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HOUSE BILL 75

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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