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Bill Topic: SUPPORTING RECOVERY PROGRAMS PERSONS WHO WANDER

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

The bill expands the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Grant Program administered by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and adds local governments as eligible grant recipients. It also requires the CBI to establish a website with information on recovery programs. It will increase state expenditures and potentially local government revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill includes an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. It has been updated to reflect new information.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-187

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Fund, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

1 This transfer is made through an appropriation of funds from the General Fund to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund.

## **Summary of Legislation**

In 2007, [House Bill 07-1064](#) created a grant program in the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Department of Public Safety to provide up to \$380,000 in state funds to counties to cover the costs of establishing programs to track persons at risk of wandering. Grant money was to be used for startup capital equipment costs and initial training of search personnel and inventory, including transmitters or any other related equipment or training required to implement the program. Funding has not been provided to this program since the initial years of its creation and it is not currently awarding grants.

The bill expands the grant program, renamed as the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander (recovery program), to include municipalities, any combination of counties and municipalities, and local government designees. The bill removes the award and funding limits and authorizes grant money to be expended for startup and maintenance costs of recovery programs, including equipment, training of search personnel, and outreach costs. It also renames the program's cash fund as the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund.

The bill also requires the CBI to establish and maintain a website available to the public by January 1, 2023, that provides information on recovery programs, including:

- a list of counties, municipalities, or designees that have a recovery program and who may qualify to participate in those programs;
- contact information for recovery programs;
- resources for caretakers of persons with medical conditions that cause wandering;
- procedures to follow when a program participant is determined to be missing;
- descriptions of how recovery technology used by programs works; and
- other information necessary to explain and publicize recover programs.

## **State Transfers**

The bill transfers \$100,000 to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund via an appropriation from the General Fund in FY 2022-23. It is assumed that funding from the General Fund will continue at this level in future years; however, the exact amount of funding allocated to the cash fund may be set at the discretion of the General Assembly.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in Department of Public Safety by \$102,888 in FY 2022-23 and \$103,066 in FY 2023-24 and future years, paid from the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below. Future year costs may vary from this estimate depending on the amount of funding set aside for the program.

**Table 2  
 Expenditures Under SB 22-187**

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>		
Personal Services	\$9,872	\$11,846
Grant Funding	\$90,128	\$88,154
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$2,888	\$3,066
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$102,888</b>	<b>\$103,066</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.2 FTE</b>	<b>0.2 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Personal services.** Beginning in FY 2022-23, DPS will require 0.2 FTE to establish and maintain a public facing website for wandering person recovery programs, including responding to public inquiries, training for system users, onboarding of new agencies to the Colorado Crime Information Center, which posts alerts regarding lost wandering persons, and assisting with program contacts. Staff will also collect and maintain statistics and manage monthly reporting to law enforcement agencies. First year costs reflect a September 1, 2022 start date.

**Grant funding.** Beginning in FY 2022-23, \$90,128 in grants will be available to local governments or their designees to implement or maintain a wandering persons program. This amount is estimated to fund 18 programs at around \$5,000 in funding each. Actual grant award numbers and amounts will be determined by DPS. Funding for grants is assumed to continue at a similar level in FY 2023-24 and beyond, but this amount may be adjusted through the annual budget process at the discretion of the General Assembly.

**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 and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

## Local Government

Local governments that apply for grant awards will incur workload impacts, and those that are awarded grant funding will have increased revenue and expenditures to startup and maintain recovery programs.

## Effective Date

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

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2022-23, the bill includes an appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Cash Fund, which is further appropriated to the Department of Public Safety with 0.2 FTE.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Information Technology  
Municipalities

Local Affairs  
Public Safety