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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

<b>SPONSOR</b> <u>SHPAC</u>	<b>LAST UPDATED</b> _____
	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> <u>3/11/23</u>
<b>SHORT TITLE</b> <u>Rename Juvenile Continuum Grant Fund</u>	<b>BILL NUMBER</b> <u>CS/Senate Bill 339/SHPACS</u>
	<b>ANALYST</b> <u>Chenier</u>

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
		Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal			Juvenile Continuum Grant/Juvenile Equity Community Grant

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
 \*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to appropriation in General Appropriation Act

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of SHPAC Substitute for Senate Bill 339

The Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee substitute for Senate Bill 339 (SB339/SHPACS) renames the “juvenile continuum grant” as the “juvenile equity community grant,” shifts the focus of the fund’s expenditures from cost-effective services to individualized services, and adds juvenile diversion programs and system improvement to the list of activities permitted for funding. The bill requires CYFD to work with juvenile justice advisory committees to adopt rules concerning qualifications for grants and requirements for grant applications. The bill would also expand membership in juvenile justice continuums to include community organizations and community members, requires the continuum boards to reflect the diversity of the juvenile population being served, and requires the continuum to provide services inclusive of all eligible juveniles.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD said including the juvenile justice advisory committee in the rule-making process will require additional financial support to the committee. This support will be absorbed through existing resources.

As of November 2022, the juvenile continuum grant fund carried a balance of \$6.2 million. Average expenditures from the fund between FY18 and FY22 were \$2.1 million and average revenue to the fund was about \$2.7 million. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute for House Bill 2 (the General Appropriation Act) as amended by the Senate Finance Committee contains an appropriation of \$500 thousand from the juvenile continuum grant fund for a community collaborative to support juvenile justice reform.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CYFD provided the following:

The juvenile justice advisory committee published its Race Equity Statement in March of 2021 to ensure [Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee] funds and actions are guided by principles of equity for all young people in New Mexico. The name change proposed within this bill is consistent with this statement and with system improvement practices. Currently, 19 of the 33 New Mexico counties are supported by 17 continuums.

It is unclear how this bill's requirement that the juvenile justice advisory committee and CYFD work in conjunction to issue rules pertaining to grants made under this section of statute will interact with the authority granted the secretary by §9-2A-7(D) to make and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out departmental and division duties.

## **Relationship**

SB339/SHPACS relates to a \$500 thousand from the juvenile continuum grant fund for a community collaborative to support juvenile justice reform.

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