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Bill Topic: COLORADO FOSTERING SUCCESS VOUCHER PROGRAM

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue (checkbox)
State Expenditure (checked)
State Transfer (checkbox)
TABOR Refund (checkbox)
Local Government (checkbox)
Statutory Public Entity (checkbox)

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 and includes an appropriation of \$2.7 million to the Department of Human Services.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-082

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, Out Year FY 2024-25, and a sub-column for General Fund Reserve. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Federal Funds, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

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 \$2.7 million in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 and future years in CDHS, 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
Department of Human Services		
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 ¹	\$34,251	\$36,451
Total Costs	\$2,731,024	\$2,719,884
Total FTE	1.8 FTE	2.0 FTE

¹ 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 the program, including coordination, budgeting, data management, and data sharing. Program staff and related funding will be managed jointly with DOLA through an interagency agreement. Staff costs are prorated the first year and include standard operating and capital outlay expenses.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 5, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes appropriations totaling \$2,696,773 to the Department of Human Services, of which \$2,674,677 is from the General Fund and \$22,096 is from federal funds.

State and Local Government Contacts

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