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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR  M.P. Garcia  LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB  631

SHORT TITLE  ALBUQUERQUE DONATED BICYCLE REPAIRS  SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST  Propst

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$15.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 631 appropriates \$15.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to contract with a community organization that serves the west Central metropolitan redevelopment area in Albuquerque, to implement a community bicycle program to restore and repair donated bicycles to needy children and families to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DFA the community organization referenced in HB 631 is the West Central Community Development Group comprised of ten neighborhood associations and 2 business leaders from the west side of Albuquerque. The organization's mission is to revitalize the West

Central, Old Coors, and Unser areas.

One of the founding neighborhood associations is the Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association, which began a Albuquerque Bicycle Recycling Program. The \$15.0 appropriated from HB 631 will be targeted solely to the Bicycle Recycling Program (BRP) to purchase helmets, parts, distributing the restored bikes and picking up donated bikes from around the state. Currently, BRP has approximately 200 bikes waiting for funding and parts donations and volunteers to restore the bikes. The funding in this bill will enable BRP to move these bikes out of the warehouse and into the children's homes.

BRP has been serving the Albuquerque area for approximately two years. It started as a bike safety program for children who lived within the Vecinos del Bosque Neighborhood Association, teaching the children to remain safe while riding their bikes along Central and Atrisco Avenues. It is estimated that the BRP has distributed over 600 bicycles to needy children and adults. The average restoration cost for a bicycle is between \$25 and \$30. The recipients of the restored bicycles pay nothing for the bicycle. All work is done by volunteers, with used bikes, parts and supplies provided by donation.

The bulk of BRP's assistance is targeted to children in the 1st through 5th grades. School counselors at the elementary schools select those students most in need of assistance and then send a letter home to the parents offering the family a free bike. If the student has siblings, those siblings are also offered free bikes. The family must come to the school where, by lottery, the children will be able to select a bike for themselves. Before they choose a bike, the children and their parents must watch a 10 minute bike safety video. A helmet is also given to the child when he chooses a bike.

BRP also works with the Veterans Hospital and St. Martins Hospitality Center to provide bikes to needy adults. St. Martins' counselors select those homeless adults who are making an effort to improve their lives and BRP provides those individuals with free bicycles to assist with their transportation needs. The Veterans Hospital uses the restored bikes in two ways (1) to be used at the hospital for recreational rehab purposes and (2) to give to participants of their rehab program after the participants have finished.

BRP maintains a web site at [www.communitybikerecycling.org](http://www.communitybikerecycling.org).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA indicates that it has the staff and experience to administer this program.

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