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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/06/12

SPONSOR Griego, P. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Homeless Assistance SB 283

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$45.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 283 would appropriate \$45 thousand from the general fund to the DFA Local Government Division to provide assistance to the homeless in the city of Las Vegas.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$45 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

The Local Government Division reports no additional operating budget to administer this appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DFA provided the following background information.

According to the Las Vegas Housing Authority, Samaritan House, Inc. is the sole provider of homeless assistance in the City of Las Vegas, and would be the primary recipient if SB283 is enacted. The Samaritan House, Inc. offers four programs to assist individuals in need: a food pantry program, a shelter, community transitional housing, and the Samaritan House thrift store. Through these programs Samaritan House, Inc. provides individuals or families with food distribution, nightly meals, showering facilities, laundry facilities, and shelter for up to ten individuals for up to thirty days when sufficient funding and volunteers are available. The Samaritan House, Inc. assists those who qualify with finding a residence and paying utility/rent deposits. The Samaritan House, Inc. also issues vouchers for their thrift store to needy individuals so needed goods may be obtained.

Services provided by Samaritan House, Inc. are primarily supported through donations solicited from businesses, foundations, individuals, and some funding provided by local, state, and federal programs. Samaritan House, Inc. also relies heavily on volunteer services. Samaritan House, Inc. is in need of additional funds for general operation and shelter maintenance.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to the DFA, the Local Government Division would enter into a grant agreement with the City of Las Vegas. The City would enter into an agreement to provide the services. Since Samaritan House, Inc. is a non-profit organization, the City would have to ensure compliance with the New Mexico Constitution, Article IX, Section 14 also known as the anti-donation clause.

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