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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/31/12

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 204

SHORT TITLE Foster-Grandparent Programs SB _____

ANALYST Aledo-Sandoval

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$280.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 204 appropriates \$280,000 from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY13 to fund foster grandparent programs in Mora, San Miguel, and Guadalupe counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$280.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY13 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Children, Youth and Families Department does not currently fund any foster grandparent programs. The Aging and Long Term Services Department is currently contracting with a number of providers statewide to operate foster grandparent programs. The ALTSD has the staff and capacity to contract these additional funds with no added administrative burden.

The ALTSD states that the proposed funding is intended to replace lost federal funding.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The ALTSD's Foster Grandparent Program offers part-time volunteer opportunities to persons with low incomes, aged 55 and older, who provide one-to-one supportive services to children with special or exceptional needs. Foster grandparents receive stipends to support their volunteer work. The foster grandparents in Mora, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties serve primarily in the local schools, supplementing needed services to the area's children. The federal funding cuts have resulted in a reduction in the number of foster grandparents.

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