

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ramos/ Rep. G Armstrong/ Sanchez ORIGINAL DATE 2/01/19 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Socorro County Controlled Substance Seizures SB 428
 ANALYST Gaussoin

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Related to Senate Bills 426 and 428

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Administrative Office of the Court (AOC)

No Responses Received

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 428 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division for use during FY20 in the investigation and seizure of controlled substances in Socorro County. Any money remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS reports the bill would have no significant impact on the department.

Socorro County is not among the 17 counties in the designated New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NMHIDTA), a primary program for federal drug interdiction grants.

The federal grant program of HIDTA, administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, supports federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies within designated areas. Hidalgo County, a neighbor of Socorro County and a NMHIDTA county, received almost \$240 thousand in a HIDTA grant in 2018.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bills 426 and 427 appropriate \$50 thousand from the general fund for drug interdiction in Grant and Catron counties, respectively.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The amount might be too small to make a significant difference in state and county drug efforts in the county.

ALTERNATIVES

Socorro County could apply for federal grants.

HFG/sb