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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/07		
SPONSOR	Ortiz y Pino	LAST UPDATED	HB _____
	BERNALILLO COUNTY TRANSITIONAL		
SHORT TITLE	HOUSING	SB	982
		ANALYST	Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 1039

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 982 appropriates \$200.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to operate a transitional housing program for substance-dependent and homeless people in Bernalillo County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 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

DFA reports that the transitional housing program in Bernalillo County is designed to assist the substance dependent and homeless and to free up emergency room beds for true emergency room care. The program works in collaboration with the Metropolitan Assessment and Treatment

Services (MATS) facility which is located across the street from this non-profit location. The two programs are forming a social services arena that will reduce substance-dependence and will secondarily reduce Albuquerque's homeless population. By helping individuals to become sober and then helping them to attain stable housing and employment, many more of Albuquerque's citizens will become healthier contributing members of the community at large. As a by-product, each hospital emergency department in Albuquerque should be decompressed and the general public should receive more prompt emergency room care.

The program currently operates a community center building that offers programs such as AA and NA meetings, exercise classes and other social services designed to support and sustain the sobriety of the MATS graduates.

Funding from foundations and private donors have allowed for the construction of the transitional housing project to begin. There will be 20 transitional housing units available for homeless while they gain the knowledge and the skills needed to obtain employment and the ability to secure stable housing in the community.

The purpose of this legislative funding is to sustain current programs and to develop future transitional housing initiative by allowing for a paid staff of four and to secure the costs of insurance and utilities to operate the facility.

(Source: Endorphin Power Company, Dr. Sam Sliselman, CEO).

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