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HB 20B-1003

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

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

This bill modifies the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program, including eligible entities, deadlines, and grant amounts. The bill also extends the program by one year until June 30, 2023. The bill increases state expenditures by \$3.0 million in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: This bill includes an appropriation of \$3.0 million to the Department of Human Services.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20B-1003

Table with 4 columns: Category, FY 2020-21 (current year), FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total, Total FTE), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes several changes to the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). These changes include:

- allowing food delivery organizations to apply for grants;
- clarifying that food purchased using grant funds should be distributed by June 30, 2021;
- removing the secondary purpose of the program to create new market opportunities for Colorado agricultural products;
- requiring the CDHS to award money appropriated through this bill no later than February 28, 2021;
- increasing allowable administrative costs for the CDHS to implement the grant program from \$25,000 to \$50,000;
- removing the maximum grant amount of \$20,000;
- recommending, instead of requiring, that recipients purchase Colorado agricultural products;
- allowing grant recipients to use 50 percent of grant awards for administrative and organizational capacity purposes, rather than 10 percent as under current law; and
- extending the program repeal date by one year to June 30, 2023.

In addition to these changes, the bill appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to the CDHS in the current FY 2020-21.

State Expenditures

This bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the CDHS by \$3.0 million in the current FY 2020-21. These costs are outlined in Table 2 below and described below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 20B-1003**

	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Department of Human Services		
Grant Awards	\$2,950,000	-
Personal Services	\$39,547	-
Operating Expenses	\$675	-
Capital Outlay Costs	\$1,200	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$8,578	-
FTE – Personal Services	0.5 FTE	0 FTE
Total Cost	\$3,000,000	\$0
Total FTE	0.5 FTE	0 FTE

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

Department of Human Services. CDHS will require 0.5 FTE to administer the additional grant funding appropriated in this bill. Of the \$3.0 million, \$41,422 is required to cover staffing and operating costs for the program. The remaining \$2.95 million will be used for grants to eligible recipients. The DHS must award all grants by February 28, 2021.

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, supplemental employee retirement payments, and indirect cost assessments, are estimated to be \$8,578 in FY 2020-21.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For the current FY 2020-21, this bill includes a \$3.0 million General Fund appropriation to the Department of Human Services.

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