



Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Funding

The fiscal year 2024 appropriations bill for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) provides \$97.484 billion in funding. Heinrich successfully secured language in the bill to support key affordable housing programs that help working families and improve the safety and reliability of the air, road, and rail transportation systems New Mexicans rely on.

Rental Assistance: Senator Heinrich successfully secured increased funding for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Housing Choice Vouchers) and Project-Based Rental Assistance. The Housing Choice Voucher Program helps over 12,000 families in New Mexico. Senator Heinrich also secured additional administrative funding for public housing authorities to ensure that voucher holders, and other individuals who qualify for HUD housing programs, receive the necessary help and assistance to find safe and affordable housing.

Tribal Housing: Senator Heinrich successfully secured an increase of \$324 million from FY23 for the Indian Housing Block Grant after leading a letter to the subcommittee pushing for the highest possible funding. The Indian Housing Block Grant program is the single largest source of Tribal housing assistance. The program funds affordable housing activities including new housing construction, rehabilitation, and housing services. Senator Heinrich also successfully ensured that funding was not cut from the Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program, which provides rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Tribal areas.

Housing Supportive Services: Senator Heinrich successfully secured increased funding for the Resident Opportunities and Supportive Services (ROSS) Program and the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The ROSS program allows public housing authorities to hire a program coordinator who links residents with training opportunities, job placement organizations, and local employers, and the FSS program promotes increased earnings and savings among families receiving HUD-funded rental assistance. Program participants work with an FSS service coordinator to identify their financial and employment-related goals, including education or training, and can access

a range of support services, such as childcare or credit repair, that can assist in achieving their goals.

Zero-Emission Buses: Senator Heinrich successfully secured \$50 million in additional funding for the Low and No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Grant Program, which supports transit agencies in purchasing or leasing low or no emission buses and other transit vehicles that use advanced technologies such as battery electric or fuel-cell power. The vehicles can provide a cleaner, more energy efficient transit service in communities across the country. Senator Heinrich is a longtime proponent of this program, introducing the Low or No Emission Bus Access Act in 2020 and securing it in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in 2021.

Active Transportation Infrastructure: Senator Heinrich successfully secured continued funding of \$45 million for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investments Program at the Federal Highway Administration, which awards grants for communities to invest in active transportation networks that include walking and biking routes that enable people to reach their destinations more safely.

The bill also includes significant funding for 19 local projects across New Mexico. Heinrich fought to secure this funding, which will help improve public safety, build safe and affordable housing, repair water infrastructure, support public transportation, and more.

Heinrich successfully secured funding for the following local projects in the bill:

- **\$4,300,000 for the City of Truth or Consequences to replace aged and damaged waterlines, valves, and hydrants.**
- **\$3,000,000 for the City of Las Cruces to design, construct, and furnish a response station to house both its Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Project LIGHT (Lessen the Incidence of Grief, Harm, and Trauma) programs.**
- **\$2,500,000 for the City of Albuquerque to develop a police substation in southwest Albuquerque to improve public safety service delivery in the area.**
- **\$2,000,000 for Navajo Preparatory School to develop a Community Wellness and Cultural Complex to support academics, extracurricular activities like sports, language, and culture for students, faculty, staff, and communities on the Navajo Nation.**
- **\$1,800,000 for the Town of Taos to complete the buildout of 72 vacant lots in the Chamisa Verde Housing Project to provide below-market housing options to working families.**
- **\$1,200,000 for the City of Farmington to create the first fully inclusive, accessible, and adaptive park in the Four Corners region.**
- **\$1,100,000 for Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity to develop land into a mixed-income development focused on 25 to 30 affordable housing units for low-income families.**

- **\$1,000,000 for the Pueblo of Jemez to complete removal of condemned and hazardous buildings to enable new and expanded community development projects and programs.**
- **\$200,000 for the Southwest Regional Housing and Community Development Corporation to complete the construction of five homes for very low-income families located in a Department of Housing and Urban Development-Designated Colonia.**
- **\$180,000 for the North Central Regional Transit District to purchase a bus for public transportation between Mora and Las Vegas.**

• Additionally, Heinrich and Luján secured:

- **\$2,000,000 for the Santo Domingo Pueblo to plan, design, repair, and construct over 200 tribal houses within the traditional village.**
- **\$1,600,000 for Union and Colfax Counties to plan for the improvement of U.S. Route 87/64 to increase economic development in the area following the route's designation as a future interstate highway, a part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.**
- **\$338,000 for the Town of Silver City to develop lots and infrastructure in the Vistas de Plata subdivision to ensure affordable housing availability in Silver City.**
- **\$283,000 for the Family YMCA to enhance youth substance use prevention services and programming at the teen center in Española.**

• Heinrich, Luján, and U.S. Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-N.M.) secured:

- **\$850,000 NM Red Rock Park Improvements in McKinley County**

• Heinrich, Luján, and U.S. Representative Gabe Vasquez (D-N.M.) secured:

- **\$500,000 for the I-10 Improvement Project**

• Heinrich and U.S. Representative Melanie Stansbury (D-N.M.) secured:

- **\$3,000,000 for the City of Albuquerque to continue development of a Homeless Youth Center to provide a safe, transitional environment for homeless and unstably housed youth.**
- **\$994,950 for Saranam to build transitional housing for families experiencing homelessness**

• Heinrich and U.S. Representative Gabe Vasquez (D-N.M.) secured:

- **\$4,000,000 for Bernalillo County to reconstruct Atrisco Vista Boulevard on the West Side of Albuquerque, helping to expand job and housing options for residents.**