that available resources are directed to the highest-value improvement.

**Performance and Service Levels**

**Service Levels:** The Board conducts approximately 3,000–3,500 parole hearings annually, including initial hearings, reviews, and violation hearings. The requested funding ensures these service levels are maintained without disruption.

**Efficiency Gains:** Transition to electronic files is projected to reduce administrative processing time per case by 20–25%, eliminate duplicate data entry, and allow more timely communication of Board decisions to correctional facilities and parole officers.

**Accountability:** Digitization will also allow for automated tracking of statutory deadlines, improving compliance rates and reducing risk of judicial intervention due to missed review hearings.

**Programmatic Changes:** The Adult Parole Board does not anticipate implementing programmatic changes in the next fiscal year that would significantly affect its budget. The Board will continue to operate under its current statutory and procedural framework, with no new initiatives that require additional recurring funding.

The only programmatic request with a budgetary impact is the transition to electronic Board files. Moving from a paper-based to an electronic records system will improve efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility of Board documents, reduce storage needs, and strengthen compliance with statutory timelines for parole eligibility and hearing scheduling. This change will require an initial investment in technology and training but is expected to create long-term savings by reducing administrative workload and reliance on physical file storage.

No other policy or programmatic changes are anticipated to affect the Board's budget request in FY2027.

**Base Budget Justification** The Adult Parole Board does not anticipate significant base budget increase requests for FY2027.

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**R-2 Transfers**  
 (Dollars in Thousands)

Prov PCode	Prov Fund	Prov Account	Prov Account Name	Rec PCode	Rec Fund	Rec Account	Rec Account Name	2024-25 Actual Transfers	2025-26 Adopted Transfers	2026-27 Agency GF Request	2026-27 Agency OSF Request	2026-27 Agency ISF/IAT Request	2026-27 Agency FF Request	2026-27 Total Request	Justification
P704	90500	555100	Other Financing	P704	90500	499905	Other Financ	37.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
								Sum:	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## REV EXP COMPARISON

(Dollars in Thousands)

### 76000 - Parole Board

	General Fund	Other Funds	Other Transfers	Federal Funds	Total
<b>SOURCES Totals</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
Personal services and employee benefits	712.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	712.8
Contractual services	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5
Other	150.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.1
Other financing uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
<b>USES Total:</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>880.4</b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**E4 PCode Detail**  
 (Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FY 2027 Agency Request				Total	Justification	
			Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF			
00000	520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	0.0	0.0	107.34	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521100	Group Insurance Premium	0.0	0.0	12.407	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521200	Retirement Contributions	0.0	0.0	20.417	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521300	F I C A	0.0	0.0	6.579	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521700	RHC Act Contributions	0.0	0.0	2.653	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90500	520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	108.5	112.8	113.343	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	120.0	
90500	520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	265.5	288.2	296.444	310.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	310.9	
90500	520500	Temporary Positions F/T & P/T	5.0	21.9	0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	
90500	520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	1.5	9.7	0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	
90500	521100	Group Insurance Premium	43.1	62.7	63.773	71.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.2	
90500	521200	Retirement Contributions	72.0	99.2	78.109	86.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.0	
90500	521300	F I C A	27.1	39.5	25.169	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	
90500	521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.0	0.2	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
90500	521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.3	0.4	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
90500	521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	14.1	0	14.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	
90500	521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	10.7	33.3	0	58.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.2	
90500	521700	RHC Act Contributions	7.5	10.3	8.119	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	
	<b>200</b>	<b>Personal services and employee benefits</b>	<b>541.2</b>	<b>692.3</b>	<b>734.353</b>	<b>712.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>712.8</b>	
90500	542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	1.1	0.9	0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	
90500	542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	0.1	0.0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
90500	542300	Brd & Comm Mbr Meals & Lodging	67.1	85.1	0	71.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.8	
90500	542310	Brd & Comm Mbr Mileage & Fares	15.9	21.0	0	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0	
90500	542800	State Transp Pool Charges	0.1	0.5	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
90500	543200	Maint - Furn, Fixt, Equipment	0.8	1.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
90500	543300	Maint - Buildings & Structures	0.0	0.8	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90500	543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.0	0.5	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90500	543500	Maint - Supplies	0.0	0.4	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90500	543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
90500	544000	Supply Inventory IT	38.3	5.0	0	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6	
90500	544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	2.2	5.0	0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	
90500	544700	Supplies-Clothing,Unifrms,Linen	1.6	0.0	0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	

