



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1390: HEALTH DISPARITIES & COMMUNITY GRANT EVALUATION

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to evaluate the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program rather than hiring an external evaluator.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required. See State Appropriations section.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$500,000	-\$500,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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This bill eliminates the requirement that a third-party contractor evaluate the effectiveness of the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The bill instead requires the CDPHE to evaluate and make publicly available the effectiveness of the grant program.

## Background

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[Senate Bill 21-181](#) expanded the Health Disparities Grant Program into the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program and appropriated \$4.7 million General Fund annually for additional grants. The grant program also receives \$1.6 million in tobacco tax revenue. The FY 2026-27 Long Bill is expected to reduce the program's General Fund appropriation by 53.2 percent, or \$2.5 million. The grant program aims to reduce the risk of disease and health disparities in underrepresented populations. Grantees include local public health agencies, nonprofits, a food bank, health clinics, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

## State Expenditures

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The bill will reduce General Fund expenditures by \$500,000 in FY 2026-27 and ongoing from CDPHE no longer contracting with a third-party evaluator. The CDPHE will have increased workload to conduct the evaluation internally.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## State Appropriations

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There is currently a \$2.5 million reduction in General Fund appropriations to the Department of Public Health and Environment in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, inclusive of the \$500,000 reduction discussed above. Therefore, no further reduction in appropriations is required through this bill.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).