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Bill Topic: MOBILE VETERANS-SUPPORT UNIT GRANT PROGRAM

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates a pilot grant program to support mobile veteran services. The bill increases state expenditures in both FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$229,070 to the Department of Local Affairs.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-032

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Mobile Veterans-Support Unit Grant Program in the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The division must administer the grant program to provide funding to a veteran-owned organization. Grants must include funding for two years, and support two staff members and the purchase of a vehicle to distribute supplies or to transport rural or homeless veterans without access to other transportation.

By October 15, 2021, DOLA must adopt policies for the program, publicize selection criteria for grants, and establish timelines for applications and reporting. The division must accept applications beginning December 1, 2021 and award grants no later than January 21, 2022. By March 21, 2024, DOLA must submit a request to the General Assembly to continue the grant program.

The bill creates a new cash fund for the program consisting of private gifts, grants or donations, and money appropriated by the General Assembly. Subject to annual appropriations, DOLA may spend money from the fund to implement the program. The grant program is repealed on January 1, 2025.

## State Revenue

The bill permits gifts, grants, and private donations to the new grant program. No source or amount of private funding has been identified. State revenue from private sources is not subject to TABOR.

## State Expenditures

For FY 2021-22, the bill increases state expenditures in the DOLA by \$238,643 and 0.6 FTE. For FY 2022-23, state expenditures increase by \$26,484 and 0.3 FTE. New costs are displayed in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under SB 21-032**

	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Department of Local Affairs</b>		
Personal Services	\$39,480	\$21,535
Operating Expenses	\$810	-
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,200	-
Mobile Veteran Support Grant	\$182,580	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$9,573	\$4,949
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$238,643</b>	<b>\$26,484</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.6 FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Program administration.** The DOLA will require new staff beginning in July 2021 in order to adopt rules, create application procedures, publicize award criteria, evaluate applications, and award a grant. Assuming the program makes a single two-year grant by January 2022, administrative costs decrease once the veteran-owned service organization is selected to receive funding.

**Mobile veteran support grant.** The grant award is the largest cost component. The grant must be sufficient to support two full time staff members employed by the grantee and the purchase of a vehicle. Staff costs include compensation and minimum benefits.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include state employee insurance and supplemental state employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$9,573 in FY 2021-22 and \$4,949 in FY 2022-23.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$229,070 to the Department of Local Affairs, and 0.6 FTE

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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