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Bill Topic: **HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK**

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill creates a working group and grant program in the Department of Local Affairs concerning homeless populations and wildfire risk reduction. The bill increases state and local workload and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

For FY 2020-21, the bill appropriates \$100,000 to the Department of Local Affairs.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Wildfire Matters Review Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 5**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditure	General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000
Transfer		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Wildfire Risk Reduction Through Homeless Outreach Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The program will award grants to conduct outreach among individuals experiencing homelessness for the purpose of reducing wildfire risks in the wildland-urban interface. DOLA is directed to convene a working group to identify emerging, promising, and best practices for conducting this outreach, and to issue grants consistent with the identified practices. The working group will include representatives from the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety, and stakeholders from state and local government and community organizations with relevant expertise. The work group must make its findings available to the public.

Grant program. DOLA is directed to adopt policies and procedures for the grant program. The bill identifies the local governments and other organizations eligible to receive grants, and some of the criteria the department must use to evaluate applications. The department must award grants by November 1 each year. Beginning September 1, 2021, the department must annually report program activity to the state legislature.

For FY 2020-21, the bill appropriates \$100,000 General Fund to the DOLA. The department may use up to 5 percent of annual appropriations for the working group and administration of the grant program.

State Expenditures

For FY 2020-21, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures by \$100,000 in DOLA, and increases workload for other state agencies. The fiscal note assumes that the program will continue in future years with the same level of funding.

DOLA. Of the \$100,000 in total grant program expenditures, \$95,000 will be for grants and \$5,000 will be used to cover administrative expenses. Workload in DOLA includes convening the working group, developing and publishing policies and procedures for the grant program, and awarding grants.

Other state agencies. The bill requires representatives from the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety to participate in the work group. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

To the extent that local governments apply for and receive grant funding from DOLA, workload and costs will increase for participating local governments to conduct outreach with people experiencing homelessness.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill appropriates \$100,000 to DOLA from the General Fund.

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