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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/14

SPONSOR Lopez **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Senior Citizen Programs **SB** 220

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$5,330.25	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 90, NM Senior Citizen Programs
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 220 appropriates \$5.3 million from the general fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department to fund senior citizen programs as follows:

- \$5,038.5 to the four area agencies on aging for senior services, including adult daycare, case management, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, in-home services, transportation and senior center services;
- \$240.8 for volunteer programs, including foster grandparents, senior companions and retired senior volunteers;
- \$46.0 for expansion of evidence-based Alzheimer’s disease programs in Northern New Mexico; and
- \$5.0 for assistance services provided to grandparents raising grandchildren.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 220 includes an FY15 general fund recurring appropriation of \$5.3 million. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee adopted the Executive recommendation for the FY15 budget for the Aging Network Program of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department which includes an additional \$1.4 million for the items contained in SB 220.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD indicates because of the increasing population of older persons in New Mexico and the current adverse economic environment, aging network providers are experiencing an increasing need and demand for services. Service providers and local government sponsors, particularly tribal providers, have also experienced reductions in federal funding resulting in insufficient financial and physical resources to serve additional seniors. Aging network providers have maintained services in some cases by consolidating program sites, increasing the use of volunteers, and increasing fund-raising efforts. Aging network providers include small non-profit organizations, as well as local and tribal governments.

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