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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Homebound Person Meals SB 95
ANALYST Hitzman

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY22	FY23		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 95 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration for operational support for a program providing meals to homebound individuals in the City of Santa Fe.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY23 shall revert to the general fund.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB95 appropriates funding for a homebound meals program in DFA, but some homebound meal programs already exist within the Aging and Long-Term Services Department. According to the ALTSD's [webpage](#), homebound or home delivered meals “are delivered to clients who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals and have no caregiver at home to prepare meals for them.” However, it is unclear how many homebound individuals are in need of this service in the City of Santa Fe or whether the program provided for in SB95 would supplement, duplicate, or replace the existing home delivered meals program at ALTSD. As noted by ALTSD, in Santa Fe County, the total number of meals delivered to older adults and adults with disabilities totaled 355,822 in FY21.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

To distribute funding, the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration would need to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Santa Fe and issue payment reimbursements for valid expenditures.

DFA would be required to develop and administer a homebound meals program under SB95. This would require additional staff and administrative support within the local government division, however the extent of this need is currently unknown. Further, DFA notes that the local government division “does not have subject matter expertise and has limited knowledge in homebound meal programs.” DFA may benefit from leveraging existing resources and may benefit from coordinating or partnering with ALTSD and other agencies that provide existing meal programs.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives to SB95 would be to continue implementation of existing meal programs and hunger initiatives, such as those at the Aging and Long-Term Services Department, which administers a home delivered meals program for the elderly, or the Human Services Department, which administers several programs related to hunger for low-income individuals and families.

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