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AG Balderas Announces Receipt of \$50,000 Grant to Fight Identity Theft & Cybercrime

Albuquerque, NM - Today Attorney General Hector Balderas announced the receipt of a \$50,000 federal grant aimed at fighting identity theft across New Mexico. The New Mexico Office of the Attorney General is the first Attorney General's Office in the nation to have been awarded this grant, and joins private organizations that battle identity theft across the nation.

"Thieves and fraudsters put thousands of New Mexican families at risk every year," said Attorney General Hector Balderas. "I am committed to improving our response to victims of identity theft, including cybercrimes and making sure that every New Mexican knows that our office is ready to serve them."

This grant is awarded by the National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Network (NITVAN) and will be used to build a coalition of statewide partners dedicated to protecting New Mexicans and providing outreach to victims of identity theft and cybercrime. None of this funding comes from taxpayer dollars, and is instead generated from fines, penalties and bond forfeitures to criminal offenders. The New Mexico Office of the Attorney General is one of just five recipients of this grant, nationwide.

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