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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Park DATE TYPED 2/3/04 HB 363

SHORT TITLE Homicide Survivor Services SB _____

ANALYST Reynolds-Forte

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$75.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Crime Victim Reparation Commission

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 363 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Crime Victim Reparation Commission for FY05 to provide services to survivors of homicide.

Significant Issues

The Crime Victim Reparation Commission has a vendor “The Survivors of Homicide Organization” which provides services throughout the State. The organization currently has one victim advocate with no funding for travel or training. This additional money would provide the Commission the funds to provide for an additional victim advocate and fund travel throughout the State.

The Crime Victim Reparation Commission notes that New Mexico has the third highest per capita rate of homicide in the country and the DA victim advocates are unable to provide the high

level of advocacy required in the homicide cases.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 363 appropriates \$75 thousand to the Crime Victim Reparation Commission to provide services to survivors of homicide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances at the end of FY05 will revert.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This would have minimal administrative impact.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 363 relates to the General Appropriations Act. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee recommendation for the Crime Victim Reparation Commission FY05 budget contains \$2.6 million in federal funds for this type of program.

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