



Fast Eviction Prevention

The Problem: When households face eviction, it's because they need money quickly. While there are eviction prevention programs currently in New Mexico, they often have stringent requirements that make them difficult to access, and run out of money fast.

The Solution: A fund to help people stay in their homes would not only keep people housed, it would provide stability for low-income families and free up the court systems.

Legislative Proposal: A recurring appropriation of approximately \$10 million to keep New Mexicans housed. The program would start as a 3 year pilot in order to study the needs and to quantify the challenges households face. An individual could be limited to applying for this assistance once per calendar year, and up to two times for extreme circumstances.

Potential Partners: Partners would be the Apartment Association, the New Mexico Realtors Association, landlords, and tenant and housing advocates.

Potential Opposition: Legislators and other critics that see this as a potential loophole for people to avoid paying their rent once a year or to build up an unpaid balance of rent.

How will we pay for it? A line item in the budget, or as part of the governor's annual housing appropriation.