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LLS NO. 20-0258.01 Megan Waples x4348 **HOUSE BILL 20-1035 HOUSE
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT 101 CONCERNING
PROGRAMS TO BUILD STATEWIDE CAPACITY TO ACCESS 102 SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION 103 THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR
PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON 104 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WITH A
PREFERENCE FOR RURAL 105 AND FRONTIER COMMUNITIES TO SERVE
PEOPLE WITH 106 BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS 107 WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. **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/>.)

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.*

The Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons With Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. The bill establishes and expands programs within the division of housing in the department of local affairs (division) to build the capacity of communities across the state to provide supportive housing services to individuals with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system, including:

! Expanding statewide training and technical assistance to help communities develop and implement supportive housing programs for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The program must be targeted to communities that currently face barriers to accessing existing state and federal funding for supportive housing programs. !

Establishing a predevelopment grant program that provides funding to entities working to develop supportive housing interventions for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The grant money can be used to add new or additional staff capacity to allow the development and implementation of such programs. The division is required to prioritize applicants that will serve rural or frontier communities and to provide hands-on technical assistance to grant recipients.

! Establishing a supportive housing services and homelessness prevention grant program. Grant money can be used to cover the

costs of providing supportive housing services that are currently not eligible for reimbursement through the state's medical assistance program. It can also be used to fund homelessness prevention projects for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The division is required to prioritize applicants that will serve rural or frontier communities and provide hands-on technical assistance to grant recipients. !

Developing a plan to increase participation in regional homeless data systems, support accurate data reporting,

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assess housing-related needs. The program must work with regional continuums of care to evaluate how to increase participation in data systems in communities across the state, identify technical needs and associated costs for doing so, and work with communities and stakeholders to integrate or develop an integrated user interface for various data systems related to housing and supportive services. It must also enhance information about best practices and training materials available to communities across the state.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly 2

hereby finds and declares that: 3

(a) Colorado is experiencing a homelessness crisis. The 2018 4

point-in-time estimate of homelessness by the United States department 5

of housing and urban development reported over ten thousand people 6

experiencing homelessness in Colorado. According to the Colorado 7

department of education, over twenty-three thousand students in Colorado 8 schools experienced homelessness at some point during the 2017-18 9 school year. Even more Colorado residents lack stable housing and are on 10 the verge of homelessness. 11

(b) The experience of homelessness can be both a cause and a 12 consequence of both mental illness, including substance use disorders, 13 and incarceration and is intricately related to both issues. The intersection 14 of homelessness, mental illness, and contact with the criminal justice 15 system is extremely costly to communities both in terms of the financial 16 burdens and the humanitarian toll it imposes on individuals and their 17 communities. These impacts are particularly acute in communities that 18 have a shortage of behavioral and mental health care providers and 19 services. 20

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(c) According to a 2018 study of homelessness in Colorado jails 1 by the Colorado department of public safety, eighty percent of 2 respondents across facilities reported experiencing homelessness in the 3 year prior, and nearly forty percent reported that they will be homeless 4 after their release from jail; 5

(d) Of the respondents experiencing homelessness, over sixty 6 percent reported needing mental health treatment, compared with 7

forty-five percent of nonhomeless respondents; 8

(e) Similarly, the Colorado department of corrections reported in 9
2017 that over seventy-eight percent of the female inmate population and 10
over forty-three percent of the male inmate population had moderate to 11
severe mental health needs, and the Colorado department of adult parole 12
reported in 2019 that over one thousand individuals were paroling to 13
"unsheltered homelessness" or to "short term, temporary housing"; 14

(f) Studies also show that being homeless is linked to sustained 15
deterioration of mental and physical health and that homelessness can be 16
both a cause and a consequence of having a criminal record; 17

(g) Safe and stable housing is a foundation for individuals to 18
engage in the process of reentry from the criminal justice system, and 19
provides a base from which individuals can seek employment, focus on 20
treatment, establish a social network, and comply with community 21
supervision; 22

