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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED

SPONSOR Harrison 2/07/06 HB 784

SHORT TITLE GALLUP HOMELESS SERVICES SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 79, HB 224, SB 117
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 784 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of providing transitional housing, care management services and life skills training for homeless persons in Gallup.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Homelessness is a statewide problem and according to the University of New Mexico Homelessness Awareness and Advocacy Group about 35% of Albuquerque's homeless are

chronically mentally ill or mentally incapacitated. According to some estimates, between 25% to 75% of the homeless have substance abuse issues. They comprise the most obvious segment of the homeless to the general public. Yet, a substantial portion of the homeless (30%) are women and children. Families are the fastest growing sub-group of homeless people in Albuquerque, following the larger national trend. At least 35% work part- or full-time.

MFA traditionally disburses any funds provided by the State Legislature to agencies statewide that provide shelter.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

With homelessness a state wide problem should the appropriation be just for the Gallup area?

MW/yr