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# Final Fiscal Note

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 22-0902  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Coram  
Rep. Hooton

**Date:** July 28, 2022  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**Bill Topic:** **EXPAND MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill provides two years of funding for the administration of the Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required. See State Appropriations Section.

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

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-155**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2022-23</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2023-24</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	Cash Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to utilize \$100,000 from the health research subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for the administration of the Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program.

## **Background**

The Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program started in 2015 to provide grants for research intended to ascertain the general medical efficacy and appropriate administration of marijuana. The program has funded 11 studies since its inception, four of which are ongoing in clinical trials. The program has not approved any grants since 2018, when the Institute of Cannabis Research was created. The grant program has received \$100,000 per year from the subaccount for administration of current grants since FY 2019-20. The current FY 2021-22 is the last year the department will receive administrative funding under current law.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDPHE by \$100,000 in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 from the health research subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund. This amount represents the continuation of current funding levels for administration of the grant program, which include 1.0 FTE.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 9, 2022, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

No appropriation is required. The Health Research Subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the CDPHE.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Information Technology	Law
Public Health and Environment	Revenue