(h) Supportive housing programs combine affordable housing 23
with access to supportive services tailored to an individual's needs, 24
including, for example, in-reach and outreach, housing search and 25
counseling support, engagement, vocational or occupational training, 26
clinical services, support with daily living activities, and other ongoing 27

supports. Supportive housing can reduce the cycling of individuals with 1 behavioral or mental health disorders, including substance use disorders, 2 between prison, jail, homelessness, and other public services. 3

(i) Colorado has made significant investments in nationally 4 recognized housing best practices, including supportive housing; 5

(j) Unfortunately, not all communities across the state are able to 6 take advantage of the available state and federal funding for supportive 7 housing services due to various barriers; 8

(k) While the department of health care policy and financing has 9 limited funds for supportive services, current restrictions do not allow the 10 department to cover all the services needed to secure and maintain 11 housing, and it is unable to reimburse nonclinical providers for providing 12 those services; 13

(l) As a result, communities are not able to provide sustainable, 14 long-term services to the most vulnerable individuals to keep them safely 15 housed; and 16

(m) Many communities, particularly in rural and frontier areas, do 17 not have nonprofit organizations experienced in applying for grants and 18 implementing supportive housing programs, do not have the 19 programmatic or staff capacity to do so, and need technical assistance to 20 develop evidence-based, innovative solutions that are scaled and tailored 21 to their specific community needs. 22

(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that it is 23
therefore in Colorado's best interest to provide assistance and create 24
opportunities for communities across the state that are currently unable 25
to access federal and state housing and supportive service funds through 26
training, technical assistance, and grant funding to support the 27

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development and implementation of supportive housing and homelessness 1
prevention services for individuals with behavioral, mental health, and 2
substance use disorders who have been involved with or are at risk of 3
falling into the criminal or juvenile justice system. 4

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-726, 5
24-32-727, 24-32-728, and 24-32-729 as follows: 6

24-32-726. Training and technical assistance for supportive 7

housing - report - definition. (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, THE 8
DIVISION SHALL EXPAND STATEWIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST 9
COMMUNITIES IN DEVELOPING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INTERVENTIONS THAT 10
CAN SERVE PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE 11
USE DISORDERS. THE PROGRAM MUST: 12

(a) PROVIDE TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND ASSISTANCE TO ENTITIES 13
INTERESTED IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AMONG PERSONS WITH 14
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, 15

INCLUDING HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, 16
FIRST RESPONDERS, REENTRY PROGRAMS, MUNICIPAL COURT PROGRAMS, 17
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; 18

(b) PROVIDE PROGRAMMING THAT IS SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO 19
COMMUNITIES THAT FACE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING EXISTING STATE AND 20
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING 21
RURAL COMMUNITIES; AND 22

(c) FOCUS ON BUILDING THE CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITIES TO: 23

(I) DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 24
INTERVENTIONS IN THEIR REGION; 25

(II) LEVERAGE EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES 26
FOR HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; 27

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(III) ENGAGE AND RECRUIT LANDLORDS TO PARTICIPATE IN 1
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS; 2

(IV) PROVIDE LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT; 3

(V) ACCESS AND USE RELEVANT DATA SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, 4

INCLUDING USING THE COLORADO HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION 5
SYSTEM AND THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY 6

CONTINUUMS OF CARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 C.F.R. 578.7 OR ANY 7

SUCCESSOR SYSTEMS, AND PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE MEDICAL 8

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE 25.5; 9
AND 10

(VI) DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND EVALUATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 11
PROGRAM SERVICES USING EVIDENCE-BASED, INNOVATIVE APPROACHES, 12
INCLUDING PROGRAMS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG PERSONS WITH 13
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE 14
CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. 15

(2) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2021, AND EVERY AUGUST 1 16
THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE TRAINING 17
PROGRAM REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT 18
COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL 19
HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, OR 20
ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO THAT 21
COMMITTEE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 22
(11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS 23
SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY. 24

24-32-727. Supportive housing predevelopment grant 25

program - created - rules - report - definitions - repeal. (1) AS USED 26
IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES: 27

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(a) "FUND" MEANS THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS 1

TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CASH 2
FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-721 (4)(d). 3

(b) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 4
PREDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION. 5

(2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE SUPPORTIVE 6
HOUSING PREDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO 7
ENTITIES WORKING TO DEVELOP SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INTERVENTIONS 8
THAT WILL SERVE PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR 9
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING 10
HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE 11
JUSTICE SYSTEM. 12

(3) (a) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED 13
THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 14
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED 15
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM THAT WILL SERVE PERSONS WITH 16
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE 17
COMMUNITY WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS 18
AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE 19
SYSTEM, INCLUDING BY CREATING NEW OR ADDITIONAL STAFF CAPACITY 20
TO DEVELOP, SUPPORT, AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAM. 21

(b) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE INTENSIVE, HANDS-ON 22
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GRANT RECIPIENTS DURING THE 23

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANTS. 24

(4) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND, 25
SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS 26
PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, 27

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GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND. 1

(5) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH POLICIES AND 2
PROCEDURES IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO 3
IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. AT 4
A MINIMUM, THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME 5
FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS, THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM 6
APPLICATION, AND THE PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REPORTING 7
REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS. 8

(6) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE GRANT 9
PROGRAM, AN ENTITY MUST: 10

(a) BE AN AGENCY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A SPECIAL DISTRICT, 11
A TRIBAL AGENCY OR PROGRAM, A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION, OR A 12
NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS REGISTERED AND 13
IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE; 14

(b) DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN 15
SECTION 24-32-726 (1)(c); AND 16

(c) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AS SET FORTH IN THE 17

DIVISION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. 18

(7) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED 19

PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT, THE 20

APPLICATION MUST ESTABLISH: 21

(I) THE COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OVERCOMING 22

BARRIERS TO ACCESSING EXISTING FUNDS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 23

PROGRAMS THAT SERVE PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR 24

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING 25

HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE 26

JUSTICE SYSTEM; 27

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(II) THE COMMUNITY'S POPULATION OF PERSONS WITH 1

BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE 2

HAD CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE 3

PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND ARE HOMELESS, IN UNSTABLE HOUSING 4

ENVIRONMENTS, OR IN TRANSITION FROM INSTITUTIONS, AND THE 5

COMMUNITY'S NEED AND INTENTION TO BUILD ITS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT 6

THOSE INDIVIDUALS; AND 7

(III) ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE DIVISION'S 8

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. 9

(b) THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FROM ENTITIES 10
THAT PROVIDE SERVICES OR PLAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH 11
SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS OR TO RURAL OR FRONTIER 12
COMMUNITIES. 13

(8) GRANT AWARDS ARE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE 14
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. 15

(9) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE 16
JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE SUCCEEDING 17
TWO YEARS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL AWARD GRANTS IN 18
ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. 19

(10) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 20
1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE 21
GRANT PROGRAM TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 22
CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH 23
DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, OR ANY 24
SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO THAT 25
COMMITTEE. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE 26
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUE UNTIL 27

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THE GRANT PROGRAM REPEALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS 1
SECTION. 2

(11) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM 3
THE GENERAL FUND OR THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN 4
SECTION 39-28.8-501 TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5
24-32-721 TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. ANY MONEY IN THE FUND 6
AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL 7
FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE 8
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. FOR ANY GIVEN 9
STATE FISCAL YEAR, NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF THE MONEY 10
APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY BE 11
EXPENDED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DIVISION IN 12
ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM. 13

(12) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. 14
BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN 15
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104. 16

**24-32-728. Supportive housing services and homelessness 17
prevention grant program - created - rules - report - definitions - 18**

repeal. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE 19
REQUIRES: 20

(a) "CONTINUUM OF CARE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH 21
IN 24 C.F.R. 578.3. 22

(b) "FUND" MEANS THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS 23
TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CASH 24

FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-721 (4)(d). 25

(c) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 26
SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM 27

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ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION. 1

(d) "STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM 2
OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE 3
25.5. 4

