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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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BILL \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Domestic Violence Coordinated Response NUMBER Senate Bill 331  
ANALYST Chenier

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 331

Senate Bill 331 appropriates \$350 thousand from the general fund to CYFD for domestic violence coordinated community response.

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 into law.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

CYFD said that the current domestic violence coordinated community response (CCR) project was first funded in FY23 through a recurring appropriation of \$340 thousand. This funding supports key experts in CCR, who have a statewide focus, and three focus communities. This appropriation is sufficient to support three to four additional focus communities.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD provided the following:

The goal of coordinated community response (CCR) is to improve the response to, and prevention of, domestic violence within New Mexico jurisdictions by encouraging stakeholders to plan toward an integrated service delivery approach that improves the safety of survivors and their dependents and increases the monitoring/containment of perpetrators.

A CCR is an interagency effort to change the climate of tolerance of battering/coercive control by institutionalizing practices and procedures which centralize victim safety and offender accountability in domestic assault cases. (Miller, 2022). Effective CCR work increases the capacity of systems to respond effectively to domestic violence by continually assessing the system response and helping providers to identify challenges and explore solutions within their communities. Systems include, but are not limited to, law enforcement, prosecutors, courts (probation), parole, survivor service providers, and offender treatment programs.

Analysis of court data by the University of New Mexico (UNM) Evaluation Lab revealed a steep decline in domestic violence convictions between 2015 and 2020 in New Mexico courts, from 21 percent to 11 percent, giving New Mexico one of the lowest conviction rates in the country. CYFD contracts with the UNM Evaluation Lab (Department of Public Policy) to evaluate the impact of CCR efforts.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DAIP) in Duluth, Minnesota, pioneered the CCR model, resulting in one of the highest conviction rates in the country (data pending). DAIP is contracted by the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide significant training and technical assistance in New Mexico's rollout of CCR.

Successful CCR efforts will synchronize stakeholder policies, increase conviction rates, improve rates of referral and completion of domestic violence offender treatment and intervention programs, increase supervision of perpetrators and the swiftness of sanctions for re-offense or non-compliance with sentencing terms, and increase the coordination and effectiveness of advocacy services for victims and their dependents. CYFD Behavioral Health Services (BHS) would expect to see an increase in advocacy and offender treatment performance measures within focus communities over the next 2-4 years.