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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: CREATION OF WILDFIRE RESILIENT HOMES GRANT PROGRAM

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

The bill creates a grant program to fund homeowners' wildfire resilience projects. It creates a one-time transfer from the General Fund and increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1273

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Total Expenditures), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program in the Department of Public Safety (CDPS). Homeowners may receive grants for retrofitting projects to make homes or structures more resilient to wildfires. The CDPS must submit an annual report on the program to the Wildfire Matters Review Committee.

The bill creates the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Cash Fund, which is subject to annual appropriation, for CDPS to administer the program. The bill transfers \$100,000 to the fund from the General Fund on August 15, 2023.

State Revenue

The bill potentially increases state revenue to the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Cash Fund from gifts, grants, or donations; however, no sources have been identified at this time. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Transfers

On August 15, 2023, the bill transfers \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in CDPS by \$100,000 in FY 2023-24, paid from the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Fund. Most of this will be spent on grants, with additional expenditures for administrative oversight, any outreach efforts conducted by the department, and preparing the annual report. The fiscal note assumes that the workload impact on CDPS staff is minimal. Expenditures may increase further if federal funds are identified to support this program. The fiscal note assumes that grants will be made in FY 2023-24. Since actual expenditures depend on applications received and the department's grantmaking decisions, expenditures may increase in FY 2024-25 for additional grants if funds are available, subject to appropriation.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 12, 2023, and it took effect on August 7, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Department of Public Safety from the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Fund.

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