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San Juan County Awarded Funds to Make Facilities ADA Compliant *\$750,000 award will pay for upgrades to 22 facilities across the county*

Aztec, NM—San Juan County has been awarded \$750,000 to address Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades in 22 facilities. The funding will completely cover the cost of upgrades.

The money was awarded through a Community Development Block Grant and will include changes to parking, signage, doors, and generally make these facilities accessible to the public-at-large, as well as County employees. The increased accessibility will meet all ADA guidelines.

"San Juan County has made it a priority to seek funding sources for vital projects through non-traditional means," said San Juan County Commission Chairman Jack Fortner. "Through this funding, we have scored another win to improve access to government services in a manner that makes capital improvement funds available for other crucial projects."

The list of facilities to be upgraded includes public buildings, some of which are used as polling places.

- 11th Judicial District Court
- San Juan County Administration Building
- San Juan County Adult Detention Center
- San Juan County District Attorney's Office
- Head Start
- San Juan County Juvenile Center
- San Juan County Juvenile Treatment Center
- San Juan County Public Health Office
- Cedar Hill Fire Station #1 (Used as a polling place)
- Sullivan Road Fire Station (Used as a polling place)
- Riverview Golf Course
- Cedar Hill Fire Station #2 (Used as a polling place)
- Center Point Fire Station #1 (Used as a polling place)
- Blanco Fire Station #1 (Used as a polling place)
- Flora Vista Fire Station #4 (Used as a polling place)
- Lee Acres Fire Station #1 (Used as a polling place)
- Salmon Ruins Museum
- San Juan County Communications Center
- Lee Acres Sheriff's Office Substation
- Multi-Services Center (San Juan County Public Works Offices)
- Vector Control Building
- Voting Machine Building

The award was among almost \$10 million in grant funding for rural parts of the state. The projects will be put out for bid and awarded as soon as feasible. Construction will likely begin in early 2021.