

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-19

To Allocate Funds to Ensure Continuation of Health Care for Persons Served by the El Pueblo Clinic in Tucson

WHEREAS, the El Pueblo Clinic in Tucson, a nonprofit, community-controlled entity, has been providing primary care medical services to low-income residents of South Tucson since 1974; and

WHEREAS, the El Pueblo Clinic provides medical services to patients with private health insurance, public-sponsored health insurance, and the working poor; and

WHEREAS, the El Pueblo Clinic provided over 7,000 essential primary care visits to more than 3,000 children and adults in fiscal year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the El Pueblo Clinic is the only source of affordable, conveniently located medical care in South Central Tucson; and

WHEREAS, circumstances not under the clinic's control occurred in 1999 that resulted in a disruption of services which placed the clinic in financial jeopardy and created a situation whereby many patients went without care thereby jeopardizing their health and well-being; and

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WHEREAS, the El Pueblo Clinic has begun to see the return of previously reassigned patients and anticipates a return to financial viability by early 2001 and is seeking a one-time grant to serve as a "bridge" to stabilize a short-term cash flow crisis as the clinic moves to permanent stability; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 First Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, the Health Crisis Fund was established, authorizing the Governor to expend funds in order to respond to an existing health crisis;

NOW, I HEREOF, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby declare a health crisis or significant potential for a health crisis in this State and hereby:

Allocate on a one-time basis, such funds as necessary, not to exceed \$60,000, from the Health Crisis Fund as established pursuant to A R S 36-797 to the Department of Health Services, to be distributed as needed for the continuation of the El Pueblo Clinic in Tucson

Direct the Department of Health Services to report the expenditures of these funds made by the El Pueblo Clinic in Tucson to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund pursuant to A R S 36-797.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Jane Dee Hull
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Eleventh Day of October Two Thousand and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Fourth

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless
Secretary of State