



County of Eddy

State of New Mexico

September 22, 2025

Esperanza Lucero, MSW, MBA
Behavioral Health Integration and Reform Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
202 East Marcy Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Letter of Commitment for Eddy County as Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Eddy County submits this Letter of Commitment in support of our application for the Behavioral Health Planning Grant under the Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA). As the Accountable Entity for Region 5, including Chaves and Lea Counties, we recognize the growing need for improved behavioral health services. We are committed to collaborating with stakeholders to address this challenge and enhance the well-being of our community.

Eddy County is committed to advancing behavioral health initiatives in our region. We will actively participate in planning and implementing strategies that promote mental wellness, prevent substance use, and ensure equitable access to care for all community members.

To support this initiative, Eddy County will contribute in the following ways:

- Participate in stakeholder meetings and planning sessions
- Provide relevant data, insights, and community feedback
- Collaborate on the development of a comprehensive behavioral health plan
- Support outreach and engagement efforts to ensure diverse community representation

We recognize the importance of this initiative in addressing behavioral health needs and disparities. Eddy County is committed to working collaboratively with all partners to achieve meaningful and sustainable outcomes that strengthen our behavioral health infrastructure and improve the well-being of our residents. Together, we can build a healthier, more resilient community for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra Hampton".

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Re: Letter of Support for Eddy County as Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of Eddy County, I am proud to express our full support for the application submitted under the Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Funding Opportunity. Eddy County is honored to serve as the **Accountable Entity** for this initiative. This grant presents a vital opportunity to strengthen and expand behavioral health services across our community, while fostering meaningful collaboration among local and regional partners dedicated to this essential work.

The proposed Behavioral Health Workshop will serve as a dynamic forum for mental health professionals, social service providers, and key community stakeholders to come together, share insights, and engage in strategic dialogue. We anticipate that this workshop will generate coordinated, innovative solutions tailored to the diverse behavioral health needs of our region.

Eddy County is deeply committed to the success of this initiative and will actively participate in the workshop. We recognize the importance of addressing behavioral health challenges through a unified, community-driven approach. To support this effort, we are prepared to contribute in multiple ways, including in-kind resources, staff engagement, and ongoing collaboration, to ensure the sustainability and impact of the strategies developed.

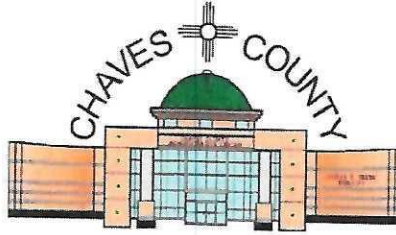
Additionally, we have included letters of support from Chaves County, Lea County, Fifth Judicial District Court Chief Judge Lisa B. Riley, and LifeHouse, reflecting the broad regional commitment to this initiative. Together, we can build a more resilient and responsive behavioral health infrastructure that meets the needs of all community members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Gallagher".
Mike Gallagher, MPA, PLC
County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER

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September 16, 2025

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Re: Letter of Support for Eddy County as Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of Chaves County, I am writing to express our full support for Eddy County serving as the Accountable Entity for our Behavioral Health Region in the SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) planning process.

We recognize the importance of a collaborative, regionally led approach to addressing behavioral health needs. Eddy County has demonstrated the capacity, infrastructure, and commitment to serve as the lead entity responsible for coordinating planning activities, stakeholder engagement, and development of the regional behavioral health plan.

Chaves County looks forward to actively participating in the Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee and contributing to a comprehensive, equitable, and sustainable behavioral health service delivery model that reflects the needs of our communities.

Thank you for your leadership and support in advancing behavioral health system improvements across New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Williams".

William B. Williams
County Manager
Chaves County, New Mexico

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September 19, 2025

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Re: Letter of Support for Eddy County as Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of Lea County, I am writing to express our support for Eddy County serving as the **Accountable Entity** for the planning phase for our Behavioral Health Region in the SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) planning process.

We recognize the importance of a collaborative, regionally led approach to addressing behavioral health needs. Eddy County has demonstrated the desire and commitment to serve as the lead entity responsible for coordinating planning activities, stakeholder engagement, and development of the regional behavioral health plan.

Lea County looks forward to actively participating in the Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee and contributing to a comprehensive, equitable, and sustainable behavioral health service delivery model that reflects the needs of our communities.

Thank you for your leadership and support in advancing behavioral health system improvements across New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Corey Needham".

Corey Needham, PE
County Manager
Lea County, New Mexico

Fifth Judicial District



NEW MEXICO COURTS
The Judicial Branch of New Mexico

From: Lisa Riley <cardlbr@nmcourts.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 26, 2025 9:38 AM

To: Michael Gallagher <mgallagher@co.eddy.nm.us>

Subject: Behavioral Health Reform Act

Good Morning Mr. Gallagher,

On behalf of the 5th Judicial District I am writing to express our support for Eddy County being designated as the accountable entity for the purposes of SB3 (Behavioral Health Reform Act) planning.

There is a great need for behavioral health resources in the 5th District, and addressing those needs would greatly benefit the community through reduced crime rates and increased public safety. Life House has made great strides toward addressing these issues, and will continue to partner with us for the benefit of the community.

Thank you,

Lisa B Riley

Chief Judge, 5th Judicial District



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9/22/2025

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Re: Letter of Support for Eddy County as Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of Carlsbad Lifehouse, Inc., I am writing to express our full support for Eddy County serving as the **Accountable Entity** for our Behavioral Health Region in the SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) planning process.

We recognize the importance of a collaborative, regionally led approach to addressing behavioral health needs. Eddy County has demonstrated the capacity, infrastructure, and commitment to serve as the lead entity responsible for coordinating planning activities, stakeholder engagement, and development of the regional behavioral health plan.

As a provider, Carlsbad Lifehouse looks forward to actively participating in the Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee and contributing to a comprehensive, equitable, and sustainable behavioral health service delivery model that reflects the needs of our communities.

Thank you for your leadership and support in advancing behavioral health system improvements across New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Philip Huston

Executive Director



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Total Amount Requested: **\$45,000**

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Budget Items	Suggested Budget Amount	In-Kind Match	Budget Amount
• Establishment of a Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee • Meeting Related Expenses	\$15,000	0.00	\$15,000
• Community Outreach • Newspaper, Radio, Billboard Advertising	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$8,750
• Development and Completion of the Regional Behavioral Health Plan • Venue location	\$25,000	\$7,500	\$32,500
Total	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$56,250

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In-Kind Match

•**Staff Time:** County employees who participate in the planning and community outreach will utilize their volunteered hours toward the match. For example, 15 hours for planning (valued at \$31/hr.= \$465 in-kind).

•**Facilities & Resources:** County owned facilities like the administration building, DWI Program office, Eddy County Sheriff's Office, or the courthouse will be used for meetings and workshops. We will also include Information Technology /Audio-Visual support, such as IT staff time spent setting up technology for meetings.

•**Communications:** Public Information Officer's time to help advertise the workshop and promote upcoming community sessions through county website, or social media.

Sincerely,


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