

## **Community Involvement**

The CIP division and department staff conduct public meetings in each of the Commission Districts as a means of keeping both neighborhoods and individual citizens informed about the status of the approved projects and to receive input about new capital project needs. Prior to these meetings, the CIP division coordinates with the Public Information Office and the five Commissioners to establish a meeting schedule. Each meeting is advertised, and information packages are distributed to public and neighborhood associations explaining how to make project requests. The input forms are submitted, including all at-large public comments and requests, to the CIP division. Requests received from neighborhood associations and individuals are forwarded to the County departments for internal review, prioritization and potential incorporation into the 2008 CIP. These requests are then submitted to the CIP Committee for final evaluation. Eight public CIP meetings were held this spring and the County received 162 neighborhood request forms for district projects.

## **CIP Project Review, Ranking and Approval**

Development of the plan involved assessing existing capital projects status and funding, reviewing new neighborhood requests, determining top department priority and developing new department requests. Departments analyzed and completed the final requests for presentation to the CIP department. A CIP Committee made up of Deputy County Managers and department representatives reviewed and ranked the projects. CIP staff presented the CIP Committee recommendations to the County Manager who approved the CIP for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. The CIP department then submits the ICIP project plan to the State Department of Finance and Administration. To meet the requirements of the State Department of Finance and Administration, the total Six-Year program lists all projects, funded and unfunded. The General Obligation Bond Program, in the form of a resolution, was forwarded to the County Clerk for inclusion on the November General Election ballot.

## **2009-2010 General Obligation Bond Program**

Bernalillo County's CIP program includes the projects recommended for inclusion in the General Obligation Bond for the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. Contained within the five-year CIP are recommended 2008 General Obligation Bond projects. If approved by the Board; these will be presented to the voters on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. The Manager's recommended bond package would leverage limited GO Bond capacity with County legislative requests and federal grants. Without increasing taxes, the program makes \$20,750,000 available for each of the three cycles. Variables influencing bonding capacities in the second and third cycles included property valuations and interest rates.

### **Public Works Bond Program**

The Public Works Division received the greatest share of the Manager's recommended GO Bond funding at approximately \$10.5 million. Projects include dirt and gravel road asphalt paving, striping and guardrails for roadways throughout the County. Bond funds will be used to match State funds made available for the County Arterial Program, State Cooperative Program, and School Bus Route Program. Funding will also be used to reconstruct Lyon/Unser Boulevard with 2 additional turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks. Right-of-way preservation activities for Alameda Blvd. from Barstow to Eubank and South to

Paseo Del Norte will appraise and acquire the additional rights of way for the project. General obligation bond funds are the primary source of funds used to attract and match various Federal, State, and other monies that are often available for infrastructure projects within the unincorporated area.

### **Parks & Recreation Bond Program**

Funding for Parks and Recreation has been proposed in the amount of \$2.5 million, including funds for constructing and equipment recreational facilities, including parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools within the county.

