

**DONA ANA COUNTY**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

<b>DATE</b>	March 18, 2026	<b>TIME</b>	12:pm–1:30pm	<b>CHAIR</b>	Michael Stout
<b>LOCATION</b>	Dona Ana Magistrate Court, 110 Calle de Alegria, Las Cruces, New Mexico Online: <a href="https://meet.google.com/kmh-fqh-qrx">https://meet.google.com/kmh-fqh-qrx</a>				

<b>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		
Michael Stout, Chair, DACDLA	Joel Diemer, Behavioral Health	Judge Nathan Graff, Dona Ana Magistrate Court
Judge Anthony Filosa, Las Cruces Municipal Court	Lauren Mullins for Kris Knutson, LOPD	Fernando Macias, 3 <sup>rd</sup> JD District Attorney
Lt. Peter Bradley, Law Enforcement	Cpt. Alfred Sanchez, Dona Ana County	

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	
3rd Judicial District Court	Brandi Sanchez
Las Cruces Magistrate Court	Jackie Douglas
Adult Probation and Parole	Gina Franco
Juvenile Probation Office	Brandon Morales
Youth Development & Diversion	Pat Acosta
Morphotic Solutions, LLC	Kristin Drake
Dona Ana County Animal Control	Bryan Hulsey
Dona Ana County Code Enforcement	Frankie Estrada
NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Melissa Mata
City of Las Cruces	Cassie McClure
Stakeholder	Vanessa Ordonez
Dona Ana County Health and Human Services	Jamie Michael, Gina Posada
Dona Ana County	Shara Thorpe

<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
Erin Porter, assistant to Chair	James Fietze, PPS Advisory Board

**1. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

**2. Approval of February 18, 2026, Minutes**

Motion to approve.

Second.

**Unanimous approval.** (Minutes attached)

**3. Committee Reports**

- a. Strategic Planning Committee – Chair Nathan Graff  
No report.
  
- b. Victim Advocacy Committee – Chair Vanessa Ordonez  
No report.
  
- c. Grant Committee – Chair Kirstin Drake  
Explanation by Kristin Drake. (Application attached.)  
Vote to approve mission statement and grant application, pending final review of the application by the Executive Committee.  
Motion to approve – Judge Nathan Graff.  
Second – Joel Diemer.  
**Unanimous approval.**

**4. Teenager Intervention/Prevention Program – Pat Acosta**

**5. Open Discussion.**

No comments.

**6. HB3 Planning Committee Listening Session – Jamie Michael, Dona Ana County Health and Human Services.**

**Motion to adjourn – Judge Nathan Graff.**

**Second – Joel Diemer.**

**Unanimous approval.**

**Adjourned at 1:30pm.**

# **Fiscal Year 2027 Crime Reduction Grant Act (CRGA) Application**

**Grant Due Date:** March 27, 2026

**Submitted By:**

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)**

Doña Ana County, New Mexico

## **Mission Statement**

*(To Be Inserted Upon Final Adoption)*

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## **Vision Statement**

*(To Be Inserted Upon Final Adoption)*

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# Crime Reduction Grant Act (CRGA) Application

## I. Executive Summary

The Doña Ana County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) respectfully requests **\$77,500** under the FY2027 Crime Reduction Grant Act (CRGA) to implement foundational infrastructure necessary for sustainable crime reduction and statutory compliance under **NMSA §31-28-3**.

This proposal supports CRGA Purpose Items:

- **Item 4:** Develop or improve coordination of services between law enforcement agencies and treatment programs
- **Item 9:** Expand the ability of CJCC members to share and access data
- **Item 10:** Develop or expand data-driven policing programs and pretrial services
- **Item 11:** Staff a criminal justice coordinating council
- **Item 12:** Purchase equipment or provide training to support any of the purposes provided

The requested funds will support:

1. **Completion of a Comprehensive Strategic Plan (\$20,000)**  
Operationalizes cross-agency coordination between law enforcement and treatment providers and establishes measurable accountability standards.
2. **Data Integration & Analytics Infrastructure (\$35,000)**  
Supports contractor-led data integration and a paid criminal justice internship program to collect and analyze critical justice system metrics identified in the Strategic Planning Framework Report.
3. **CJCC Administrative Staffing Support (\$15,000)**  
Ensures statutory compliance, documentation, meeting coordination, and structured tracking of implementation.
4. **Community & Stakeholder Training and Outreach (\$7,500)**  
Supports the rollout of strategic plan training, public education, and structured stakeholder engagement to ensure transparent implementation and coordinated community participation.

### Strategic Planning Priority Recommendations:

The requested funding advances implementation of the eight Strategic Planning Priority Recommendations outlined on pages 86–87 of the Strategic Planning Framework Report.

The priorities include:

1. **Establish Mission, Vision, and Core Values** – Define the CJCC’s purpose and guiding principles.

2. **Formalize Governance and Accountability** – Strengthen bylaws, structure, and performance tracking.
3. **Develop a Countywide Data Strategy** – Implement cross-agency data-sharing and measurable system metrics.
4. **Advance Equity and Sentencing Fairness** – Promote consistent, equitable, evidence-based practices.
5. **Enhance Victim Safety and Engagement** – Center survivor protections and coordinated response.
6. **Strengthen Diversion and Early Intervention** – Expand utilization of evidence-based alternatives.
7. **Establish a Reentry and Recidivism Reduction Strategy** – Align supervision, housing, and treatment supports.
8. **Increase Public Transparency and Trust** – Implement dashboards and structured community engagement.

