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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Gonzales DATE TYPED: 02/18/03 HB 489

SHORT TITLE: Taos "Youthbuild" Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Padilla

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$40.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Capital Outlay Requests 142 and 781

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Department of Finance and Administration  
 State Department of Public Education

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill appropriates \$40.0 from the general fund to DFA's Local Government Division for the purpose of funding "Youthbuild," a private, non-profit youth development program for affordable housing construction in Taos County. The bill states that the funds would be used to hire trainees for the program.

#### Significant Issues

YouthBuild is a private, non-profit organization that offers job training, education, counseling and leadership development opportunities to low income, out-of-school youths, ages 16-24.

Taos County recently received a \$400.0 Youthbuild grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant will be used for 28 participants as they work to rehabilitate and

build three new homes. The Youthbuild program is targeted to high school dropout and disadvantaged youth ages 16-24. The program addresses the issues of youth unemployment, high drop-out rates, poverty, homelessness, and youth violence by providing educational assistance as well as on-the-job training in the construction trades. Students participate in GED/SAT/Diploma activities.

DFA points out that the Local Government Division does not usually administer funds for training programs and suggests that the appropriation would be better directed to the Department of Labor.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$40.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 04 shall revert to the general fund.

As noted above, the Youthbuild program recently received a \$400.0 federal grant.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

As noted above, DFA believes the appropriation in this bill would be better handled by the Department of Labor as it relates to worker training.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

Two house capital outlay requests, HC 142 and HC 781, each request \$105.0 for the purchase of materials and equipment for "Youthbuild."

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Should this bill be amended so that, per DFA's recommendation, this appropriation go to the Department of Labor?

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