



New Mexico
Department of Finance
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Public Safety Appropriations Analysis



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Introduction

Public safety is and will always be a priority for the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). We play a limited yet expanding role in public safety. Nonetheless, our current role directly aligns with the duties we excel at, which is providing entities with funding in a fiscally responsible manner to improve the quality of life for New Mexico communities.

Over the past few years, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Legislature have made sizable investments in public safety, law enforcement, and crime reduction efforts. This has tasked DFA with funding public safety efforts and programmatic oversight at unprecedented levels. In addition to DFA, many state agencies with direct public safety duties have also seen an increase in appropriations and funding. With this sizable funding commitment, state agencies are putting this money to work at a reasonable timeframe based on the appropriations' reversion year, which is confirmed by a comprehensive analysis conducted by DFA economists.

Dataset

Our economist used the keywords below to pull the appropriation dataset from the New Mexico legislative tracking system.

Key words: *technology (law enforcement), body cameras, public safety, violent crimes, police, violent, training (law enforcement), vehicles (law enforcement), corrections, state police, officer (law enforcement), crime, crime reduction.*

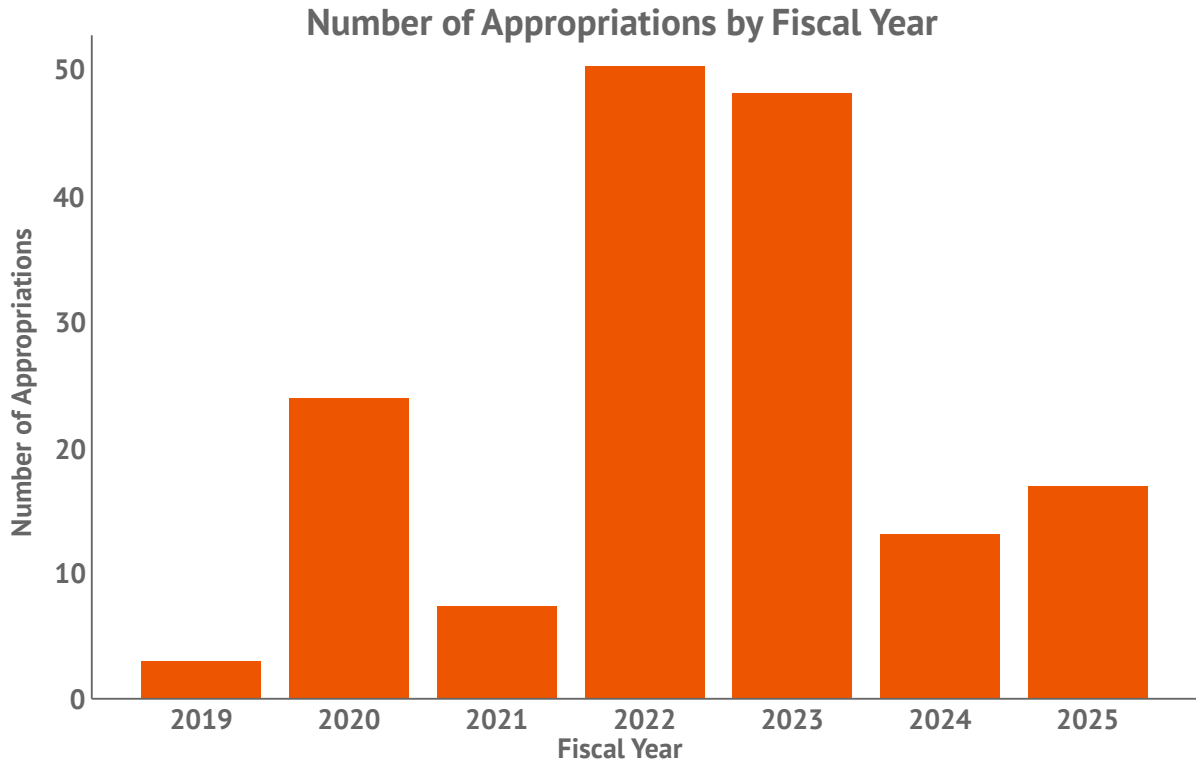
For the purposes of this analysis, DFA did not consider behavioral health, homelessness, or disaster recovery appropriations. Although those appropriations could affect public safety, we focused on more direct

