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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

<b>SPONSOR</b> <u>Herndon/Ferrary</u>	<b>LAST UPDATED</b> _____
<b>SHORT TITLE</b> <u>Community-Based Domestic Violence Programs</u>	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> <u>2/1/25</u>
	<b>BILL NUMBER</b> <u>House Bill 216</u>
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### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
\$0	\$10,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parenteses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
 \*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Duplicates Senate Bill 191  
 Relates to House Bill 57  
 Relates to an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 Crime Victim Reparations Commission (CVRC)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 216

House Bill 216 (HB216) appropriates \$10 million from the general fund to the Crime Victim Reparations Commission (CVRC) for community-based domestic violence programs.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the general fund. Although SB191 does not specify future appropriations, funding for programs creates an expectation the program will continue in future fiscal years; therefore, this cost is assumed to be recurring.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) indicates HB216 will not have a fiscal impact on the courts.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This appropriation would address lack of access and service issues statewide. A recent needs assessment conducted by the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center<sup>1</sup> found 1 in 3 people in the state lives more than 10 miles driving distance to the closest domestic violence program and more than 1 in 10 live over 25 miles from the nearest service provider. The Crime Victim Reparations Commission (CVRC) reports survivors in some rural counties must travel as much as 90 miles for services. Where they exist, services are currently inadequately funded to meet the spectrum of needs of survivors in the state.

CVRC also notes that House Bill 57 (HB57) proposes to create a program for attorneys to represent indigent domestic abuse survivors; the appropriation in HB216 would provide a possible funding stream to support that work.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HB216 duplicates Senate Bill 191.

It relates to HB57, which would create a program to provide legal representation for domestic abuse survivors.

The LFC recommendation version of the General Appropriations Act includes \$52.9 million for the Behavioral Health Services Division at the Children, Youth and Families Department, which includes domestic violence programs.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nmcadv.org/our-projects/needs-assessment>