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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date February 1, 2024

Bill No: SB278

**Agency Name
and Code
Number:**

Aging and Long-Term Services
Department - 62400

Sponsor: Senator Siah Correa Hemphill

Grant and Hildago Senior Citizen
Assistance

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 278

Senate Bill 278 (SB278) specifies that fifty thousand dollars would be appropriated from general funds to the Department of Finance and Administration in FY25 to support and assist residents sixty (60) years and older with safety and quality of life services in Grant and Hidalgo County, who have an income that is at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None currently identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Grant and Hildago Counties have a high percentage of older adults per county.

- Grant County has 10,421 residents who are sixty (60) years and older.¹

¹ <https://gps.unm.edu/pop/population-estimates.html>

- Hidalgo County has 1,185 residents who are sixty (60) years and older (2022 UNM Geospatial and Populations 1,185 Studies).²

The Aging and Long-Term Department (ALTSD) serves aging adults and adults with disabilities, and contracts with the NCNMEDD Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging to provide Older Americans Act Title III services in Grant and Hidalgo counties.

Hildago Medical Services is the community-based service provider contracted to provide congregate, home delivered meals, and transportation in five senior centers in Grant and Hidalgo counties. Hildago Medical Services also operates a special grant funded program (not under the Older Americans Act or the Non-Metro AAA contract) that provides basic needs support to low-income seniors sixty (60) years of age or older in urgent need of household repairs, rent, mortgage, utilities, and other miscellaneous expenses limited to five hundred (500) dollars per year per household.

Even given the current resources available in Grant and Hidalgo County there remains the need for additional resources to support aging adults in the community.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB278 indicates the Local Government Division of DFA will administer the funding to “a program,” this could cause confusion with either Grant and/or Hidalgo County regarding what if any criteria DFA used to determine the program recipient. ALTSD recommends that the funding be provided directly to Grant and Hidalgo Counties.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

² <https://gps.unm.edu/pop/population-estimates.html>

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill is not enacted there will be limited grant funding to support the quality of life and safety needs of older adults in Grant and Hidalgo counties.

AMENDMENTS