



OSE/ISC Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Executive vs. LFC

The Executive Budget recommendation for OSE/ISC better positions the state to support New Mexicans in addressing the serious challenges of drought and climate change. Investments now will help protect New Mexico's water future and ensure our communities and economies can continue to thrive.

INITIATIVES	EXECUTIVE	LFC	Funding Gap
(dollars in thousands)			
Sec. 4 Recurring FY27 Executive Initiatives			
Indian Water Rights Settlements Implementation (staff)	\$347.5	\$0	\$347.5
Middle Rio Grande Management (staff)	\$137.5	\$256.3*	
Additional Office Space in Albuquerque/Las Cruces	\$150.0	\$0	\$150.0
TOTAL	\$635.0		\$497.5
Sec. 5 and 7 Non-Recurring Appropriation Items			
Rio Grande Litigation and Settlement Implementation (through FY29)	\$22,500	\$0	\$22,500
Rio Grande River Conveyance Work (through FY29)	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
Colorado River Litigation and Avoidance (through FY29)	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Implement Water Security Planning Act, 50-Year Water Action Plan and Modernize Agency	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Capitalize Strategic Water Reserve Fund	\$10,000	\$15,500	
One-time Infusion to Irrigation Works Construction Fund	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Acequia Funding (through FY29)	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Weather Modification	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
MRGCD Bosque Management		\$7,000	
New Indian Water Rights Settlements and Activities (through FY29)	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
W.A.T.E.R.S. Database Analysis and Discovery (IT C2, Section 7)	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$96,000		\$79,000
ICIP Capital	AGENCY REQUEST	LFC	Funding Gap
Surface and groundwater measurement and metering	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
Elephant Butte delta channel improvements	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Lower Rio Grande Aquifer Sustainability	\$10,000	\$10,000	-
Strategic Water Reserve acquisitions	\$15,000		
Ute Reservoir improvements	\$1,000	\$1,000	-
River channel maintenance, habitat restoration & flood control projects in Middle Rio Grande, Colorado & Pecos basins	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
Indian Water Rights Settlements	\$37,927	\$0	\$37,927
Acequias statewide	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$82,427		\$53,927

*LFC recommendation proposes increasing operational reliance on the Irrigations Works Construction Fund. Values presented are the OSE/ISC request. Capital requests are still pending Executive consideration.