

Press Release

Lea County DWI Program Awarded Funding

Lea County Courthouse, Lovington, NM:

Lea County DWI and Probation Director Kelly Ford reported to the Lea County Board of County Commissioners at the Thursday, May 7, 2015 meeting that on April 28, 2015 the New Mexico DWI Program Grant Council awarded Lea County \$601,569 in DWI Distribution funding and \$147,727 in DWI Grant funding.

The New Mexico Legislature enacted Section 11-6A-1 through 11-6A-6 NMSA 1978 as amended to address the serious problems of Driving While Intoxicated in the State which established grant and distribution funding available to counties and municipalities for new, innovative or model programs, services or activities to prevent or reduce the incidence of domestic abuse related to DWI, DWI alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

These grants are to be used to support the Lea County DWI Programs. The DWI Distribution funding of \$602,569 is utilized to run the program as a whole. The DWI Grant funding of \$147,727 is budgeted strictly for 100% treatment funding.

Director Ford requested the Lea County Board of County Commissioners to consider approval of Resolution 15-May-117R accepting the annual funding from the Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division to fund the Lea County DWI Program.

Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher said "Lea County department directors are very pro-active in applying for grants and funding that are a benefit to the entire county. We are pleased to receive this \$601,569 grant in DWI Distribution funding and the \$147,727 in DWI Grant funding."