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**Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee  
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# Tobacco Settlement Funds Rolled into Instructional & General Funding (I&G)

Program/Project	FY 2025
Genomics, biocomputing, and environmental health research	\$ 937,400
NM Poison and Drug Information Center	\$ 590,200
Health Sciences I&G	\$ 581,500
Pediatric Oncology	\$ 250,000
Specialty Education, Trauma	\$ 250,000
Specialty Education, Pediatrics	\$ 250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 2,859,100</u></u></b>

*\*Tobacco Settlement funds rolled into UNM's I&G are the same as the FY24 amounts as allocated to each program recipient*

# Genomics, biocomputing, and environmental health research

- Appropriated funds are used for pilot funding and “core” facility support and accelerating the translation of basic research into clinical practice in tobacco related diseases.
- Pilot funding is the primary mechanism for obtaining federal funding in these areas. The funding for Core Facilities housed at the UNM Health Sciences Clinical and Translational Center and UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center are shared services that are used by the entire Health Sciences community, equipment which otherwise would not be available is provided, clinical and intervention trials bring the latest treatments and technologies to New Mexico – speeding up the translation of basic research into clinical practice and promoting research efforts in order to adopt innovative methods of technologies that advance cancer research at UNM.



# NM Poison and Drug Information Center

- Funds provide expert, 24-hour assistance to the citizens of New Mexico during possible poisoning emergencies as the only poison center in the State. It reduces the costs associated with poisoning by treating less severe exposures at home with Center guidance.
- The Poison Information Center trains healthcare professionals in the field of clinical toxicology and expands the knowledge in the field of clinical toxicology through an active research program.
- The Drug Information Services provide individualized, accurate, relevant and unbiased information to consumers and healthcare professionals regarding medication-related inquiries. And assists in training pharmacists to be drug information providers.
- New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center strives to improve the health of all New Mexicans by reducing illness and death associated with poisoning and by encouraging proper use of medications.



# Health Sciences I&G

- Funding supports the School of Medicine with faculty retention, specifically regarding faculty that have compensation rates below the national average.
- Moreover, funds promote faculty retention in the School of Medicine by supporting ongoing initiatives to ensure the faculty compensation is at least at the 25th percentile when compared to peer institutions.



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# Pediatric Oncology



- The Pediatric Oncology Program provides support to pediatric cancer patients and their families via counseling and funding of faculty positions.
- This Program is the only provider of tertiary care for children with cancer in New Mexico.
- Funding supports clinical trial infrastructure for social work and specialized nursing and specialized medical services for children with cancer.
- Intended to decrease the burden of childhood cancer in children and families of NM through comprehensive clinical service, research and education.



# Specialty Education, Trauma and Pediatrics

## Trauma:

Support for training physicians to respond to trauma and expansion of additional faculty positions to train trauma physicians in providing care to trauma patients in the state of New Mexico.

## Pediatrics:

Support for training pediatric physicians and expansion of additional faculty positions to train pediatric physicians to provide care for pediatric patients in the state of New Mexico.



# Questions?