(e) "SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES" INCLUDES SERVICES 5
INTENDED TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR 6
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO SECURE AND RETAIN STABLE HOUSING. 7

(2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE SUPPORTIVE 8
HOUSING SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM TO 9
PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 10
SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS INTENDED TO KEEP 11
PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE 12
DISORDERS HOUSED. 13

(3) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH 14
THE GRANT PROGRAM TO: 15

(a) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS 16
INTENDED TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG PERSONS WITH 17

BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE 18
COMMUNITY WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE 19
JUSTICE SYSTEM; OR 20

(b) COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 21
SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR 22
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING 23
HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE 24
JUSTICE SYSTEM, IF: 25

(I) THE PERSON OR ENTITY PROVIDING THE SERVICE IS NOT 26
CURRENTLY ABLE TO BILL THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 27

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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING 1
AUTHORIZED TO BILL THE PROGRAM FOR THOSE SERVICES OR IS 2
ESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY 3
OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION; OR 4

(II) THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICE BEING PROVIDED IS NOT 5
CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE STATE MEDICAL 6
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. 7

(4) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE INTENSIVE, HANDS-ON 8
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GRANT RECIPIENTS DURING THE 9
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANTS. 10

(5) TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GRANTS UNDER THIS 11
SECTION, EXPAND THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES, AND 12
ALLOW INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE GRANT PROGRAM TO RECEIVE 13
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES ON A LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE BASIS, 14
THE DIVISION, THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT 15
OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND 16
FINANCING SHALL COLLABORATE ON AN ONGOING BASIS TO IDENTIFY 17
ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS AND SERVICES THAT COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR 18
REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE 19
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING SHALL SUBMIT TO 20
THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES AN 21
AMENDMENT TO THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN AND SHALL 22
REQUEST ANY NECESSARY WAIVERS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE 23
FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ALLOW SUCH 24
ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS AS IDENTIFIED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE 25
OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. 26

(6) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND, 27

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SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS 1
PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, 2
GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND. 3

(7) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH POLICIES AND 4
PROCEDURES IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT THE 5
GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, 6
THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME FRAMES FOR 7
APPLYING FOR GRANTS, THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, 8
AND THE PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 9
GRANT RECIPIENTS. 10

(8) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE GRANT 11
PROGRAM, AN ENTITY MUST: 12

(a) BE AN AGENCY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A SPECIAL DISTRICT, 13
A TRIBAL AGENCY OR PROGRAM, A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION, OR A 14
NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS REGISTERED AND 15
IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE; 16

(b) DEMONSTRATE A PLAN FOR COLLABORATION WITH A REGIONAL 17
ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION; 18

(c) DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN 19
SECTION 24-32-726 (1)(c); AND 20

(d) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AS SET FORTH IN THE 21
DIVISION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. 22

(9) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED 23
PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT, THE 24
APPLICATION MUST ESTABLISH: 25

(I) THE COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OVERCOMING 26
BARRIERS TO ACCESSING EXISTING FUNDS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 27

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PROGRAMS THAT SERVE PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR 1
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING 2
HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE 3
JUSTICE SYSTEM; 4

(II) THE COMMUNITY'S POPULATION OF PERSONS WITH 5
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE 6
HAD CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE 7
PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND ARE HOMELESS, IN UNSTABLE HOUSING 8
ENVIRONMENTS, OR IN TRANSITION FROM INSTITUTIONS, AND THE 9
COMMUNITY'S NEED AND INTENTION TO BUILD ITS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT 10
THOSE INDIVIDUALS; AND 11

(III) ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE DIVISION'S 12
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. 13

(b) THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FROM ENTITIES 14
THAT PROVIDE SERVICES OR PLAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH 15
SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS OR TO RURAL OR FRONTIER 16
COMMUNITIES. 17

(10) AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING THE GRANT, ALL GRANT 18

RECIPIENTS SHALL: 19

(a) PARTICIPATE IN DIVISION TRAININGS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, 20

AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND 21

(b) USE OR PARTICIPATE IN, AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROGRAM 22

