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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/07

SPONSOR Altamirano LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Socorro Homeless Shelter Care SB 804

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$60.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 804 appropriates \$60.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY08 to provide shelter care services for the homeless in Socorro.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The "Puerto Seguro" is a shelter care services program for the homeless currently operating this project. The organization is a non-profit registered as a 501(c)(3). The building is owned by the City of Socorro who provides space for this organization.

Approximately 400 clients are served annually through this program. The program is open three days a week providing: free hot lunch; provider referral services; free thrift shop for clothing and basic household goods; shower and laundry availability; and, periodic overnight shelter to local hotels as funding through donations is available. The program has one contract staff position at 20 hours a week through a small grant fund. In the past, the program has operated using other grants as well as a prior legislative appropriation through the Albuquerque Housing Authority. 10 to 12 volunteers provide over 50 hours of services weekly.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The volunteer Finance Director for this program and a City of Socorro administrator state that this appropriation is to fund one full-time manager position to oversee all operations of this program. The funding includes salary and support funds for this position. The language in the bill does not address that the funds are for a staff position. Funds will need to go through the City.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DFA reports that the volunteers, including officers of the Board of Directors which also volunteer their time and effort are burdened with providing increased volunteer time to provide administration services for this program. Hence, the need for a full time management position is evident. An example is the 30 hours weekly volunteer time the Finance Director provides including grant writing and administration. Volunteer staff is now being asked to go beyond workable and realistic volunteer time which may result in loss of individual volunteers and their time and effort due to increased demand and lack of paid full time staff.

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