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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Irwin DATE TYPED 2/21/05 HB 877

SHORT TITLE Statewide Museum Outreach Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Hadwiger

### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$157.5			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 877 appropriates \$157,500 from the general fund to Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) for the Museum Services Division to expand outreach, exhibition development, collections care, materials conservation, business development skills, training workshops, technical assistance and site visits to assist 170 public and private museums throughout the state.

#### Significant Issues

The Museum Services Division provides a variety of services to its museum clients, primarily DCA museums. The division also reaches beyond the agency through its specialized departments and with its program, the Museum Development Program. This program serves to bridge the gap between large and small museums in New Mexico; provides a more equitable statewide distribution of museum resources (both collections and expertise); helps to improve facilities, collections care, professional standards and financial sustainability; and facilitates statewide information exchange, especially via electronic communications. Over the last three years, the program has delivered direct services to a core group of 13 museums from Aztec, Clayton, Carlsbad, Grants, Las Cruces, Silver City, Deming, Lovington, Alamogordo, Los Ojos, Las Ve-

gas and Chimayo. Ultimately, the program has impacted more than 130 museums and cultural institutions. In the coming year, they hope to add museums in Belen, Raton, Hobbs, Espanola and Ruidoso to the program. Services provided thus far have included: preservation plans to address collections; facilities improvements; professional development for staff and boards; security plans; and professional consultation. While the Museum Services Division provides office space, supplies and meeting space, there is currently little program funding. If this bill is enacted, the Museum Services Division would be able to insure the continuation and growth of this program.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$157,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

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