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HOUSE BILL

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS STATEWIDE.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--**

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

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

(a) provide salaries and benefits for staff positions;

(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  
4 fund.

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