90500	544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	4.7	0.8	0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7
90500	545600	Reporting & Recording	0.9	0.3	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
90500	545700	ISD Services	4.6	4.9	0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
90500	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	2.0	2.5	0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
90500	545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.1	1.0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
90500	546100	Postage & Mail Services	0.7	2.0	0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
90500	546500	Rent Of Equipment	4.0	1.7	0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
90500	546600	Communications	0.0	3.6	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
90500	546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.8	6.0	0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6
90500	546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	0.0	0.6	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
90500	546800	Employee Training & Education	0.6	1.2	0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
90500	546810	Board Member Training	1.4	0.6	0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
90500	546900	Advertising	0.1	0.3	0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
90500	547300	Care & Support	0.0	0.1	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
90500	547900	Miscellaneous Expense	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
90500	549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	0.5	1.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
90500	549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	1.0	1.0	0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
90500	549800	Brd & Comm O/S Mileage & Fares	1.8	1.0	0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
90500	549900	Brd & Comm O/S Meals & Lodging	2.5	1.0	0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
	<b>400</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>150.1</b>
90500	555100	Other Financing Uses	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	<b>500</b>	<b>Other financing uses</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>			<b>697.6</b>	<b>842.4</b>		<b>862.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>862.9</b>

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**Contract by PCode Detail**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account	#	Contract Purpose	Actuals	FY 2027 Agency Request					Total	Justification
					GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF			
90500	535309	1000	Other Services - Interagenc SPO provide HR services such as payroll, hiring, recruitment, provide payroll registers for yearly audit.	6.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	Increase per MOU rate increase.	
90500	535400	1000	Audit Services Yearly Audit.	8.6	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	Increase per GSD rate increase.	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>				<b>14.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>		

## Agency: 76000 Parole Board

### Program: P704 Adult Parole

The purpose of the adult parole program is to provide and establish parole conditions and guidelines for inmates and parolees so they may reintegrate back into the community as law-abiding citizens.

Performance Measures:		2024-25 Target	2024-25 Result	Met Target	Year End Result Narrative
Efficiency	Percent of revocation hearings held within thirty days of a parolee's return to the corrections department	95%	17%	No	The year end total of 17.2 percent is an overall decrease but has been the overall norm. NMAPB will continue to collaboratively work with NMCD to determine hearing needs to increase the percentage. Placement of offenders on the docket is the sole responsibility of NMCD. The Board Continues to ensure offender are heard timely per state statute.
Explanatory	Number of applications for medical or geriatric parole granted	N/A	4	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of applications for medical or geriatric parole received	N/A	35	N/A	NMAPB held the total number of hearings as provided by NMCD. Although our target was hire we did not get as many inmates request a medical geriatric hearing.
Explanatory	Number of hearings canceled due to insufficient information	N/A	84	N/A	NMAPB continues to collaborate with NMCD each facility to ensure Inmate packets are submitted correctly.
Explanatory	Number of parole hearings conducted for serious youthful offenders and youthful offenders sentenced as adults	N/A	1	N/A	New Mexico Adult Parole Board conducted all required hearings as required by Statue and Inmates meeting the time requirement for hearings
Explanatory	Number of persons on medical or geriatric parole returned to the custody of the corrections department	N/A	0	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of serious youthful offenders and youthful offenders sentenced as adults granted parole	N/A	3	N/A	
Explanatory	Percent of applications for medical or geriatric parole granted	N/A	11	N/A	
Outcome	Percent of parole certificates not issued within ten days of hearing due to insufficient information	10.00%	.30%	Yes	
Outcome	Percent of regular parole hearings that result in a parole certificate being issued	90.0%	95.0%	No	NMAPB did me the target for FY 2024-2025 by 95% an increase of 5% higher than projected for the FY.
Output	Number of hearings conducted with victim or victim family member participation	140	173	Yes	
Output	Number of informational meetings held with victims, victims' families or victim advocacy groups	Discont	0	No	
Output	Number of parole hearings conducted	2,600	1,492	No	The year end total while a decrease from FY 24-25 this only reflects inmates that were eligible for release.
Output	Number of parole hearings conducted in person	Discont	0	No	

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**SPECIALS, SUPPLEMENTALS AND DEFICIENCIES DFA**

(Prepare separate forms for each request)

**BU:** 76000  
**Agency:** Parole Board  
**Program:**  
**Analyst:** Roberta Cohen  
**Phone:** (505) 386-6873

**Request Type:** Special (FY 27)  
**Rank:** 0

**TOTAL SOURCES MUST EQUAL TOTAL USES**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Sources		Uses	
Revenue Account	Amount	Uses Account	Amount
	0.0	Contractual Services	179.0
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>179.0</b>
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)			
Type	Amount of FTE	<b>Request is related to a recurring expense</b>	<b>No</b>
	0.00	<b>Request is related to a capital request</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Request is related to proposed legislation</b>	<b>No</b>

**Language requested for inclusion in General Appropriations Act (Please Follow Legislative Bill Drafting Conventions - See Instructions)**

To transition Adult Parole Board inmate files from paper to electronic form for storage increasing inmate processing times, improving compliance with statutory deadlines thereby reducing risk of expensive judicial intervention.

