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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUPPORTING RECOVERY PROGRAMS PERSONS WHO WANDER

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill expands the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Grant Program administered by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and adds municipalities and local government designees as eligible grant recipients. It also requires the CBI to establish a website with information on recovery programs. It will increase state expenditures, state transfers, and potentially local government revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$283,835 to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Grant Program Fund, and a corresponding appropriation from the fund to the Department of Public Safety.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-187

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Fund	\$280,859	\$281,846
	Centrally Appropriated	\$2,976	\$3,066
	Total Expenditures	\$283,835	\$284,912
	Total FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE
Transfers¹	General Fund	(\$283,835)	(\$284,912)
	Cash Fund	\$283,835	\$284,912
	Net Transfer	\$0	\$0
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

¹ This fiscal note assumes that program funding will be transferred to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund via an appropriation from the General Fund.

Summary of Legislation

In 2007, [House Bill 07-1064](#) created a grant program in the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Department of Public Safety to provide up to \$380,000 in state funds to counties to cover the costs of establishing programs to track persons at risk of wandering. Grant money was to be used for startup capital equipment costs and initial training of search personnel and inventory, including transmitters or any other related equipment or training required to implement the program. Funding has not been provided to this program since the initial years of its creation and it is not currently awarding grants.

The bill expands the grant program, renamed as the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander (recovery program), to include municipalities, any combination of counties and municipalities, and local government designees. The bill removes the award and funding limits and authorizes grant money to be expended for startup and maintenance costs of recovery programs, including equipment, training of search personnel, and outreach costs. It also renames the program's cash fund as the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund.

The bill also requires the CBI to establish and maintain a website available to the public by January 1, 2023, that provides information on recovery programs, including:

- a list of counties, municipalities, or designees that have a recovery program and who may qualify to participate in those programs;
- contact information for recovery programs;
- resources for caretakers of persons with medical conditions that cause wandering;
- procedures to follow when a program participant is determined to be missing;
- descriptions of how recovery technology used by programs works; and
- other information necessary to explain and publicize recover programs.

State Transfers

The fiscal note assumes that about \$284,000 will be annually appropriated from the General Fund to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund to support the program. However, the timing and amount of any transfers to the program cash fund may be set at the discretion of the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in Department of Public Safety by \$283,835 in FY 2022-23 and \$284,912 in FY 2023-24 and future years, paid from the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2
 Expenditures Under SB 22-187**

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Safety		
Personal Services	\$10,859	\$11,846
Grant Funding	\$270,000	\$270,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$2,976	\$3,066
Total Cost	\$283,835	\$284,912
Total FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Personal services. Beginning in FY 2022-23, DPS will require 0.2 FTE to establish and maintain a public facing website for wandering person recovery programs, including responding to public inquiries, training for system users, onboarding of new agencies to the Colorado Crime Information Center, which posts alerts regarding lost wandering persons, and assisting with program contacts. Staff will also collect and maintain statistics and manage monthly reporting to law enforcement agencies.

Grant funding. Beginning in FY 2022-23, approximately \$270,000 in grants will be awarded to local governments or their designees to implement or maintain a wandering persons program. The fiscal note assumes approximately 18 different local government organizations will apply for grants each year with grants averaging \$15,000 each. This assumption is based on 50 percent of the current local government organizations participating in the Colorado Life Trak program. Grant funding may differ from this estimate depending on the amount of funding made available by the General Assembly.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Local Government

Local governments that apply for grant awards will incur workload impacts, and those that are awarded grant funding will have increased revenue and expenditures to startup and maintain recovery programs.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires the following appropriations

- \$283,835 from the General Fund to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund; and
- \$280,859 from the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund and 0.2 FTE to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

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