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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ferrary **LAST UPDATED** _____
ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/23
BILL
SHORT TITLE Residential Treatment Services Funding **NUMBER** House Bill 92
ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$859.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent version of this legislation.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$129.8	\$129.8	\$259.6	Recurring	General Fund

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Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 92

House Bill 92 would appropriate \$859 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department (HSD) for expenditure in FY24 to fund an organization located in Doña Ana County that provides long-term residential treatment services for people diagnosed with serious mental illness and psychosis.

This bill does not contain an effective date, and as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 92 would appropriate \$859 thousand from the general fund to HSD in FY24. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the end of FY24 would revert to the general fund.

HSD's Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) reports it does not oversee facilities for people diagnosed with mental illness. BHSD indicates to conduct oversight of the contract for the funding contained in the bill it would need to hire a position and use part of a supervisor's time at a cost \$129.8 thousand annually for salary and benefits and operating costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

LFC's Behavioral Health Collaborative FY22 fourth quarter performance report card indicates New Mexico had some of the poorest substance use and behavioral health outcomes in the country even before the Covid-19 pandemic further exacerbated anxiety, depression, and substance use. In New Mexico, 19 percent of adults experience mental illness, and as of 2020, New Mexico had the second highest suicide rate in the nation, a rate of 24.8 per 100 thousand people. Over 60 percent of adults with moderate mental illness and 30 percent of adults with serious mental illness did not receive treatment.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

BHSD reports it does not provide oversight of long-term psychiatric care and would need to create policy, procedures, and regulatory compliance tools.

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