### **Facilities Improvements Bond Program**

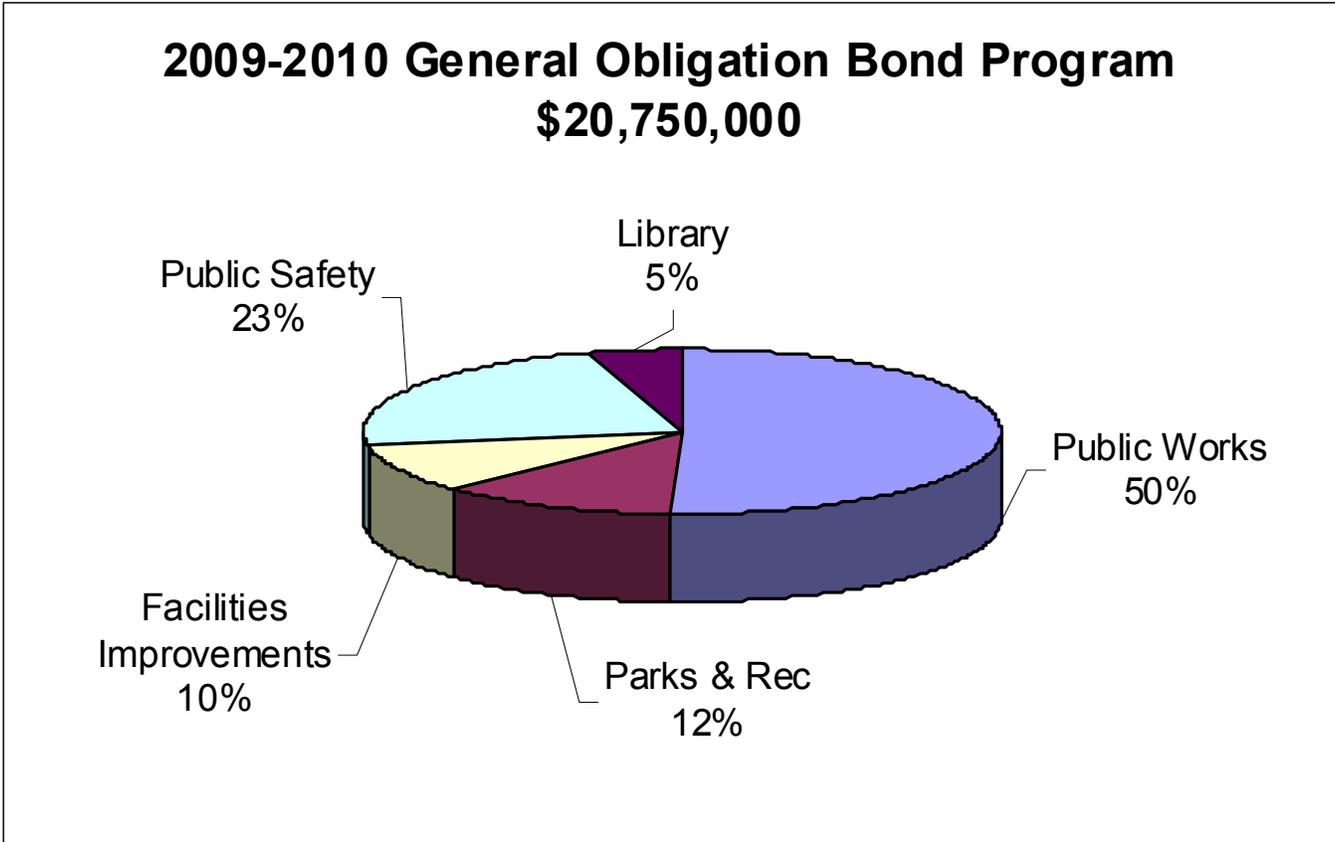
\$2,000,000 was proposed for County Facilities construction and improvements, including necessary remodeling of County buildings, including renovating Family Health Facilities.

### Public Safety Bond Program

Public Safety has proposed \$4,750,000 million in GO bond funding for the 2008 GO Bond Program. Public Safety projects are thoroughly reviewed for need and priority. The 2009/20010 projects consist of the design and construction of a Co-Located Sheriff, Fire and Emergency Center in the East Mountains and a training academy for the Fire Department and Sheriff Department.

### Library Bond Program

\$1.0 million is proposed for library automation and materials for library system.



# Capital Improvement Projects

## Hiland Theater

Bernalillo County acquired the property in 2003 utilizing project revenue bonds and funding for renovation from the New Mexico Legislature. Currently the County is performing renovations to the Hiland Theater; eventually the theater will be reopened and used for various community and school activities as well as live performances from local theater groups.

The Hiland Theater is an essential piece of Bernalillo County and New Mexican history. The historic building has served Bernalillo County residents for over half a century providing entertainment, recreation and memories to many generations of residents. Originally constructed as a movie theater and specialty clothes stores, the Hiland Complex was a community gathering point during Albuquerque's formative years. Its unique design and state of the art facilities (for the period) attracted first run movies and premiere retail shopping opportunities.

In the 1990's as the "mega-plex" movie theatres were constructed, the Hiland was converted to a live performance venue. The expansive retail space was converted to office and storage space.



## South Valley Health Commons (SVHC)

South Valley Health Commons is a 41,735 square foot health care facility. The primary goal of SVHCs is the creation of a patient centered primary care facility, offering a full-range of medical, dental and psychiatric care through the coordinated efforts of Public Health, First Choice and the University of New Mexico. The modern facility is designed to promote patient-centered care by allowing patients to have access to a number of care providers and services during one visit rather than having the patient go to several locations for treatment. The new clinic



## Fisher Smith Memorial Gymnasium

Fisher Smith Memorial Gymnasium is approximately 19,758 square feet and is primarily used by the East Mountain High School and Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation. The gymnasium can be used for competitive basketball, volleyball, physical education classes, children's program's and adult community athletic programs.



