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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gutierrez DATE TYPED 02/28/05 HB 986

SHORT TITLE Las Cruces Indigent Persons Services SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 986 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the local government division of the DFA to contract with community-based health and human service organizations for services for the indigent in Las Cruces.

Significant Issues

DOH writes: “Doña Ana County has seen an increasing number of persons who require assistance with indigent funding in order to cover payment of their health services. Although the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services (DACHHS) already has an indigent fund program, it has very specific qualifications when agencies apply for funding. HB 986 may be seen as less restrictive than the current DACHHS program and would offer further financial assistance to those community based health and human service organizations that are currently providing indigent services in Las Cruces.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA will have to develop and administer contracts with a local community based organizations.

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