



## **Commerce, Justice, and Science Bill Highlights**

The Fiscal Year 2024 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Bill includes a total of \$68.5 billion in discretionary funding. Heinrich successfully secured language in the bill to develop a comprehensive fentanyl tracking system, to assist New Mexico in identifying and prosecuting crimes involving firearms through ballistic intelligence, to remove barriers to access for opioid use disorder medications, and to support the implementation of the broadband provisions from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

**New Fentanyl Tracking System:** Senator Heinrich successfully included language directing the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to develop a comprehensive fentanyl tracking system. This system will track and document where fentanyl is seized, the chemical composition of seized substances, probable or known manufacturing location, and probable or known point of entry into the United States. This new comprehensive tracking system will be critical to better understanding the movement of illicit drugs into and within the United States and more effectively combatting the fentanyl drug epidemic.

**Expanded Ballistic Intelligence to Southwest Border Region:** Senator Heinrich successfully included language supporting efforts to expand the use of the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and directing the expansion to State and local agencies in the Southwest Border region. This expansion will assist New Mexico in identifying and prosecuting crimes involving firearms through ballistic intelligence, and also build on Senator Heinrich's successful effort to prohibit the trafficking of firearms out of the United States.

**Removing Barriers to Lifesaving Medication:** Senator Heinrich successfully included language directing the DEA to take further actions to remove barriers to access for opioid use disorder medications, clarifying the difference between suspicious orders of opioids and suspicious orders of buprenorphine on the Suspicious Orders Report System (SORS). This effort will assist local medical and mental health providers looking to remove bureaucratic barriers to accessing prescriptions for buprenorphine, a lifesaving medication.

**Broadband:** Senator Heinrich successfully included language to support the implementation of the broadband provisions from the Infrastructure Investment and

Jobs Act, including continuing to prioritize broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas throughout New Mexico. This language will help New Mexico implement the over \$675 million dollars that was allocated to the state from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, while also emphasizing rural and Tribal communities that currently do not have access to broadband internet.

This funding will help law enforcement agencies in New Mexico detect illicit substances, including fentanyl, and solve crimes involving firearms, provide support for victims of crime and abuse, support trauma-informed first responders, and more.

Heinrich successfully secured funding for the following 14 local projects in the Commerce, Justice, and Science bill:

- **\$1,150,000 for the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General's Crime Gun Intelligence Center to purchase four ballistic imaging machines to be placed in Farmington, Gallup, Las Cruces, and Roswell. This project will assist state and local law enforcement agencies in analyzing ballistic casings, prosecuting crimes involving firearms, and mapping crimes involving firearms across the state.**
- **\$675,000 for the Trauma Informed Youth Diversion Program at Family and Youth Innovation Plus to provide support, resources, skills coaching, social emotional learning, and psychoeducational programming to youth in Doña Ana County.**
- **\$364,000 for the Albuquerque Police Department to purchase equipment to safely identify fentanyl and other illicit substances to increase apprehensions and improve prosecutions.**
- **\$360,000 for the Las Cumbres Community Services Survivors of Torture program to increase access to supportive services, temporary housing, and community integration initiatives.**
- **\$300,000 for the City of Santa Fe's Mobile Integrated Health Office to provide a team of trauma-informed responders and providers to administer care and navigation services to those experiencing a crisis or behavioral health emergency.**
- **\$295,000 for Hidalgo, Catron and Grant Counties to purchase equipment for use by local law enforcement to safely detect fentanyl and other illicit drugs and improve officer and community safety.**
- **\$194,000 for the Las Cruces Police Department to Purchase equipment to safely analyze fentanyl and other illicit narcotics and create a community engagement effort to educate youth on the dangers of illicit drugs.**
- **\$172,000 for the Silver City Police Department to purchase equipment to safely identify fentanyl and other illicit substances and fund associated training for officers.**

- **\$150,000 for the New Mexico Child Advocacy Network to improve and expand services to prevent and address child abuse and neglect, and support youth in or exiting the foster care system.**
- **\$56,000 for La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services to open a satellite office in Sierra County to provide forensic interview services to children who have been a witness or survivor of a crime, as well as other services families may need.**

Additionally, Heinrich and Luján secured:

- **\$1,550,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to fund the Highway Offender Safety project and purchase equipment that will minimize risks and allow law enforcement to more easily locate offenders and stolen vehicles.**
- **\$840,000 for the University of New Mexico's Artemis 3D Challenge program to create a community virtual reality (VR) lab and offer relevant trainings for high-wage tech jobs.**

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

- **\$500,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to expedite contracted forensic DNA analysis for cases that are currently awaiting analysis at the Santa Fe Forensic Laboratory.**

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

- **\$800,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to fund mobile connectivity solutions on emergency vehicles for use in remote locations and during emergency and disaster events.**