

proposals submitted this year by NMSU. The federal government will match funds provided by the legislature if the October 22 deadline set for applications is met.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$450.0 appropriation from the general fund contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The grant will be administered by NMSU.

DUPLICATION

Senate Bill 26 is identical to House Bill 78.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following is provided for information only. It is not intended as a commentary on the merits of the program\project:

This request for funding was presented to and approved by NMSU' Board of Regents and included in the institution's budget request. However, it is not recommended by the CHE.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What evidence, such as test scores, do you have to justify the creation of the center?
2. Were public school personnel involved in the development of this request?
3. From what grade levels will student mentors come, e.g., high school, college?
4. If funded, how long would it take to get the program "up and running"?
5. Is there any activity such as the one proposed currently taking place?

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