public safety and law enforcement efforts. DFA did include compensation funding packages as part of our data collection. This includes police officer and law enforcement staff recruitment/retention funds, along with compensation increases for police officers and law enforcement staff. The two types of appropriations are related to recruiting and retaining individuals who perform law enforcement duties, be it directly or in a support function. The analysis also includes purchasing public safety vehicles and equipment funded through the General Fund since public safety personnel can only fulfill their duties with the necessary tools. The analysis does not include capital outlay projects that are funded through various sources, including severance tax bonds, general obligation bonds, and other indicated funds.

Findings

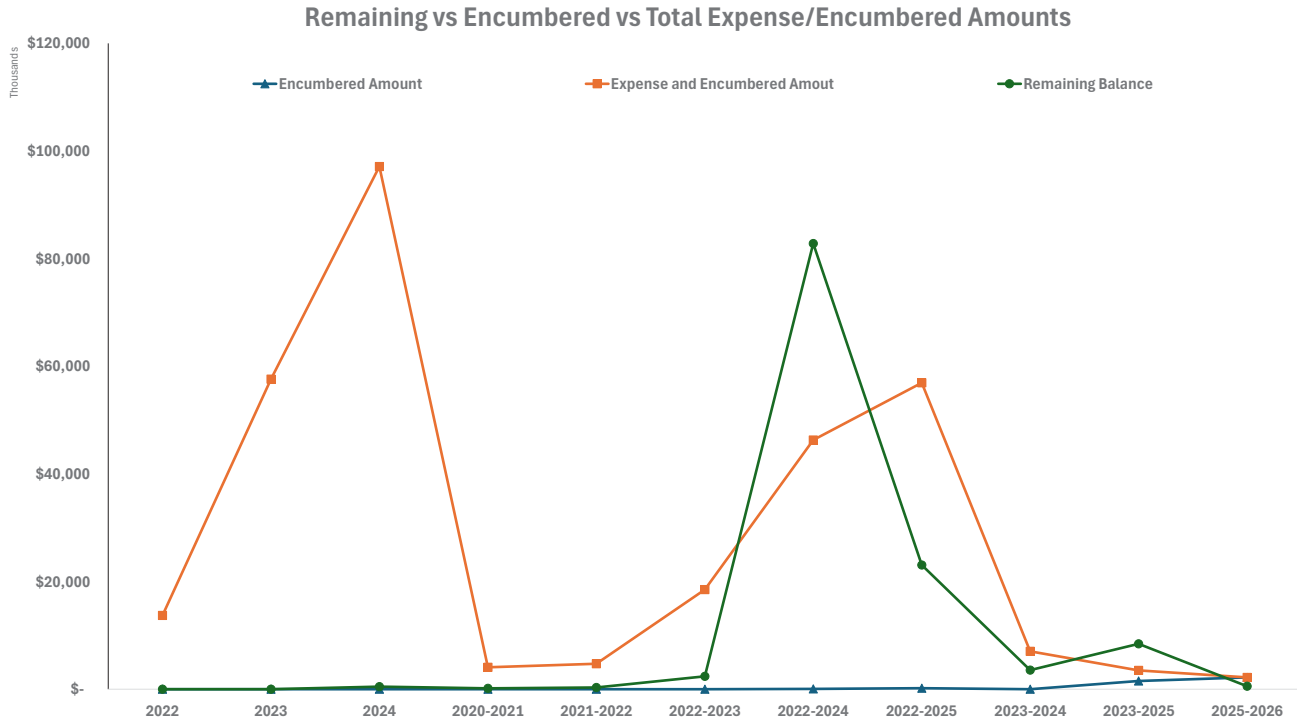
From 2019 to 2025, the Legislature appropriated **\$443,362,252** towards **162 appropriations** for public safety, law enforcement, and crime reduction efforts. The state has spent **\$315,749,303**, according to data from SHARE (the state's accounting and reporting system). Additionally, the state expended or encumbered **\$319,730,251** at a spending rate of **72.11%**. Moreover, state agencies have multiple years to expend many of the appropriations in this analysis.

