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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Esgar; McCluskie	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: DELAY SUBSTANCE USE & MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Budget package bill. The bill eliminates the required appropriation of at least \$1.8 million to the Community Substance Use and Mental Health Services Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs. Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill reduces state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, this bill requires and includes a reduced appropriation of \$1,866,208 to the Department of Local Affairs.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1371**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	(\$1,866,208)	(\$1,866,203)
	Centrally Appropriated	(\$12,899)	(\$14,237)
	Total	(\$1,879,107)	(\$1,880,440)
	Total FTE	(0.9 FTE)	(1.0 FTE)
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires the General Assembly to appropriate at least \$1.8 million from the General Fund to the Community Substance Use and Mental Health Services Grant Program (grant program) in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). This bill eliminates that required appropriation and indicates that future funding for the grant program should come from the savings associated with the implementation of House Bill 19-1263.

Background

House Bill 19-1263 created a grant program in DOLA to provide funds to counties that offer substance use or mental health treatment services in order to facilitate legal diversion programs or develop other strategies to reduce the jail and prison populations. To fund the grant program, the bill required the General Assembly to appropriate at least \$1.8 million from the General Fund beginning in FY 2020-21. In addition, DOLA would require 1.0 FTE to administer the program. To date, no grants have been issued and no FTE have been hired.

State Expenditures

The bill reduces state General Fund expenditures in DOLA by at least \$1.8 million and 1.0 FTE per year starting in FY 2020-21. Funding for the grant program in future years will be set by the General Assembly through the annual budget process and it is assumed any funding provided will not exceed the savings realized under HB 19-1263. The fiscal note assumes that no funding will be provided in FY 2020-21 or FY 2021-22.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 29, 2020.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, this bill requires and includes a reduced General Fund appropriation of \$1,866,208 to the Department of Local Affairs.

State and Local Government Contacts

Local Affairs