BEING FUNDED AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL 23

LAW, THE COLORADO HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM 24

AND THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY CONTINUUMS OF 25

CARE OR ANY SUCCESSOR SYSTEMS, THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE 26

PROGRAM, AND EXISTING HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAMS. 27

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(11) GRANT AWARDS ARE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE 1

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. 2

(12) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE 3

JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE SUCCEEDING 4

TWO YEARS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL AWARD GRANTS IN 5

ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. 6

(13) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 7

1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON 8

THE GRANT PROGRAM TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 9

CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH 10

DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, OR ANY 11

SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO THE 12
COMMITTEE. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE 13
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUE UNTIL 14
THE GRANT PROGRAM REPEALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (15) OF THIS 15
SECTION. 16

(14) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM 17
THE GENERAL FUND OR THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN 18
SECTION 39-28.8-501 TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 19
24-32-721 TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. ANY MONEY IN THE FUND 20
AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL 21
FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE 22
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. FOR ANY GIVEN 23
STATE FISCAL YEAR, NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF THE MONEY 24
APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY BE 25
EXPENDED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DIVISION IN 26
ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM. 27

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(15) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027. 1
BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN 2
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104. 3

24-32-729. Data integration and resource collection related to 4

homelessness. (1) THE DIVISION SHALL PLAN TO INCREASE 5
PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL HOMELESS DATA SYSTEMS, SUPPORT 6
ACCURATE DATA REPORTING BY PARTICIPANTS, AND ASSESS 7
HOUSING-RELATED NEEDS FOR PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL 8
HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. THE PROGRAM MUST: 9

(a) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONTINUUMS OF CARE, EVALUATE 10
HOW TO INCREASE STATEWIDE USE OF THE COLORADO HOMELESS 11
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE COORDINATED ENTRY 12
SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY CONTINUUMS OF CARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 13
C.F.R. 578.7 IN ORDER TO BETTER TRACK POPULATIONS IN NEED, 14
INCLUDING: 15

(I) IDENTIFYING THE TECHNICAL NEEDS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS 16
FOR INCREASING USE AND SUPPORT OF THE DATA SYSTEMS ACROSS THE 17
STATE; 18

(II) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO LOCAL 19
COMMUNITIES TO ALLOW THEM TO CONNECT TO AND USE THE DATA 20
SYSTEMS EFFECTIVELY; AND 21

(III) WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO 22
USE THE DATA SYSTEMS TO INCREASE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS AND 23
CONDUCT PROGRAM EVALUATIONS; 24

(b) WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL 25
HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE AGENCIES, 26

CONTINUUMS OF CARE, SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER 27

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STAKEHOLDERS TO INTEGRATE OR DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED USER 1
INTERFACE FOR DATA SYSTEMS RELATED TO HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE 2
SERVICES, INCLUDING THE COLORADO HOMELESS MANAGEMENT 3
INFORMATION SYSTEM, THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, THE 4
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAPACITY TRACKING SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 5
27-60-104.5, AND THE COLORADO 2-1-1 COLLABORATIVE, AND ANY 6
SUCCESSOR SYSTEMS; AND 7

(c) ENHANCE INFORMATION RELATED TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 8
BEST PRACTICES, TRAININGS, AND RESOURCES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED 9
STATEWIDE. 10

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend** 11

(4)(c) as follows: 12

**24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants 13
and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing 14
assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance 15
use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly 16
- definition.** (4) (c) In addition to any other uses specified in this section, 17

the division shall also: 18

(I) Provide grants or loans for the acquisition, construction, or 19

rehabilitation of rental housing for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders; AND 21

(II) IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAMS CREATED IN SECTIONS 22
24-32-727 AND 24-32-728. 23

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add** 24

(25)(a)(XXII) and (28)(a)(III) as follows: 25

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies 26

and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative 27

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declaration - repeal. (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024: 2

(XXII) THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PREDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-727. 4

(28) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2027: 6

(III) THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-728. 8

SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a

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 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 17
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor. 18