NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NMHED)

Research & Public Service Project (RPSP) and other Funding Requests

FY2028

Print, sign, and submit cover sheet and individual submissions to NMHED by September 15, 2026

Institution: New Mexico Military Institute

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Institutional Rank (priority)	Program/Project Title *(Please ensure your Program/Project Title are named the same in all documents)*	Request in FY28	New Program (X)	Expansion Program (X)	Continuing Program (X)	Closeout Program (X)
1	General Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship	$ 1,760,000.00		X		
2	Athletics Travel	$ 850,000.00		X		
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	Total Funding Request	**$ 2,610,000.00**				**0**

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Research & Public Service Project (RPSP)

FY2028

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Institution: New Mexico Military Institute

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Title of Project: Athletics Travel

RPSP Type: Expansion - Funding for additional FTE or addition to existing program

RPSP Account Code: 97800-9781-7114 Athletics

Note: Ensure you are choosing the account code for your HEI. If it is not listed leave blank.

FY28 Funding Request: $ 850,000.00

If previously funded, enter amount that was awarded in FY27 OpBud. $ 335,100.00

Type of Project: Athletics

1 Number of years the project has received General Fund support: (Disregard if new program): 20

Increase cell size as necessary for narratives, if you are sending a PDF please be sure your narratives are fully visible.

2 **Project Description/Executive Summary:**

This appropriation provides funding for the transportation of Athletic Teams to events outside the local area. This project has its largest impact in the area of safety as well as the academic performance of the student athletes. It reduces liability by utilizing commercial carriers and professional drivers. It allows coaches to focus on their primary responsibilities; nullifying Department of Transportation (DOT) hours of service concerns. The modern transportation buses used are comfortable and utilize technology which allows our student athletes to stay connected to campus via Wi-Fi while traveling for school events. Coaches can make better use of their time by providing individual tutoring and team mentoring while traveling. NMMI's athletic programs are an integral component of the NMMI mission to develop the "whole person", the mind, the body, and the soul of each young cadet.

3 **Budget Narrative (Overview only - Budget Detail follows on next worksheet):**

The general appropriation of $335,100 only defrays the costs to outsource athletic transportation in order to safely allow coaches to focus on their primary responsibilities. The total requested would fully fund NMMI athletic transportation costs with rising fuel costs, NMAA redistricting compositions, NMJCAA conference obligations along with post season play.

4 **Program Mission (Include population served, other demographic information):**

To provide a safe learning environment while traveling for the student athletes of the Institute. The safety of our students who travel representing the Institute's athletic programs is most important. Transportation provided by professionals allows our coaches to focus on their primary responsibilities.

5 **Key Project Objectives (Overview only - Details and Measures on following worksheet):**

To be able to fully fund the costs to outsource the athletic transportation in order to safely allow coaches to focus on their primary responsibilities.

6 **For existing projects, describe major accomplishments in a single paragraph, and if applicable, any obstacles encountered the previous fiscal year. For new projects, identify the top objectives and challenges for the current fiscal year:**

This project enhances the quality of buses used to transport student athletes and coaches to games away from the Roswell area. Our current provider has modern capabilities to include wireless internet access on buses; this allows our students to stay connected to the campus regardless of where they are. Students are able to maintain constant contact with their professors via email and Learning Management Service (LMS) access to their courses. This also gives the students a chance to ask questions of the coach about classroom items and on the field issues. This program relieves a heavy burden off the coach from driving and possibly breaking DOT rules.
If there were no funding for this project the future impact would be financially astronomical for New Mexico Military Institute. The school would have to purchase fleet busses for use by athletic teams. Coaches and staff would have to shoulder the burden of driving to and from events. Coaches and staff would then be subject to DOT hours of service limits, which would have an impact on the number of coaches and staff needed for each trip. The cost of having an extra coach and buying busses would present a financial strain on our institution. Additionally, outsourcing provides insurance that would otherwise be the liability of NMMI and New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority.

