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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

**BILL TOPIC:** "Delay Substance Use & Mental Hlth Servs Grant Prog"

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE USE**  
102 **AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM.**

**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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Existing law requires the department of local affairs (department) to award grants to counties pursuant to the community substance use and mental health services grant program (grant program) and requires the general assembly, beginning in fiscal year 2020-21, to appropriate money for the grant program from the estimated savings from House Bill 19-1263, enacted in 2019.

*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 bill makes the department's requirement to issue grants subject to available appropriations, removes the requirement to appropriate money for the grant program, and states the general assembly's intent to fund the grant program with money generated from the estimated savings from House Bill 19-1263.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-127, **amend**  
3 (2) and (4) as follows:

4           **24-32-127. Community substance use and mental health**  
5 **services grant program - creation - legislative intent.** (2) SUBJECT TO  
6 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, the department shall issue a grant to any  
7 eligible county. The amount of a grant awarded pursuant to this section  
8 must be based on the cost of the services provided and the number of  
9 persons that receive services.

10           ~~(4) Beginning for fiscal year 2020-21, and for each year~~  
11 ~~thereafter, the general assembly shall appropriate to the department, for~~  
12 ~~the purpose of providing grants pursuant to the grant program, at least one~~  
13 ~~million eight hundred thousand dollars from the general fund~~ THE  
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT THE GRANT PROGRAM BE FUNDED  
15 WITH MONEY generated from estimated savings from House Bill 19-1263,  
16 enacted in 2019.

17           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.