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Bill Topic: CRIME SURVIVORS GRANT PROGRAM

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates the Community Crime Survivors Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). It increases state expenditures beginning in the current FY 2017-18 through FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill includes an appropriation of \$1,761,140 to the CDPHE.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts under HB 18-1409

Table with 4 columns: Category, FY 2017-18 (current year), FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash funds\*), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

\* Expenditures in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 are from cash funds. Future year costs through the grant program repeal in FY 2022-23 may be from the General Fund.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Community Crime Survivors Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This program is intended to provide funding to entities that provide support services and other interventions to crime survivors. On or before July 1, 2018, the CDPHE must develop policies for the administration of the program, including a competitive process for a nonprofit third-party administrator, which must be selected by September 2, 2018, and under contract by January 1, 2019. The bill specifies requirements for the administrator, grantees, and how the program should be operated. The grant program is repealed on September 1, 2023. Prior to its repeal, the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) is required to conduct a sunset review of the program. The bill appropriates \$1,761,140 from the Parole Savings Fund to the CDPHE in FY 2018-19. Any money appropriated but not expended prior to July 1, 2019, is further appropriated for use in FY 2019-20.

## Background and Assumptions

**Grant programs.** For the purposes of developing a cost estimate in this bill, staff analyzed four grant programs for crime victims managed by the Department of Public Safety. Specifically, the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) were evaluated as being similar in purpose and scope. The SASP program provides funding to organizations that provide direct intervention and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. In 2018, the SASP program provided five grants totaling about \$318,000. VAWA program funds are provided on a competitive basis to help develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution, judicial strategies, and victim services throughout Colorado in cases involving violent crime against women. In 2018, the VAWA program provided 19 grants totaling \$2.1 million. Of this number, 8 grants totaling \$857,056 were made to nonprofit organizations providing victim services and interventions. The fiscal note uses the VAWA program funding for nonprofit organizations as a proxy for the grant program to be operated by the CDPHE.

## State Expenditures

This bill increases state workload beginning in the current FY 2017-18, and increases costs by \$0.9 million per year starting in FY 2018-19, as described below.

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.** Workload increases for the CDPHE to develop a competitive bid process and select a third-party administrator to manage the grant program created under the bill. The fiscal note assumes that this workload can be accomplished within the CDPHE's existing appropriations. For purposes of grant making, the fiscal note assumes that the appropriation of \$1,761,140 from the Parole Savings Fund will be allocated as \$880,570 in each of FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. This amount will cover both grant awards and the administrative expenses of the third-party administrator. The amount and funding source of future year grants will depend on appropriations decisions made by the General Assembly; the fiscal note assumes future expenditures will be from the General Fund.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies.** Workload increases for the department to conduct a sunset review of the grant program in FY 2022-23. This workload increase is anticipated to be accomplished within the department's existing sunset review process and does not require an increase in appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill includes an appropriation of \$1,761,140 from the Parole Savings Fund to the CDPHE.

## Departmental Difference

The CDPHE identified costs of \$9,000 or 0.1 FTE to monitor the grant contracts each year. The fiscal note does not include these costs because it assumes the third-party contractor will perform this work as part of its contract.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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