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HOUSE BILL 109

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING THE EXTREME WEATHER  
RESILIENCE FUND; MAKING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE  
EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCE FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCE FUND CREATED.--

A. The "extreme weather resilience fund" is created  
in the state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations,  
gifts, grants, donations, income from investment of the fund  
and any other money otherwise allocated to the fund. The  
department shall administer the fund. Money in the fund is  
appropriated to the department for the purposes set forth in  
Subsection B of this section. Disbursements from the fund

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1 shall be made by warrant of the secretary of finance and  
2 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary or  
3 the secretary's authorized representative. Any unexpended or  
4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028  
5 shall revert to the general fund.

6 B. Money in the extreme weather resilience fund may  
7 be used by the department to make grants of up to one million  
8 dollars (\$1,000,000) to political subdivisions of the state or  
9 Indian nations, tribes or pueblos to prepare for and respond to  
10 public health emergencies related to extreme weather and other  
11 climate impacts; provided that grants to an Indian nation,  
12 tribe or pueblo shall be expended only within the exterior  
13 boundaries of the state.

14 C. The secretary shall prioritize grant  
15 applications that:

16 (1) emphasize planning, projects and  
17 activities that benefit people in low-income and disadvantaged  
18 communities;

19 (2) integrate public health concerns and  
20 recommendations with other local climate adaptation plans or  
21 local emergency preparedness plans, projects and activities;

22 (3) emphasize planning, projects and  
23 activities that are also eligible for grants from federal or  
24 other state programs or help New Mexico become eligible for  
25 federal funds; and

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1 (4) involve local and tribal health councils  
2 as direct participants in the planning process.

3 D. At least fifty percent of the total grants  
4 approved by the secretary shall be awarded to political  
5 subdivisions with total human populations equal to or fewer  
6 than one hundred thousand according to the most recent federal  
7 decennial census."

8 SECTION 2. TRANSFER.--Twelve million dollars  
9 (\$12,000,000) is transferred from the general fund to the  
10 extreme weather resilience fund.