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**Fiscal Note**

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**Bill Topic:** COLORADO FOSTERING SUCCESS VOUCHER PROGRAM

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill establishes the Colorado Fostering Success Voucher Program to provide housing vouchers and case management services to eligible youth who were in the foster care system. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2023-24, the bill requires appropriations totaling \$2.8 million to multiple agencies.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-082**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2023-24</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2024-25</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$2,783,111	\$2,741,196
	Federal Funds	\$22,096	\$20,362
	Centrally Appropriated	\$55,482	\$54,368
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,860,689</b>	<b>\$2,815,926</b>
	<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>3.0 FTE</b>	<b>3.0 FTE</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$417,467	\$411,179

## Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes the Colorado Fostering Success voucher program to provide housing vouchers and case management services to individuals who were part of the foster or kinship care system and are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The bill outlines the details of the program and eligibility criteria for participation. The program will be jointly developed and administered by the Department of Human Services (CDHS) and the Division of Housing within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$2.9 million in FY 2023-24 and \$2.8 million in FY 2024-25 and future years in CDHS and DOLA, paid primarily from the General Fund along with some federal funds. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under SB 23-082**

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
<b>Department of Human Services</b>		
Personal Services	\$153,933	\$153,933
Operating Expenses	\$2,700	\$2,700
Capital Outlay Costs	\$13,340	-
Housing Vouchers	\$1,086,800	\$1,086,800
Case Management Services	\$1,440,000	\$1,440,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$34,251	\$36,451
FTE – Personal Services	1.8 FTE	2.0 FTE
<b>CDHS Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,731,024</b>	<b>\$2,719,884</b>
<b>Department of Local Affairs</b>		
Personal Services	\$85,547	\$73,689
Operating Expenses	\$16,216	\$4,437
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$21,232	\$17,918
FTE – Personal Services	1.2 FTE	1.0 FTE
<b>DOLA Subtotal</b>	<b>\$129,665</b>	<b>\$96,042</b>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$2,860,689</b>	<b>\$2,815,926</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>3.0 FTE</b>	<b>3.0 FTE</b>

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

**Department of Human Services.** CDHS will have costs to fund housing vouchers, hire program staff to implement the program, and provide case management services beginning in FY 2023-24. Of the costs for CDHS, \$22,096 will come from federal funding, and the remaining from the General Fund.

- **Housing vouchers.** This fiscal note assumes that 100 youths will be served by the program each year and that housing voucher costs \$10,868 per recipient per year. Funding for housing vouchers will be paid from the General Fund.
- **Case management services.** Provision of case management services for youth who receive vouchers is estimated to cost \$1,440,000 per year. This includes connecting voucher recipients to a range of case management services and programs offered throughout the state by county departments, including support for locating housing, retaining employment, and accessing physical and mental health services.
- **Program staff.** CDHS will hire 2.0 FTE to provide support for the voucher program. This support will include implementation and administration of this program and working with DOLA to develop, streamline, and implement the referral and application process. Staff costs are prorated the first year and include standard operating and capital outlay expenses.

**Division of Housing, Department of Local Affairs.** DOLA will require 1.2 FTE in FY 2023-24 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2024-25 and future years for program operations, coordination, budgeting, data management, and data sharing. Staff costs include standard operating and capital outlay expenses, including initial and ongoing costs for cell phone service and access to existing data systems.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires appropriations totaling \$2,805,207, as follows:

- \$2,696,773 to the Department of Human Services, of which \$2,674,676 is from the General Fund and \$22,096 is from federal funds; and
- \$108,434 from the General Fund to the Department of Local Affairs.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Human Services	Information Technology
Law	Local Affairs	