**Justification Quantitative Data (Description)**

Estimated 20–25% reduction in administrative processing time per case, freeing staff to support more hearings and reduce backlog risks. The current paper-based system is resource intensive, creates delays in retrieving and processing case files, and increases the risk of administrative errors.

**Request: Provide a brief description of what the request does, how the dollars will be spent and explain why it is a nonrecurring need.**

Transition of APB Inmate files from paper to electronic form.

**Request: How the dollars will be spent.**

Funds will be spent to pay vendor for physical labor of pulling and scanning each inmate file. Vendor is already on price agreement through General Services Department.

**Request: Explain why request is nonrecurring need.**

State of New Mexico Corrections Department is currently using electronic files through OMNI. The Adult Parole Board is currently using this system for new ongoing files.

**Consequences: Provide a brief description of consequences of not funding a performance and accountability task.**

The continued issue of resource intensive problems that create delays in retrieving and processing case files and increasing the risk of administrative errors.

**Performance: How will agency performance be affected.**

Estimated 20–25% reduction in administrative processing time per case, freeing staff to support more hearings and reduce backlog risks.

**Performance: How will agency performance will be improved.**

Automated deadline tracking will improve compliance with statutory timelines, reducing the risk of judicial intervention. Electronic files will allow faster reporting and more consistent sharing of parole decisions with NMCD, probation officers, and victims' services.

**Brief description of problem agency is addressing.**

The current paper-based system is resource intensive, creates delays in retrieving and processing case files, and increases the risk of administrative errors.

Performance Measures Summary

**P704 Adult Parole**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the adult parole program is to provide and establish parole conditions and guidelines for inmates and parolees so they may reintegrate back into the community as law-abiding citizens.

<b>Performance Measures:</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
Output	Number of informational meetings held with victims, victims' families or victim advocacy groups	0	0	Discont	0	
Output	Number of parole hearings conducted in person	0	0	Discont	0	
Output	Number of parole hearings conducted	2,544	1,492	2,600	1,500	
Output	Number of hearings conducted with victim or victim family member participation	138	173	140	0	
Outcome	Percent of parole certificates not issued within ten days of hearing due to insufficient information	6.0%	.3%	10.0%	5.0%	
Outcome	Percent of regular parole hearings that result in a parole certificate being issued	94.0%	95.0%	90.0%	95.0%	
Explanatory	Number of hearings canceled due to insufficient information	49	84	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of persons on medical or geriatric parole returned to the custody of the corrections department	0	0	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of applications for medical or geriatric parole received	85	35	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Percent of applications for medical or geriatric parole granted	6	11	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of parole hearings conducted for serious youthful offenders and youthful offenders sentenced as adults	26	1	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of serious youthful offenders and youthful offenders sentenced as adults granted parole	9	3	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of applications for medical or geriatric parole granted	5	4	N/A	N/A	
Efficiency	Percent of revocation hearings held within thirty days of a parolee's return to the corrections department	42%	17%	95%	70%	

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ADULT PAROLE BOARD

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Mexico Adult Parole Board is a working, professional, and quasi-judicial executive agency administratively attached to the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD). It is charged with the responsibility of paroling individuals incarcerated or on supervised release following a state felony conviction. The Parole Board Act is the primary statutory authority for the board and is found in Sections 31-21-22 to 31-21-26, NMSA 1978. Additional authority is granted under the Probation and Parole Act in Sections 31-21-3 to 31-21-19, NMSA 1978.

The independent board is comprised of fifteen non-salaried members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate to serve staggered six-year terms, with one member designated by the governor as board chair. Members are sited throughout the state, living, and conducting hearings within their respective communities which allows the board to best serve the needs of the state across diverse geographical areas. The board presently has 1 vacancy we continue to work alongside the executive to recruit additional board members and hope to be fully staffed by February 2025.

The members are supported by a small agency located in Santa Fe consisting of 6 FTE staff positions and 1 college intern if budget allows. The board has now settled in office spaces on the NMCD Administration campus next to the New Mexico Corrections Training Academy and are currently fully staffed as of April 2024.

## AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the New Mexico Adult Parole Board is to provide public safety through the thoughtful administration and judicious enforcement of the Parole Board Act and related statutes concerning post-incarceration supervision of parolees. The board executes its mission by focusing on risks and making just, cautious, and reasonable decisions as it considers whether to grant, deny, continue, or revoke parole for all individuals incarcerated in state facilities or on supervised release. With every hearing it conducts, the board must balance the liberty interests of incarcerated or supervised individuals with public safety and victims' rights as it sets relevant parole and appropriate living conditions for individuals being released to the community and determines appropriate sanctions or revocation orders when individuals are unsuccessful in following their parole conditions.

## **2026 FISCAL YEAR OVERVIEW**

The board conducted 1,495 parole release hearings during fiscal year 2026 wherein the board sets the conditions a parolee must adhere to upon release. The Board continued to include more hearings to complete the backlog of Sex Offender hearings resulting from the Supreme Court ruling on Thompson. Hearings continue to match the broader trends and forecasts within the state's prison populations.

If a parolee under community supervision violates their conditions, depending on the type of violation, they may return to prison and must appear before the board on a revocation hearing. Upon their return, NMCD submits their name for the board to conduct the revocation hearing within 30 days. During the past fiscal year, the board conducted 750 revocation hearings, exercising its discretion to either return the parolee to incarceration to serve the remainder of their parole time or re-parole them to the community. The board is collaborating with NMCD to add additional days to meet 30-day review timeframes. Although the board only met this target nearly 17.3 percent of the time and it is below the percentage in the previous fiscal year the board continued to add additional PV days to increase the number of hearings to lower the number of days inmates were heard. Although this number is lower it reflects previous year's performance. NMAPB continues to work diligently with NMCD to ensure these numbers progress. This is a direct reflection of the productive collaboration between the board and NMCD.

Pursuant to statute, the parole board hears all sex offender parole reviews as required at either two years and one-half or five-year intervals. With the interpretation of NM Supreme Court in *State v. Thompson*, the board has increased from 2 hearings from last year's Strategic plan to 3 hearings per month to complete the backlog. The board projection completed all backlogged hearings by April 2025, and we are currently seeing all offenders on time as with the information provided by NMCD. The Board is continuing to work with NMCD Reentry team to increase the amount of Sex offenders eligible for release by working together to approve plans that would strategically assist these Parole offenders and get them back out into the community and not remain in custody and continue to work with offenders to determine if an out of state parole plans can be developed to increase the release of these offenders to a stable plan.

In addition to the above parole hearings, the board coordinates research, investigations, and provides recommendations to the governor on applications for executive clemency. The board held a total of 14 timely ECA hearings and has no current backlog.

The Parole Board executive team has 1 vacancy. Although this does not significantly impact the day-to-day business it does put added pressure on staff to pick up additional tasks. The board staff continue to effectively and efficiently complete parole certificates within the required measures. Board staff issued and processed 1668 parole certificates. The Board executive staff also were trained in OMNI to continue to collaborate with NMCD in processing of all parole communication and parole discharges. The board held 29 medical/geriatric parole board hearings during the fiscal year, granted 4 releases.

During the past year, the board did have an uptick for the number of hearings cancelled due to insufficient information, going from 49 the previous year to 84 total cancellations. NMAPB will continue to collaborate with NMCD to decrease the total number to improve ability for inmates to be heard and to meet statutory requirements regarding the timely release of inmates on parole.

Over the past year, the Board continues to collaborate with the De Serving Life and NMCD to establish a record of youthful offenders sentenced as adults under SB 64. Through joint efforts in training and communication, 3 additional inmates were identified and held hearings. The board will continue to collaborate with Deserving Life and NMCD per statute to identify offenders and hold hearings as required.

In addition to conducting hearings with offenders, the board complies with the Victims of Crime Act by regularly meeting with victims and family members and facilitating their participation during hearings. The year end actuals of 141 surpass the set target of 140, the board continues to have increased collaboration and effective victim notification processes between the board and its partners, including the New Mexico Corrections Department, the New Mexico Department of Justice, the New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorney, and local district attorneys' offices and Private Attorneys across the state.

The board continues to conduct its hearings virtually, participating via secure video conference within ten distinct prison facilities located throughout the State of New Mexico. The existing facilities are in ten different communities—Santa Fe (3 facilities), Santa Rosa, Grants (2 Facilities), Los Lunas (3 Facilities), Roswell, Las Cruces (2 Facilities), Clayton, Otero County, and Springer.

## **OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND ACTION PLANS**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

Conduct juvenile/youthful offender hearings and sex offender reviews within required timeframes.

