

1 HOUSE BILL 75
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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7 FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND
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10 AN ACT
11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COUNTY
12 AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS STATEWIDE.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

16 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
17 general fund to the department of health for expenditure in
18 fiscal year 2026 for the following purposes:

19 (1) forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000)
20 to fund and support county and tribal health councils statewide
21 to carry out the functions as provided for in the County and
22 Tribal Health Councils Act. Funding may be used to:

23 (a) provide salaries and benefits for
24 staff positions;

25 (b) expand county and tribal health

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1 council capacity to provide services;

2 (c) expand county and tribal health
3 council operations and functions;

4 (d) assist in the coordination and
5 navigation of essential services through key collaborations
6 with state agencies, health care management organizations and
7 organizations that serve medicaid and medicare recipients;

8 (e) increase community outreach and
9 engagement programs to improve community awareness and
10 understanding of county and tribal health council services;

11 (f) increase public health intervention,
12 prevention and education efforts;

13 (g) facilitate collaboration and
14 networking with health care stakeholders across the state;

15 (h) support policy and advocacy efforts
16 aimed at advancing health equity;

17 (i) pay for the costs of running county
18 and tribal health councils, including: 1) overhead expenses
19 for offices and health hub locations; 2) travel reimbursements;
20 and 3) supplies; and

21 (j) cover other indirect expenses
22 incurred by county and tribal health councils; and

23 (2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
24 department of health to contract with a nonprofit organization
25 to provide training, technical assistance and other supports to

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1 county and tribal health councils.

2 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
3 at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general
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