

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD GRANT PROGRAM.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/10/23.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriations clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2023-24. This provision also makes any amount of the appropriation that is unexpended at the end FY 2023-24 available for expenditure for the same purpose in FY 2024-25.

Points to Consider

Related Budget Information

There is currently in statute the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program (Section 26-2-139, C.R.S.), which is overseen by the Department of Human Services and provides financial assistance to food banks and food pantries in Colorado. The Program was created by H.B. 20-1422, which included an initial appropriation of \$500,000 General Fund and 0.5 FTE in FY 2019-20. Funding for the Program has been provided through legislative action in each fiscal year since. The primary source of program funding is General Fund, at \$22.5 million over four fiscal years. The exception to this is in FY 2021-22, when \$5.0 million cash funds were appropriated to the Program from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund (created in Section 24-75-228, C.R.S.), which originate as money received from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING HISTORY						
BILL	FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROP. FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
H.B. 20-1422	FY 2019-20	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
H.B. 20B-1003	FY 2020-21	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	0	0
S.B. 21-027	FY 2021-22	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	0
H.B. 22-1364	FY 2022-23	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	0
S.B. 23-119 ¹	FY 2022-23	14,000,000	14,000,000	0	0	0
	Total Funding	\$27,500,000	\$22,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0

¹ S.B. 23-119 (Dept. of Human Services Supplemental) provides \$14.0 million General Fund to the Grant Program and includes a footnote attached to the appropriation granting roll-forward spending authority for this amount through FY 2023-24.

House Bill 23-1158, as amended by the House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Report (02/15/23), creates the Colorado Commodity Supplemental Food Grant Program to provide financial assistance to county departments of human or social services and to food banks. Is it necessary to create a new grant program to provide targeted nutrition assistance to qualifying low-income older Colorado adults, rather than adjust the existing requirements of the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program to address the needs of this community?