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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/9/16  
**SPONSOR** Garcia **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** 52

**SHORT TITLE** Southeast Albuquerque Job Skills Program Funds **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Malone

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$250.0	\$250.0	\$500.0	Recurring	DFA Special Appropriations

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 52 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD) to allow the City of Albuquerque to contract with a community organization for a community reentry program that will provide job skills training and job placement services to persons who are completing or have completed probation or parole sentences and who reside in the neighborhoods of John Marshall, south Broadway, east San Jose and Kirtland addition in Albuquerque.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The \$250 thousand appropriation contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 will revert to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMCD reports that providing job skills training and job placement services to former probationers and parolees is good public policy, as such individuals who are able to find jobs are less likely to need to recidivate because of improved self-esteem and because they do not need to commit new crimes in order to support themselves or their families.

DFA notes that the agency would enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Albuquerque and the city would likely need to contract with a community organization to provide job skills training and job placement services to persons who are completing or have completed probation or parole sentences. The city would likely issue a request for proposals to identify a community organization and to ensure there are no Constitutional antidonation issues.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Each year new special appropriations are added for the LGD to administer. The agency is concerned that LGD will struggle to meet its statutory duties and overall mission if its resources are directed towards numerous small special projects.

**ALTERNATIVES**

DFA suggests that the funds could flow through the Department of Workforce Solutions to provide the necessary oversight as DWS may have expertise in job skills training and job placement services.

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