

DFA notes that each community is categorized into three different groups. Espanola meets the criteria for Tier 1, the most critical, which indicates that the communities do not have the complete physical infrastructure they need to adequately support business development.

The strategic plan is a four step process in which each issue is addressed:

Strategy I: Invest innovation - prepare NM communities to try new ideas and venture into areas that have not been part of traditional economy

Strategy II: Invest in people - enhance job skills with education, training, and workforce development

Strategy III: Invest in infrastructure - communities ability to support new business and sustain existing industry

Strategy IV: Responsive Government - support the efforts of the local communities to improve the economy

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB881 almost duplicates SB753—both bills include the same appropriation amount and general purpose.

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