## Bernalillo County Fire Station 8

Another example of Bernalillo County Capital Projects.



## Revenue Bonds

**The 1996 A&B series financed the construction of a new jail, courthouse and district attorney building.** The city-county jail opened downtown in 1976. Overcrowding at the facility spurred the County Commission to approve a revenue bond issue for jail construction in 1996. The Metropolitan Detention Facility is a state-of-the-art detention facility that currently houses over 2,500 detainees of all classifications. Strategic infrastructure was put into place that will allow the facility to expand to a capacity of 5,000 detainees. The facility was designed so that operation costs will be minimal compared with other facilities. The new jail is on the far west mesa and its modular design can easily be expanded.

The courthouse was completed in June of 2001. It is seven stories high with 272,000 square feet of space, including courtrooms, jury rooms, judges chambers, holding cells, administrative offices, food court, news media center, and a large jury assembly area.

This series also financed the construction of a District Attorney's office building. The building was named the Steve Schiff District Attorney Building, honoring the late United States Representative. Located in downtown Albuquerque, the structure houses the District Attorney, County Attorney and staff. It is four stories high and has 80,000 square feet of general office space. Construction

was completed and accepted by the County on May 8, 2000.

**The 1997 series financed the Journal Pavilion performing arts theatre, an assessor/treasurer information system, and the 800-Megahertz and jail management systems.** The County and SFX Entertainment constructed the Journal Pavilion Regional Recreation Complex an 8,400-seat amphitheater. Construction began December 1999 and was completed on schedule in June 2000. Journal Pavilion Amphitheater is located at the Regional Recreation Complex. It is managed and operated by SFX Entertainment as part of a public/private partnership with Bernalillo County. The amphitheater and future playing fields will anchor a larger 600+ acre recreation complex that will be built over 10-15 years and will include softball, baseball, football, trails and other recreation amenities. The 800-Megahertz and jail management systems have been implemented and are operational. The assessor/treasurer system has also been implemented and is operational.

**The 1998 series is a refunding of the 1996A series.** The refunding resulted in net savings to the County of \$2.7 million over thirty years.

**The 1999 series completes the funding for the adult detention center and established a construction fund for the water/wastewater system.** Construction of Phase II of the Metropolitan Detention Center was made possible as a result of this bond issue. These bonds also provide a portion of the funding of \$111 million necessary to provide water and wastewater services to the developed but unserved areas of the County. Federal participation of \$45 to \$55 million has been initiated through a \$12 million appropriation request with additional requests over a four-year period. The State is providing \$20 million and the City will provide \$20 million.

**The 2002 series financed the enhancements to the County Courthouse.** The enhancements included a build-out of the fourth floor consisting of one regular and one large courtroom, a conference room, three judges' chambers and office space for necessary support staff. In addition, enhanced security cameras to the public corridors and courtrooms were added, seven motion rooms were modified and changes to the restaurant area were made.

**The 2004 series financed the expansion of the Health Services Unit (HSU) at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) and the purchase of property for the Detoxification/Treatment Facility (MATS)** The County constructed a 210-bed Mental Health Unit at the Metropolitan Detention Center, which provides housing for individuals with acute mental health problems.

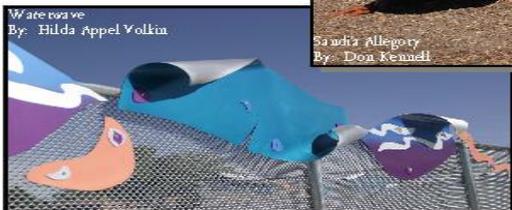
The County purchased the former Charter Hospital located at 5901 Zuni SE that has approximately 47,000 square feet. The facility was used to establish a 28-day residential treatment and transitional services program for public inebriates including individuals with co-occurring disorders.

**The 2005 series partially refunded the 1999 series.** The refunding resulted in net savings to the County of \$2.2 million over thirty years.

**The 2008 series refunded the 2004 series.** With the refunding the County will realize a \$300,000 general fund savings over two years.

**Bernalillo County Public Art Program**

Bernalillo County  
1% for Public Art Program



Bernalillo County's Public Art Program will head into its 16<sup>th</sup> year in 2008. Since the 1% for Art Ordinance was enacted in 1992, and revised in 1997, \$2.4 million has been generated to fund 157 works of art, including commissioned and purchased works, in public places throughout the county. Project budgets have ranged between \$5,000 and \$150,000. The collection of 157 works includes a variety of media, sizes, artists and locations, featuring 46 artworks by New Mexico artists in the County Courthouse Collection.

