HOUSE BILL 398

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXPAND A SUCCESSFUL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE PROGRAM IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. --

- A. One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2014 to expand a successful health professional work force program developed in southwestern New Mexico. The program shall:
- (1) encourage secondary students raised in rural communities to enter health professions;
- (2) follow rural students through graduate health professional education;

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		(3) pr	ovide	interpr	ofessional	rural	training
experiences	for	students	and	medical	residents;	and	

- (4) improve recruitment and retention of primary care providers in medically underserved areas of New Mexico.
- B. All funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be provided to an existing department-of-health-contracted health professional work force program in southwestern New Mexico. No less than seventy-five percent of the funds provided shall be used to subcontract with no fewer than two public or private community-based organizations to operate the program described in Subsection A of this section.
- C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

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