

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Indeterminate as to the Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public School Capital Outlay Fund (PSCOF) is the source of funding for the standards-based and systems-based capital outlay programs for public schools statewide, as well as the state match for the Public School Capital Improvements Act (SB9), Lease Assistance Program, Master Plan Assistance Program, and other programs under the Public School Capital Outlay Act (Chapter 22, Article 24 NMSA 1978). Revenues to the fund are principally from supplemental severance tax bonds and allocations from the fund are authorized by the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC).

In 2018, Senate Bill 239 created a school security system project grant initiative and made a recurring appropriation up to \$10.0 million annually to provide matching funds in fiscal years 2019 to 2022 to improve the security of school buildings, property and occupants. Pursuant to this initiative, the PSCOC made a total of 251 school security system awards based on the applicants' ranking and their ability to meet the local match requirement between FY19 and FY20.

In FY22 and FY23 two separate appropriations (SB212 and HB505) were made for school security programs out of which 178 projects were funded.

School districts have used the appropriations to fund projects items such as fencing, cameras, intercoms, radios, magnetic locks, exterior door and hardware replacements, access control systems, security systems, vestibules, personal crisis alarms, and one-way film for windows.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Acquiring a software program that can seamlessly integrate with the existing surveillance or security system of a public school may prove challenging, as many firearm detection software solutions rely on advanced AI technologies.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Public Education Department will need to establish rules for the procedures for a school district or charter school as it relates to the application and disbursement of funds from the grant.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

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Outlay Council (PSCOC). In 2018, Senate Bill 239 created a school security system project grant initiative and made a recurring appropriation up to \$10.0 million annually to provide matching funds in fiscal years 2019 to 2022 to improve the security of school buildings, property and occupants. (Many school districts applied for security awards to include such items as secured vestibules, fencing, etc).

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

N/A

AMENDMENTS

N/A