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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.