Appropriations Charts & Tables



Fiscal Year	Number of Appropriations	Budget Amount from SHARE	Expense Amount from SHARE	Encumbered Amount from SHARE	Total Expense/Encumbered Amount	Remaining Balance (Budget-Expense-Encumbered)	Spending Ratio
2019	3	\$ 1,328,400	\$ 563,026	\$ -	\$ 563,026	\$ 765,374	42.4%
2020	24	\$ 8,274,421	\$ 7,341,398	\$ -	\$ 7,341,398	\$ 933,023	88.7%
2021	7	\$ 4,499,808	\$ 4,192,323	\$ -	\$ 4,192,323	\$ 307,485	93.2%
2022	50	\$ 16,092,300	\$ 15,612,805	\$ -	\$ 15,612,805	\$ 479,495	97.0%
2023	48	\$ 169,203,100	\$ 141,852,909	\$ 193,180	\$ 142,046,089	\$ 27,157,011	84.0%
2024	13	\$ 241,204,224	\$ 146,186,843	\$ 1,592,348	\$ 147,779,191	\$ 93,425,032	61.3%
2025	17	\$ 2,760,000	\$ -	\$ 2,195,420	\$ 2,195,420	\$ 564,580	79.5%
Grand Total	162	\$ 443,362,252	\$ 315,749,303	\$ 3,980,948	\$ 319,730,251	\$ 123,632,001	72.1%

Expend/Reversion Charts & Tables



Expend/Reversion Year (FY)	Budget Amount from SHARE	Expense Amount from SHARE	Encumbered Amount from SHARE	Total Expense/Encumbered Amount	Remaining Balance (Budget-Expense-Encumbered)	Spending Ratio
2022	\$ 13,707,400	\$ 13,707,000	\$ -	\$ 13,707,000	\$ 400	100.0%
2023	\$ 57,621,500	\$ 57,614,400	\$ -	\$ 57,614,400	\$ 7,100	100.0%
2024	\$ 97,603,166	\$ 97,117,884	\$ -	\$ 97,117,884	\$ 485,282	99.5%
2020-2021	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 4,079,372	\$ -	\$ 4,079,372	\$ 170,628	96.0%
2021-2022	\$ 5,052,700	\$ 4,735,190	\$ -	\$ 4,735,190	\$ 317,510	93.7%
2022-2023	\$ 20,908,800	\$ 18,510,855	\$ -	\$ 18,510,855	\$ 2,397,945	88.5%
2022-2024	\$ 129,107,385	\$ 46,235,203	\$ 54,185	\$ 46,289,388	\$ 82,817,997	35.9%
2022-2025	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 56,724,151	\$ 193,180	\$ 56,917,331	\$ 23,082,669	71.1%
2023-2024	\$ 10,586,800	\$ 7,050,623	\$ -	\$ 7,050,623	\$ 3,536,177	66.6%
2023-2025	\$ 11,911,872	\$ 1,957,250	\$ 1,538,163	\$ 3,495,414	\$ 8,416,458	29.3%
2025-2026	\$ 2,760,000	\$ -	\$ 2,195,420	\$ 2,195,420	\$ 564,580	79.5%
Grand Total	\$ 433,509,623	\$ 307,731,929	\$ 3,980,948	\$ 311,712,877	\$ 121,796,746	71.9%

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Conclusion

This public safety and crime reduction appropriations analysis will evolve and update as fiscal years turnover. It's also important to note that appropriation expenditures are not the only measure of a successful initiative. New legislation or adjusted legislation also contributes to public safety and crime reduction.

DFA doesn't consider "getting money out the door" a success for an appropriation. Instead, the outcome of that investment should be measured. For example, to date, DFA has helped police departments statewide hire or retain nearly 1,000 police officers. We funded operations that led to the arrests of 1,664; 26 are accused of murder. Recently, we funded 190 firefighters and EMT positions and 189 correctional officer positions. The outcome data for this analysis is ongoing.

This administration will continue to invest in public safety for the benefit and betterment of New Mexico communities. DFA will continue to allocate public safety appropriations in a fiscally responsible manner and in the appropriate time frame. We will also continue to refine our analysis so that the executive, the legislature, and the public have the most accurate information and data possible.



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