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Revised Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Coram

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Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: **EXPAND MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill provides two years of funding for the administration of the Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program. The bill increase state expenditures in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required. See State Appropriations Section.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-155

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to utilize \$100,000 from the health research subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for the administration of the Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program.

Background

The Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program started in 2015 to provide grants for research intended to ascertain the general medical efficacy and appropriate administration of marijuana. The program has funded 11 studies since its inception, four of which are ongoing in clinical trials. The program has not approved any grants since 2018, when the Institute of Cannabis Research was created. The grant program has received \$100,000 per year from the subaccount for administration of current grants since FY 2019-20. The current FY 2021-22 is the last year the department will receive administrative funding under current law.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDPHE by \$100,000 in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 from the health research subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund. This amount represents the continuation of current funding levels for administration of the grant program, which include 1.0 FTE.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required. The Health Research Subaccount in the Medical Marijuana Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the CDPHE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology
Public Health and Environment

Law
Revenue