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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Tall	man	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	01/22/2020	НВ		
SHORT TITI	LE	Outreach and Servi	ces to Homeless Vetera	nns	SB	25	
					ANALYST	Daly	

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY20	FY21	or Nonrecurring		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 98 and SB 45

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 25 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Veterans' Services Department for expenditure in FY21 for the purpose of providing outreach and services to homeless veterans statewide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 21 shall revert to the general fund.

VSD reports a minimal impact on its FY21 operating budget, but does not provide any specifics explaining any such impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD reports that the New Mexico's veteran homeless population was estimated to be 257 persons, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2019 PIT

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Estimates.VSD advises that, dependent on funding, it plans to partner with local veteran organizations to fund initiatives to support the homeless veteran population in the state. This particular appropriation would enable VSD to make a more significant contribution to this effort. VSD proposes coordinating with the Human Services Department (HSD) in light of that agency's ongoing homelessness programs which receive federal matching funds in an effort to maximize state funding to leverage federal funds while avoiding duplication of efforts.

RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates in subject matter population to HB 98, which makes a \$750 thousand appropriation to HSD for statewide outreach to members of the homeless population that qualify for Social Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits. This bill also relates to SB 45, which provides \$300 thousand in funding for a homeless shelter and supportive housing in Santa Fe.

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