Together, these priorities operationalize the statutory duties under § 31-28-3 and align with national CJCC best practices by transforming coordination into measurable, accountable crime-reduction outcomes. Priorities 1 & 2 are currently in process, with funding secured through the **Third Judicial District Court**. The initiation of the Strategic Planning Framework Project was funded by the **Third Judicial District Attorney’s Office**.

## **II. CRGA Purpose Alignment**

### **Purpose Item 4:**

#### **Develop or Improve Coordination Between Law Enforcement and Treatment Programs**

**Request: \$20,000**

The Comprehensive Strategic Plan will:

- Formalize referral pathways between law enforcement, detention, probation, courts, and treatment providers
- Define accountability metrics for diversion and behavioral health access
- Align sentencing timelines with treatment program completion
- Integrate RISE, AOT, Competency Diversion, and Treatment Courts under a unified coordination model
- Establish cross-agency performance benchmarks

This strategic plan functions as the operational blueprint for structured coordination rather than informal communication.

### **Purpose Items 9 & 10:**

#### **Data Sharing & Data-Driven Policing Infrastructure**

**Request: \$35,000**

Breakdown:

- \$20,000 – Strategic Planning Contractor (Data Integration & System Metrics)
- \$15,000 – Paid Internship through NMSU’s Criminal Justice Department,
- Funds will support the collection and analysis of (Strategic Planning Framework Report- Appendix C):
- Recidivism rates
- Jail census and violent offender trends
- Pretrial release outcomes
- Diversion participation rates
- Probation revocation rates
- Case clearance rates
- Case dismissal patterns
- Time-to-treatment access
- High-utilizer tracking

These missing data points are essential for assessing system performance, aligning with national best practices, and upholding the CJCC’s guiding principles of public safety, fairness, and recidivism reduction. This establishes measurable accountability and enables data-driven policy adjustments.

**Purpose Item 11:**

**Staff Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

**Request: \$15,000**

Supports structured CJCC operations, including:

- Monthly meeting coordination
- Agenda and minutes preparation
- Member communications
- Strategic plan implementation tracking
- Performance data reports
- Quarterly compliance updates

This ensures statutory adherence to §31-28-3 requirements.

**Purpose Item 12:**

**Provide Training and Purchase Equipment to Support Grant Purposes**

**Request: \$7,500**

To ensure the successful implementation of coordination, data integration, and accountability reforms, the CJCC will:

- Host a countywide Community & Stakeholder Strategic Plan Rollout Meeting
- Provide ongoing training for law enforcement, treatment providers, probation, courts, and community stakeholders to maintain a transparent approach to referral pathways and CJCC goals
- Establish MOUs across stakeholders when collecting shared data from engaged providers to promote best practices and coordination of services
- Develop educational marketing materials and outreach awareness sessions, promoting the essence of the CJCC Strategic Plan

Funds will cover:

- Venue fees (if required)
- Audio/visual equipment
- Training materials and printing
- Community education packets
- Food and refreshments
- Stakeholder meeting supplies

Public engagement strengthens transparency, builds trust, and ensures coordinated implementation of crime reduction strategies.

### III. Budget Justification Table:

Category	Amount	CRGA Item	Purpose
Strategic Plan Completion	\$20,000	Item 4	Coordination Framework
Data Integration Contractor	\$20,000	Items 9 & 10	Data Infrastructure
CJ Internship Program	\$15,000	Items 9 & 10	Structured Data Collection
CJCC Administrative Staffing	\$15,000	Item 11	Operational Support
Community & Stakeholder Training	\$7,500	Item 12	Outreach & Implementation Training
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>	Implementation Infrastructure for Crime Reduction	

### IV. Quantitative Justification (From Framework Report)

Community stakeholders identified the following areas of concern:

- High-volume repeat adult violent offender patterns
- Juvenile repeat offense trends
- Significant adult and juvenile case dismissal rates
- Sentencing inconsistencies
- Underutilized diversion programs
- Lack of unified recidivism tracking
- Fragmented data systems across agencies

The absence of coordinated infrastructure undermines public safety. This proposal remedies that structural gap.

## **V. Strategic Framing**

This proposal represents an infrastructure implementation for crime reduction, not program duplication. It builds:

- Stakeholder coordination and communication
- Data sharing systems for improved transparency
- Community and stakeholder training
- Measurable public safety outcomes

In a limited-funding environment, this proposal maximizes multi-purpose statutory alignment while building durable capacity for justice system reform.

## **VI. Impact Summary**

### **Within 12 Months, the CJCC Will:**

- ✓ Complete and adopt a Comprehensive Strategic Plan
- ✓ Establish measurable coordination agreements
- ✓ Initiate data-sharing protocols
- ✓ Establish baseline recidivism and diversion metrics
- ✓ Improve cross-agency accountability
- ✓ Engage the community and stakeholders in education sessions
- ✓ Increase transparency through shared data reporting