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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Morales **ORIGINAL DATE** _____
LAST UPDATED 01/21/15 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Plan and Track Community and Capital Projects **SB** 78

ANALYST Sanogo

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$378.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

SB 78 appropriates \$378 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division of DFA to improve planning, tracking and mapping of community and economic development projects, and to provide technical assistance to implement and coordinate projects by the state's planning districts and councils of governments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$378 thousand contained in SB 78 is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 16 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Unrelated to any legislation introduced to date, the New Mexico Association of Regional Councils (NewMARC) has developed "The Ristra Project" - a statewide, integrated web-based application that enables the New Mexico economic development community to better plan, manage and measure economic performance.

According to EDD, the database system is designed to be user-friendly, and each project listing

can be updated, summarized, monitored, and shared for information.

This funding will allow the NM Council of Governments (COG) to focus efforts on the rural communities that lack the capacity to address numerous requirements to pursue and complete projects. Furthermore, DFA contends that the funding will allow COGs to complete the development of the statewide comprehensive economic development strategy.

EDD argues the intent of this legislation is to improve the implementation system that is currently in place, and would “seem to be a better use of funds” to support the economic development efforts.

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