

Southwest Public Safety Center

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Background

The City of Albuquerque is requesting \$18 million for Phase two of the Southwest Public Safety Center to improve public safety for one of the fastest growing part of the city that lacks public safety infrastructure. The first phase is fully funded, and we are asking to fund the second phase that will include a facility for Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and the newly formed Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) Department.

Last year the City requested money for the Southwest Public Safety Center to fund the first phase of the project which was to purchase land and build a new fire station. The City purchased the 6-acre property at Amole Mesa and 98th that will house the center. The investment the state has already made combined with \$15 million in local funding fully funded the first phase. Fire Station 23, which is a three-bay station, is being designed and is expected to go to construction in about nine months. The new station will improve public safety on the west side of Albuquerque, and it will help Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) to maintain an ISO rating of one to keep homeowner and business insurance down across the city.

The second phase will increase the police presence in the area and improve the safety of neighborhoods in the Southwest Mesa. The Southwest Area Command covers 14.6 square miles and is home to 81,500 residents. In 2020 the number of calls for service were 42,558 and increased to 49743 in 2022.

The Community Safety Department was started in 2021 to provide and alternative 911 response for people who are suffering from mental health issues and/or are unhoused. The purpose of the department is to provide Albuquerque with a holistic, empathetic, and informed response to behavioral and mental health-related 911 calls. Responses are personalized to the needs of the individual, family, and community so that ACS can bring the right response at the right time.

Phase 2 of the Southwest Public Safety Center will include a facility for APD and ACS and new add additional public safety assists to the Southwest Mesa to improve the quality of life for the residents of this part of the city.

Projects Highlights

Total Requested
Amount

\$18M

Total Project Cost

\$34M

Current Project Status

Phase I

Project Timeline

Anticipated Construction
begins Oct. 2023

City Department

Albuquerque Police
Department (APD),
Albuquerque Community
Safety (ACS) and
Albuquerque Fire
Rescue (AFR)

Category

Citywide

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