

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 23-0495.01 Chelsea Princell x4335

**SENATE BILL 23-027**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Cutter,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**  
Health & Human Services

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING FUNDING OF THE FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT**  
102 **PROGRAM.**

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**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>.)*

For the 2023-24 state fiscal year through the 2026-27 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$3 million annually from the general fund to the food pantry assistance grant program.

The bill repeals the food pantry assistance grant program, effective July 1, 2028.

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.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-139, **add** (7)  
3 and (8) as follows:

4           **26-2-139. Food pantry assistance grant program - created -**  
5 **timeline and criteria - grants - definitions - repeal.** (7) FOR STATE  
6 FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 THROUGH 2026-27, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
7 APPROPRIATIONS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THREE  
8 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE  
9 DEPARTMENT FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM.

10           (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028.

11           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.