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HOUSE BILL 381

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND STATEWIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE
HOMELESS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

**A. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated
from the general fund to the human services department for
expenditure in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 for the purpose of
contracting for various services and programs statewide for
homeless persons, as follows:**

**(1) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
to fund emergency shelters, for transitional housing and for
mental health services for the homeless, veterans services and
case management services;**

(2) two hundred fifty thousand dollars

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1 (\$250,000) to match federal funds for the development and
2 operation of permanent supportive housing for disabled
3 homeless; and

4 (3) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
5 (\$250,000) for homeless prevention activities, including
6 therapeutic child care for homeless children and rent
7 assistance to those on the verge of becoming homeless.

8 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
9 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general
10 fund.

11 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
12 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.