

McKinley County Commission gives a nod to money for hospital upgrade

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Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital to receive \$750,000

The Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Center is going to receive upgrades thanks to a grant from McKinley County and the State of New Mexico. The combined funds total \$750,000.

The McKinley County commissioners unanimously approved the agreement that the county's special project manager Domnick Riffle presented to them for hospital upgrades during their June 15 meeting.

In an interview with the *Sun* before the meeting, Riffle and County Attorney Doug Decker said the funds will be used for repairs to the hospital building, specifically the women's center on the second floor.

Riffle said the renovation project would include replacing some flooring and wall protection, repainting walls, and remodeling the nurse's station.

He explained that \$200,000 of the \$750,000 has already been spent to update the center's equipment, including medical beds.

Decker commented that it is very important that the hospital receive this money now, so when

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the budget for Fiscal Year 2022 is approved, it will be included. The new fiscal year starts July 1.

If there is any grant money remaining, Decker already has plans for it.

“If there is some money left over, there are some add-ons that we are also going to do if we have enough money, and they’re all billed for the women’s center. But it’s things like fixing the ceiling - there’s a drop-down ceiling that needs some repair,” Decker said. “If we have enough money, we’ll just add those on to the project and keep going.”

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