**Strategy:** Develop efficient ways to schedule and conduct additional and timely hearings.

Action Plans:

- Review and disseminate statutes, case law, and administrative code to board members.
- Work with counsel for the state and counsel for offenders, victims, family members, and advocates along with the NMCD Reentry, Prison, and Probation and Parole divisions to coordinate hearings and post-release plans, when appropriate.
- Train additional board members to become comfortable conducting specialized hearings.

### **2. OBJECTIVE:**

Fully implement electronic file storage and review, parole applications and plans, and hearing dockets' submissions.

**Strategy:** Provide board members and work with agency partners to share all parole hearing information in efficient electronic formats.

**Action Plans:**

- Work with NMCD to continue digitizing thousands of inmate and parolee files containing necessary hearing information for board member review.
- Continue to conduct individual training sessions on computer and electronic storage and document review.
- Ensure agency staff and members participate in ongoing training sessions with NMCD IT team and Parole Board Staff Manager regarding the board-specific platform and access on the new offender management system, OMNI.
- Maintain close communication with NMCD IT and facility staff to develop working relationships and strategies to effectively utilize board resources and capabilities to conduct timely parole hearings.

**3. OBJECTIVE:**

Identify additional program, living, and transitional opportunities for successful re-entry.

**Strategies:**

- Provide board members options in setting conditions for parolees to assist in successful reintegration on community supervision.
- Work with NMCD Reentry, community groups, and other local and national agencies to identify available opportunities.

**Action Plans:**

- Identify and engage with treatment groups and organizations throughout the State.
- Meet with treatment/program providers along with NMCD to address opportunities and barriers.
- Explore evidence-based programs in other states.
- Provide information to board members and staff, conducting training as necessary.
- Work closely with Probation and Parole Officers to monitor high-risk cases.

**4. OBJECTIVE:**

Increase opportunities for victim participation.

**Strategy:** Expand outreach to victims and family members along with victim advocates.

**Action Plans:**

- Work with NMCD Victim Services, District Attorneys, individual District Attorney Advocates, and other related agencies.
- Increase participation by continuing to allow victims to provide written or oral statements to the board outside of adversarial or emotionally charged hearings.

**5. OBJECTIVE:**

**Objective:**

Increase short-term and long-term collaboration with the New Mexico Corrections Department.

**Strategy:**

Enhance communication and information-sharing systems between NMCD and the Parole Board to streamline decision-making and case processing.

**Action Plans:**

- Establish regular joint meetings between NMCD leadership and the Parole Board to review ongoing issues and develop collaborative solutions.
- Implement shared reporting templates and timelines for parole-related case updates to ensure consistency and accuracy across both agencies.
- Develop cross-training opportunities for NMCD and Parole Board staff to improve understanding of each agency's responsibilities and processes.
- Create a feedback mechanism that allows both agencies to raise concerns, monitor progress, and adjust procedures in real time.

**6. OBJECTIVE:**

Amend enabling statute to allow for board member compensation for administrative work outside of hearings.

**Strategy:** Continue legislative efforts to present and pass a bill allowing for member compensation for board work provided outside of hearings and meetings.

**Action Plans:**

- Work with executive leadership, legislators, and legislative staff to draft amended 2027 bill.
- Secure sponsors in both houses to introduce and carry bill in the 2027 legislative session.
- Work with agency CFO to prepare proposed financial reporting documentation along with identifying budget codes for implementation.

## **7. OBJECTIVE:**

Update and develop administrative rules for the New Mexico Adult Parole Board aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency, and fairness in parole decision-making processes while aligning with state laws and best practices in criminal justice.

**Strategy:** Enhancing Administrative Rules for the New Mexico Adult Parole Board.

### **Action Plans:**

- Conduct a comprehensive review of current administrative rules governing the New Mexico Adult Parole Board.
- Identify gaps, inconsistencies, or outdated practices within the current administrative rules that may hinder effective operations.
- Engage with stakeholders, including parole board members, legal experts, advocacy groups, and affected parties, to gather input and perspectives on needed updates and improvements.
- Develop clear, concise, and legally sound administrative rules that outline procedures for parole eligibility, hearings, decision-making criteria, and post-release supervision.
- Ensure that revised administrative rules align with state statutes, regulations, and constitutional requirements.
- Incorporate measures to enhance transparency in parole processes, including decision-making criteria and opportunities for public input or review.
- Develop training programs and resources to educate parole board members and staff on the updated administrative rules and their implementation.
- Establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of the updated administrative rules on parole board operations and outcomes.