

Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee

Key Points

1. Tobacco Settlement Funds (TSF) support three key programs:
 - a. Health Sciences Center (HSC) Biomedical Research (Genomics, Biocomputing, and Environmental Health Research)
 - b. New Mexico Poison and Drug information Center
 - c. Pediatric Oncology Program
2. Due to legislative action many years ago, I&G programs are also funded with TSF:
 - a. Specialty Education – Trauma
 - b. Specialty Education – Pediatrics
 - c. Instruction and general
3. The HSC requests an increase in funding for FY23 from either TSF or General Funds.

Tobacco Settlement Funds	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Request
HSC Instruction & General	581,500	581,500	398,700	581,500
Research in Genomics and Environmental Health	937,400	937,400	642,900	937,400
Pediatric Oncology	250,000	250,000	171,300	250,000
New Mexico Poison & Drug Information Center	590,200	590,200	404,900	590,200
Specialty Education in Trauma	250,000	250,000	171,300	250,000
Specialty Education in Pediatrics	250,000	250,000	171,300	250,000
Total	\$2,859,100	\$2,859,100	\$1,960,400	\$2,859,100

4. The HSC Biomedical Research (Genomics, Biocomputing, and Environmental Health Research) and the New Mexico Poison Control Center are the highest priorities because these programs do not have alternate sources of funding and are critical to the University of New Mexico HSC mission.

HSC Biomedical Research (Genomics, Biocomputing, and Environmental Health Research)

1. The HSC Research mission does not receive state funding except for TSFs and these funds are critical.
2. Since 2006, the TSF in the Biomedical research program pay for pilot funds and shared instrumentation.
3. Pilot funds return \$10-\$11 in federal funding for every \$1 dollar invested from the TSF.
4. Shared instrumentation is critical to performing state of the art research while reducing cost, eliminating duplication, and increasing competitiveness in federal grant applications.

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New Mexico Poison Control Center

1. The TSF in the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information program pays for staff pharmacists who are specialists in poison information to answer phones, along with toxicological information resources.
2. The return on investment from the TSF in FY22 was \$10.34 for every \$1 invested. This return on investment is based on saved ER costs estimated at \$1,050 per patient kept at home.
3. The New Mexico Poison and Drug Information program keeps home 80% of those who call the poison center before triage.
4. Maintaining a poison center is essential to be able to monitor and stop unusual toxicological outbreaks, such as methanol in hand sanitizer, novel tobacco delivery systems, and ivermectin for COVID

Pediatric Oncology Program

1. The TSF helps accomplish the mission of decreasing the burden of childhood cancer in New Mexico through comprehensive clinical service, research, and education.
2. The TSF is vital for the financial support of the faculty and the clinical research team who are working to offer the most cutting-edge research that includes: up to date clinical trials, targeted therapies, a precision medicine approach to cancer treatment and decreasing toxicities and long-term side effects.
3. The TSF assists in supporting excellent clinical care while allowing New Mexico families to remain close to home and to their support while going through a very difficult time.