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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Talpa Community Center Staff Appropriation SB 611/SCORCS  
ANALYST Aubel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### No Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

New Mexico Municipal League

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 611 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration Department to pay for staff expenses at the Talpa Community Center in Taos County in fiscal year 2012.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY12 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Talpa Community Center is located in Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico. The facility houses a public library that is affiliated with the library system that serves Taos County. According to <http://www.librarytechnology.org/lwc-displaylibrary.pl?RC=54364>, the collection of the library contains 6,245 volumes and serves a population of 772 residents.

According to the prior DFA analysis submitted for a similar bill submitted in 2010 (House Bill 146), the funding is needed to pay for operating expenses of the community center “in order to avoid cutbacks or closure.”

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

LGD most likely will need to arrange for the city or county to act as fiscal agent for the appropriation. LGD will need to provide oversight of the funding.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

According to the prior DFA analysis for HB 146, “operating expenses will need to be paid and another source of funds will need to be utilized. If no other funding is available, the community center in Talpa runs the risk of not being able to operate and faces cutbacks and/or closure.”

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Could the governing body of the Talpa Community Center request an emergency loan from the State Board of Finance?
2. What is the entire budget for the center and how is it currently funded?
3. What budget reductions are being proposed if this funding does not occur?
4. What cutbacks have already occurred?

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