7 **Describe the Project Impact (Statewide impact, Governor's initiatives, and/or specific student outcomes):**

The impact on the cadets has been phenomenal. Each year hundreds of cadets are served by this project. They enjoy safe transportation which is conducive to learning and their GPAs are reflective of this fact. NMMI stresses that our athletes are scholar athletes and maintaining academic performance is an expected outcome. The objective is to provide a safe learning environment while traveling for the student athletes of the Institute. Our student-athletes are enrolled in a variety of academic concentrations to include Science, Technology, Math and Medical. Many of our students go onto other New Mexico universities and get professional jobs in the state of New Mexico. Several of our top athletes are from other states but come to New Mexico and find a job after college and make New Mexico their permanent place of residence. The outsourcing of transportation allows for coaches to directly interact with the students instead of having to drive. This is both a learning, as well as a compliance and safety issue, as the coaches are not professional drivers and DOT rules must be followed for vehicles with 15 or more passengers. Additionally, the quality of contracted buses is conducive to studying and resting while traveling.

8 **Describe Student Population Served (in-state vs out-of-state students):**

This program benefits all student athletes both in-state and out-of-state.

9 **Does the project receive awards, private donations or federal grants? Have you sought out funding from other sources?**

	The project does not receive awards, donations or Federal monies. The transportation cost is supplemented from tuition and fees assessed to students and the land grant permanent fund.
10	**Medical Projects Only - How many graduates stay and practice in New Mexico?**

RPSP-Budget 1

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Research & Public Service Project (RPSP)
Project Budget Sheet

Institution: *Formula Do Not Override*
New Mexico Military Institute

RPSP Project: *Formula Do Not Override*
Athletics Travel

Total: *Formula Do Not Override*
$ 850,000.00

Budget verses Actual ******Enter data in Yellow cells only******

Revenue and Transfers	FY26 RPSP Expenditures	Budget FY27 (OpBud)	Change Requested	Request FY28	Comments
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Beginning Fund Balance			$ -	$ -	
Appropriations					
Federal			$ -		
State plus Tobacco Settlement Fund	$ 332,500.00	$ 335,100.00	$ 514,900.00	$ 850,000.00	
Local			$ -		
Total Appropriations	$ 332,500.00	$ 335,100.00	$ 514,900.00	$ 850,000.00	
Grants and Contracts					
Federal			$ -		
State			$ -		
Local			$ -		
Total Grants and Contracts	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Private Gifts, Grants and Contracts			$ -		
Land & Permanent Fund or Local Property Taxes			$ -		
Tuition and Fees			$ -		
Endowment			$ -		
Sales and Services			$ -		
Other Sources - Detail in Comments			$ -		
Total Revenues	$ 332,500.00	$ 335,100.00	$ 514,900.00	$ 850,000.00	
Transfers (to) from					
Instruction and General			$ -		
Student Social and Cultural			$ -		
Research			$ -		
Public Service			$ -		
Internal Service			$ -		
Student Aid			$ -		
Auxiliary Enterprises			$ -		
Athletics			$ -		
Independent Operations			$ -		
Capital Outlay			$ -		
Renewal and Replacement			$ -		
Total Transfers	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	

Expenses - If multiple revenue sources, provide a breakdown of each revenue source per expense category

	FY27 FTE		Change FTE		Change FTE	$ -	FY28 FTE		
Faculty Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Professional Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Other Staff Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Student Salaries (GA/TA)			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Other Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Total All Salaries	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	
Fringe Benefits						$ -			
Travel						$ -			
Utilities						$ -			
Institutional Support Charges		$ 332,500.00		$ 335,100.00		$ 514,900.00		$ 850,000.00	
Plant Operation and Maintenance Charges						$ -			
Supplies and Expenses						$ -			
Equipment						$ -			
Other Expenditures						$ -			
Total Expenditures	0.0	$ 332,500.00	0.0	$ 335,100.00	0.0	$ 514,900.00	0.0	$ 850,000.00	
Ending Fund Balance		$ -		$ -		$ -		$ -	

RPSP-Objectives 1

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Project Objectives Sheet

Institution: New Mexico Military Institute

RPSP Project: Athletics Travel

Total $ 850,000.00

	Demonstrable goal based on benefit to students (especially at-risk), generation of degrees (especially STEM-H) and the people of New Mexico	Actuals for FY26	Target for FY27	Target for FY28	Comments - Demonstrate consistent improvement as a result of the awarded RPSP, trends, etc.
1	To continue to be able to defray the costs to outsource the athletic transportation in order to safely allow coaches to focus on their primary responsibilities.	$ 332,500.00	$ 335,100.00	$ 850,000.00	See accompanying Performance Report for this related Athletic Program information.
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