The Public Art Program is overseen by a ten member advisory board appointed by the County Commission, two from each of the five Commission Districts. Program is staffed with one full time manager and one shared full-time administrative assistant.

Recent public art projects include the outdoor bell carriers sculpture at the Bachechi Open Space in the North Valley; the "Standing 'O'" guitar sculpture at the Journal Pavilion; the "Garden Lady" sculpture at the Assessor's Office; the large, outdoor lizard sculptures at the W.L. Jackson Park located in the far northeast heights; the "wave" fence sculptures at the Los Padillas Pool; twenty-one 2-dimensional artworks for the administrative offices; and the collaborative projects with the Mid Region Council of Governments at the Rail Runner Stations. As the 1% funds generated from the 1996 Courthouse and Jail Revenue Bonds are almost completely expended, opportunities to leverage G.O. Bond 1% funds has become one of the Arts Board's and staff's top priorities. Joint projects with other government agencies and strategic utilization of the state 1% for Art funds will continue to enhance the Public Art Program's mission to encourage the integration of art into public facilities.

## Impact Fees

The Bernalillo County Impact Fees Ordinance (Ord. No. 95-16) became effective January 1, 1996. On August 28, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners revised the Impact Fees Ordinance and adopted the 2007 IFCIP to establish new rates that better reflect local economic and market conditions. After thirteen years, the County is benefiting from many projects that are funded in part or fully by impact fee revenues. This addition of capital improvements made possible with impact fee revenue funds will continue to benefit the County in future years. In FY08, Bernalillo County collected \$1.2 million in impact fees.

There are four Park service areas and five Drainage service areas. The Open Space and Parks purchase and development priorities are made according to the implementation section of the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2002. The Fire/EMS and County Road service areas are Countywide.

### Impact Fee Funded Projects

Acquisition and development priorities for parks and open spaces are made according to the implementation section of the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2002. Recent major park expenditures include: construction of the Griegos Bridge; Phase 3 of Valle del Bosque Park; tennis courts at Rio Bravo Park;

and Fisher/Smith Memorial Gymnasium. Planned expenditures include: Construction of Phase I

Ambassador Romero Park. Survey and easement development associated with obtaining trails per the adopted East Mountain Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.

Recent major open space expenditures include the purchase of undeveloped land adjacent to Valle del Bosque Park next to the Rio Grande Bosque.

Recent Fire/EMS expenditures include replacement of command vehicles and replacement of Fire Engine and/or Water Tender.

### Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan

As required by the State Development Fees Act, the County created an Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan (IFCIP) that specifically defines service areas, service unit costs, needs within those service areas based on new construction and impact fees that will be charged within those service areas. The State Development Fees Act requires that the County update land use assumptions and the IFCIP every five years. The County, with the assistance of the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, has developed a comprehensive list of impact fee projects within respective service areas. As a result of this process, the County has developed a closer relationship between the Capital Improvement Program and the use of the impact fees.

## Open Space

### Open Space Mission

The mission of the Bernalillo County Open Space Program (BCOS) is to preserve and provide natural areas, cultural resources and resource-based recreation for County citizens. These lands are acquired and managed to conserve natural and cultural resources, provide opportunities for education and recreation and to shape the urban environment. BCOS is funded by an open space mill levy, which has been used to purchase nine properties (~1,000 acres), create Resource Management Plans, and develop properties so they can be opened for public access.

### Resource Management Plans

Resource Management Plans (RMP's) were created to help preserve unique historic and cultural character, offer resource-based recreational opportunities, and protect natural resources.

The objectives and strategies contained in the RMP's were developed by Steering Committees through extensive community participation and planning

The County is currently working on implementing the RMP's and opening the properties to the public. Many of the East Mountain properties border National Forest, connecting miles of trails and open expanses for enjoyment.

The County strives to ensure that all resources are available to the public, yet cared for in a manner that will sustain them over time.



**Gutierrez-Hubbell House**

### Open Spaces in Bernalillo County

Bachechi  
Carlito Springs  
Durand  
Gutierrez-Hubbell House  
Ojito de San Antonio  
Pajarito  
Sabino Canyon  
Sedillo Ridge  
Valle del Bosque



**Ojito de San Antonio**