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SENATE BILL 645

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LOCAL DWI GRANT FUND; REDUCING THE PERCENT OF THE FUND THAT CAN BE EXPENDED ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM; REMOVING THE LIMITATION ON LIQUOR EXCISE TAX AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 11-6A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 65, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"11-6A-3. LOCAL DWI GRANT PROGRAM - FUND. --

A. The division shall establish a local DWI grant program to make grants to municipalities or counties for new, innovative or model programs, services or activities to prevent or reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism and alcohol abuse. Grants shall be awarded by the council pursuant to the advice and recommendations of the division.

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1           B. The "local DWI grant fund" is created in the  
2 state treasury and shall be administered by the division. Two  
3 million dollars (\$2,000,000) of liquor excise tax revenues  
4 distributed to the fund and all other money in the fund, other  
5 than money appropriated for DWI program distributions, are  
6 appropriated to the division to make grants to municipalities  
7 and counties upon council approval in accordance with the  
8 program established [~~under~~] pursuant to the provisions of the  
9 Local DWI Grant Program Act. An amount equal to the liquor  
10 excise tax revenues distributed annually to the fund less two  
11 million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated to the division  
12 to make DWI program distributions to counties upon council  
13 approval of programs in accordance with the provisions of the  
14 Local DWI Grant Program Act. No more than [~~five~~] three  
15 percent of the [~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of~~] liquor  
16 excise tax revenues distributed to the fund in any fiscal year  
17 shall be expended for administration of the grant program.  
18 Balances in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not  
19 revert to the general fund.

20           C. In awarding DWI grants to local communities,  
21 the council:

- 22                   (1) may fund new, innovative or model
- 23 programs, services or activities of any kind designed to
- 24 prevent or reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism or alcohol
- 25 abuse;

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(2) may fund existing community-based programs, services or facilities for prevention, screening and treatment of alcoholism and alcohol abuse;

~~[(4)]~~ (3) shall give consideration to a broad range of approaches to prevention, education, screening, treatment or alternative sentencing, including programs that combine incarceration, treatment and aftercare, to address the problem of DWI, alcoholism or alcohol abuse; and

~~[(5)]~~ (4) shall make grants only to counties or municipalities in counties that have established a DWI planning council and adopted a county DWI plan or are parties to a multicounty DWI plan that has been approved pursuant to the Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Screening and Treatment Act and only for programs, services or activities consistent with that plan.

D. The council shall use the criteria in Subsection C of this section to approve DWI programs, services or activities for funding through the county DWI program distribution. "