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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gonzales ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/10
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 146
SHORT TITLE Talpa Community Center SB _____
ANALYST Aubel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 146 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration Department for operating expenses for the Talpa Community Center in fiscal year 2011.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY11 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Talpa Community Center is located in Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico. The facility houses a public library that is affiliated with the library system that serves Taos County. According to <http://www.librarytechnology.org/lwc-displaylibrary.pl?RC=54364>, the collection of the library contains 6,245 volumes and serves a population of 772 residents.

According to DFA, the funding is needed to pay for operating expenses of the community center

“in order to avoid cutbacks or closure.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

LGD most likely will need to arrange for the city or county to act as fiscal agent for the appropriation. LGD will need to provide oversight of the funding.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

According to DFA, “operating expenses will need to be paid and another source of funds will need to be utilized. If no other funding is available, the community center in Talpa runs the risk of not being able to operate and faces cutbacks and/or closure.”

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Could the governing body of the Talpa Community Center request an emergency loan from the State Board of Finance?
2. What is the entire budget for the center and how is it currently funded?
3. What budget reductions are being proposed if this funding does not occur?
4. What cutbacks have already occurred?

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