

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/27/22.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides a total of \$5.0 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23 for the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

HB22-1364

JBC Staff Analysis

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$5.0 million for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

Future Budget Processes

Section 1 of this bill adds Section 26-2-139 (6), C.R.S., which requires the General Assembly to appropriate a total of \$14.5 million General Fund to the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program from FY 2022-23 through FY 2026-27, regardless of program effectiveness or the availability of appropriations. Is it necessary and appropriate to **require** the General Assembly to appropriate General Fund to a program, rather than require the program to be assessed on an annual basis through the normal budgeting process?

General Fund Appropriation Required by H.B. 22-1364	
FY 2022-23	\$5,000,000
FY 2023-24	3,500,000
FY 2024-25	2,000,000
FY 2025-26	2,000,000
FY 2026-27	2,000,000
Total	\$14,500,000