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**SB 20-002**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Donovan; Coram Rep. McLachlan; Buentello	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** The bill codifies the Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs in state statute. The bill does not change expenditures for this existing program.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required; DOLA's FY 2020-21 appropriation for the REDI program is included as a footnote in the annual appropriations act (the Long Bill).

**Fiscal Note Status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill formalizes in statute the Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant program (REDI program) in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), to be administered in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). The REDI program provides grants that create new jobs in rural communities through a new employer or an expansion of an existing employer, or that create diversity and resiliency in a rural community's local economy.

No later than September 1, 2020, the DOLA must adopt rules for the REDI program including application procedures and timelines, criteria for a matching funds requirement, and performance and reporting requirements. The bill specifies evaluative criteria the DOLA must consider when reviewing applications and making awards. DOLA may award grants multiple times a year if deemed appropriate.

No later than November 1 each year, the DOLA must publish a report summarizing the use of money awarded through the REDI program, or used for the Rural Economic Advancement of Colorado Towns (REACT) program.

## Background

The REDI is an existing program established in FY 2015-16 through an amendment in the annual appropriations act (the Long Bill). The program provides grants to local governments in rural districts for economic development activities. For FY 2015-16 through FY 2018-19, the program was appropriated \$750,000 General Fund each year, which increased to \$780,000 in the current FY 2019-20. The FY 2020-21 Long Bill includes an appropriation of \$780,000 for the program.

### **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

Because the bill codifies an existing program in statute, it does not change the revenue or expenditures of any state agency or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Funding for the program is already included in the Long Bill for FY 2020-21.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 29, 2020, and took effect on September 14, 2020

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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