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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **FEDERAL COVID FUNDING FOR VICTIM'S SERVICES**

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 type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill allocates \$15.0 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to multiple victim's services programs. It will increase state and local expenditure in FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: This bill includes appropriations totaling \$15.0 million to multiple agencies.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This fiscal note is preliminary and may change with input from state agencies.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-292

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$15,000,000	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill allocates \$15.0 million of the federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to various victim's services programs with the purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The bill appropriates funds from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund as follows:

- \$3.0 million to the Forensic Nurse Examiner Telehealth Program in the Department of Public Safety;
- \$6.5 million to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund for distribution to district attorneys in each judicial district;
- \$5.0 million to the Department of Human Services for use by the Domestic Abuse Program; and
- \$0.5 million to the Address Confidentiality Program Fund in the Department of Personnel and Administration.

All funds appropriated in this bill must conform to the parameters set forth in the federal act.

State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22, this bill increases state expenditures by \$15.0 million in multiple. Costs, which are paid using federal funds in the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund, are displayed in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2
 Expenditures Under SB 21-292**

Cost Components	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Department of Public Safety		
Forensic Nurse Examiner Telehealth Program	\$2,850,000	-
Administrative Costs	Up to \$150,000	-
Department of Public Safety Subtotal	\$3,000,000	\$0
Judicial Department		
Office of the Court Administrator	\$5,850,000	-
Administrative Costs	Up to \$650,000	-
Judicial Department Subtotal	\$6,500,000	\$0
Department of Human Services		
Colorado Domestic Abuse Program Fund	\$4,750,000	-
Administrative Costs	Up to \$250,000	-
Department of Human Services Subtotal	\$5,000,000	\$0
Department of Personnel		
Address Confidentiality Program Fund	\$475,000	-
Administrative Costs	\$25,000	-
Department of Personnel Subtotal	\$500,000	\$0
Total	\$15,000,000	\$0

Department of Public Safety. This bill creates the Forensic Nurse Examiner Telehealth Program in the Division of Criminal Justice to help increase access to forensic examinations and care to victims. Five percent of funds may be used for administering the program.

Judicial Department. This bill appropriates funds to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund, which the State Court Administrator must disburse to the District Attorney’s offices in each judicial district to be used for victim’s assistance and witness services. Ten percent of funds may be used for administering the program.

Department of Human Services. The bill increases funding for domestic abuse programs. Five percent of funds may be used for administering the program.

Department of Personnel. This bill increases funds to the Address Confidentiality Program Fund. Five percent of funds may be used for administering the program.

Local Government

This bill will increase revenue to, and expenditures by, District Attorney's offices to use for the victim's and witness assistance services. In addition, expenditure may increase for local entities that receive funding from the Department of Human Services for domestic abuse programs.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, this bill includes appropriations from the Economic Recovery and Relief Fund as follows:

- \$3,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety;
- \$6,500,000 to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund in the Judicial Department;
- \$5,000,000 to the Department of Human Services; and
- \$500,000 to the Department of Personnel.

State and Local Government Contacts

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