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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED _____ HB 458

SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Community Bicycle Program SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	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 458, Making an Appropriation to Implement a Community Bicycle Program for Needy Children in Albuquerque, appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of a community bicycle program to restore and repair donated, used bicycles for needy children.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA notes that the West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Area is an area designated for redevelopment by the City of Albuquerque. It includes ten neighborhood associations and two merchant associations. It is considered a blighted area with a large Hispanic minority population. The population of this area is approximately 50,000.

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand will go towards administration, the purchase of helmets, parts, distributing the restored bikes and picking up donated bikes from around the state. The recipients of the restored bicycles pay nothing for the bicycle. Restoration is done by volunteers, with used bikes, parts and supplies provided by donation. Bicycles will be provided to children mainly in the first through fifth grades. Needy adults will also be given an opportunity to own bikes. Referrals will be made from the Veterans Hospital and the St. Martin's Hospitality Center.

CYFD notes that bicycle donation, repair, and refurbishment programs are a growing part of the community involvement sector, and CYFD supports such programs in New Mexico, such as the Bicycle/Recycle Program in Grant County, which teaches children, under adult supervision, to assemble, disassemble, repair, adjust, service, and safely ride donated bicycles. During its first year, the Grant County program refurbished more than 400 donated bicycles, including 22 almost-new bikes donated by WalMart. Due to rising gasoline prices and a renewed focus on health and the environment, bicycles are a growth industry, and bicycle repair a highly employable skill set.

This bill does not indicate how the needy children and families would be identified for the bicycle donation program. Depending on how the children and families are identified, and how the restoration and repair process is approached, CYFD clients may benefit from the program.

DUPLICATION

Duplicates HB 329

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