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NEWS RELEASE

State Board of Finance Approves Emergency Funding to City of Bloomfield for Harvest Gold

Bloomfield to Receive Up to \$184,500 Grant for Water Project

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration’s Board of Finance has awarded funding to the City of Bloomfield. The municipality will receive the grant monies for a project that will provide safe and clean potable water to residents in the Harvest Gold subdivision located east of that city.

The amount of the grant award is up to \$184,500, as announced during the Board of Finance meeting held Tuesday morning, March 21, on the Fourth Floor of the Roundhouse.

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) Commissioner Lynda Lovejoy, who represents District 4 comprising northwest New Mexico, stated to the Board that the emergency funding to the City of Bloomfield is direly needed to connect clean potable drinking water to Harvest Gold residents who have been on a boil water advisory for nine months. That is far too long,” Commissioner Lovejoy stated.

The City of Bloomfield said the project from start to completion should take approximately four months. The Board commended Bloomfield and stated that they should be recognized for their willingness to step up to the plate when a previous attempt failed to help the residents.

Prior to the board taking a vote, Commissioner Lovejoy applauded all stakeholders, including the City of Bloomfield, NMPRC staff, New Mexico Environmental Department, the State Board of Finance, the Attorney General’s Office, San Juan County, and Gallagher & Kennedy Law Firm’s Germaine Chappelle for a teamwork effort to get to this point.

Harvest Gold residents have incorporated the Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumer’s Association, and had representatives attending Tuesday’s meeting as well. Apple Orchard filed articles of incorporation with the New Mexico Secretary of State’s Office on March 13, 2017.

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