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HOUSE BILL 18-1292

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McKean and Rosenthal,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Local Government
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE PILOT STATE ACCESS TO**
102 **RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
103 **PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
104 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill establishes the state access to resources and training grant program for persons experiencing homelessness (START grant program) in the department of local affairs (department). The purpose of the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 (2) "GRANT PROGRAM" OR "START GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE
2 STATE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM
3 FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
4 24-32-3603.

5 (3) "PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS" MEANS A PERSON
6 WHO DOES NOT HAVE A FIXED OR REGULAR RESIDENCE AND WHO MAY LIVE
7 ON THE STREET OR OUTDOORS, IN A HOMELESS SHELTER OR OTHER
8 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE, IN A VEHICLE, OR IN AN ENCLOSURE OR
9 STRUCTURE THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

10 (4) "START GRANT" MEANS A GRANT AWARDED TO A PUBLIC
11 SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT HAS CONTACT
12 WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION
13 24-32-3603.

14 **24-32-3603. START grant program for persons experiencing**
15 **homelessness - established - criteria - administration.** (1) THE STATE
16 ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM FOR
17 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS ESTABLISHED IN AND TO BE
18 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE GOAL OF THE START GRANT
19 PROGRAM IS TO MAKE GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SAFETY,
20 SOCIAL SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH
21 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. START GRANT MONEY MUST BE
22 USED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
23 TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE START GRANT PROGRAM
24 IS ALSO DESIGNED TO ASSIST SUCH AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING AND
25 INSTITUTING COMMUNITY-CENTERED PROGRAMS WITH PROACTIVE
26 SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING
27 HOMELESSNESS AND MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO,

1 TRAINING, WORK PROGRAMS, HOUSING VOUCHERS, TRANSPORTATION,
2 COUNSELING OR THERAPY, AND FOOD ASSISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT
3 SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF
4 GRANT APPLICATIONS BY PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND
5 NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL AS THE CRITERIA FOR THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF
7 GRANT AWARDS. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A START GRANT, AN
8 APPLICANT SHALL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE A PLAN FOR COLLABORATION
9 WITH MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL
10 HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT
11 HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

12 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A START GRANT, AN APPLICANT SHALL
13 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AND
14 TIMELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
15 (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

16 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL UTILIZE FUNDING
17 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO CONTACT
18 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

19 (b) THE APPLICANT'S PLAN TO PROVIDE PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS AND
20 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

21 (c) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL COLLABORATE
22 WITH MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL
23 HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT
24 HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND

25 (d) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

26 (3) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2019, AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
27 APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT AND AWARD START

1 GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE BUT NO MORE THAN TEN PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL
2 SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS
3 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD GRANTS
4 IN VARYING AMOUNTS, NONE OF WHICH MAY EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

6 (4) A START GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE GRANT MONEY IN WAYS
7 IT DEEMS MOST BENEFICIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY; EXCEPT THAT A GRANT
8 RECIPIENT SHALL NOT USE GRANT MONEY IN THE FORM OF DIRECT CASH TO
9 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

10 **24-32-3604. Funding.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
11 APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX
12 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 39-28.8-501 FOR THE START GRANT
13 PROGRAM FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

14 **24-32-3605. Reporting requirements.** ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER
15 1, 2020, EACH RECIPIENT OF A START GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO
16 SECTION 24-32-3603 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT A SUMMARY OF
17 THE START GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
18 TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HELPED
19 THROUGH THE START GRANT AND ANY COST SAVINGS REALIZED FOR
20 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT,
21 LOCAL HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES
22 THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. ON
23 OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A
24 SUMMARY REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE START GRANT PROGRAM
25 IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE APPROPRIATE
26 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

27 **24-32-3606. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 36 IS REPEALED,

1 EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021.

2 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,
3 \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs. This
4 appropriation is from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section
5 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use
6 this appropriation for the state access to resources and training (START)
7 grant program for persons experiencing homelessness.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
11 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.