



## Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Community Crime Victims Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This program is intended to provide funding to entities that provide support services and other interventions to crime victims and a victim's immediate family. On or before July 1, 2018, the CDPHE must develop policies for the administration of the program, including a competitive bid process for a nonprofit third-party administrator, which must be selected by September 2, 2018, and under contract by January 1, 2019. The bill specifies requirements for the administrator, grantees, and how the program should be operated. The grant administrator is required to develop, subject to approval by the CDPHE:

- a competitive request for proposal process and timeline for eligible entities to apply for a grant;
- a process for determining the amount of each grant that is awarded; and
- performance metrics and data collection for grantees.

A grant applicant must demonstrate that it has or will have a screening tool or screening process in place so that a credible determination can be made that the person seeking services has been a victim of crime. The grant program is repealed on September 1, 2023. Prior to its repeal, the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) is required to conduct a sunset review of the program.

The bill repeals an appropriation made to the Department of Local Affairs of \$1,761,140 from the Parole Savings Fund. This fund is repealed, which results in those moneys being returned to the General Fund. The bill appropriates \$880,570 General Fund to the CDPHE for FY 2018-19.

## Background and Assumptions

**Grant programs.** For the purposes of developing a cost estimate in this bill, staff analyzed four grant programs for crime victims managed by the Department of Public Safety. Specifically, the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) were evaluated as being similar in purpose and scope. The SASP program provides funding to organizations that provide direct intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. In 2018, the SASP program provided five grants totaling about \$318,000. VAWA program funds are provided on a competitive basis to help develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution, judicial strategies, and victim services throughout Colorado in cases involving violent crime against women. In 2018, the VAWA program provided 19 grants totaling \$2.1 million. Of this number, 8 grants totaling \$857,056 were made to nonprofit organizations providing victim services and interventions. The fiscal note uses the VAWA program funding for nonprofit organizations as a proxy for the grant program to be operated by the CDPHE.

## State Expenditures

This bill increases state workload beginning in the current FY 2017-18, and increases state General Fund expenditures by \$0.9 million per year starting in FY 2018-19, as described below.

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.** Workload increases for the CDPHE to develop a competitive bid process and select a third-party administrator to manage the grant program created under the bill. The fiscal note assumes that this workload can be

accomplished within the CDPHE's existing appropriations. For purposes of the grant program, the fiscal note assumes that the third-party administrator will receive \$880,570 per year, beginning in FY 2018-19. This amount is for the distribution of grants and contract administration.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies.** Workload increases for the department to conduct a sunset review of the grant program in FY 2022-23. This workload increase is anticipated to be accomplished within the department's existing sunset review process and does not require an increase in appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$880,570 General Fund to the CDPHE.

## Departmental Difference

The CDPHE identified costs of \$64,508 and 0.5 FTE in FY 2018-19 and \$39,652 and 0.3 FTE in future fiscal years to build relationships with community grantees and to monitor the grant contracts each year. The fiscal note does not include these costs because it assumes the third-party contractor will perform this work as part of its contract.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Information Technology
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