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HOUSE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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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 2025 for the following purposes:

(1) six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to fund and support county and tribal health councils statewide to carry out the functions as stated in the County and Tribal Health Councils Act. Funding may be used to:

(a) provide salaries and benefits for staff positions;

(b) cover travel, supplies and other

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1 program-related expenses;

2 (c) provide community education and
3 communications; and

4 (d) cover other indirect expenses a
5 county or tribal health council may experience; and

6 (2) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)
7 for the department to contract with a nonprofit organization
8 to:

9 (a) provide training, technical
10 assistance and other supports to county and tribal health
11 councils;

12 (b) assist in the development of a
13 system to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of health
14 councils and to gather necessary evaluation data using success
15 indicators and qualitative and quantitative measures; and

16 (c) strengthen community-based health
17 planning and self-determination by measuring the health
18 councils' performance in capacity building and quality of
19 community health plans.

20 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
21 at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general
22 fund.