

**Legislative Council Staff***Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature***Final Fiscal Note**

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Bill Topic: **FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM****Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have extended General Fund appropriations to the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program in the Department of Human Services through FY 2026-27 and repealed the program on July 1, 2028. This bill would have increased state expenditures through FY 2026-27.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation was required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. The bill was deemed lost in the House of Representatives on May 9, 2023; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.**Summary of Legislation**

The bill extends the potential for General Fund appropriations to the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program in the Department of Human Services (CDHS) from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27. The bill requires such appropriations to be made subject to available appropriations. It also repeals the grant program on July 1, 2028.

Background

House Bill 20-1422 established the Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program in the CDHS with the goal of supporting Colorado food pantries and food banks in purchasing food. House Bill 22-1364 extended the program indefinitely and provided an additional \$3 million in funding from the General Fund for FY 2022-23.

State Expenditures

The bill extends the grant program and requires annual General Fund appropriations to the program; however, such appropriations may be set by the General Assembly subject to available appropriations. If the General Assembly opts to make funding available, expenditures will increase in the CDHS through FY 2026-27 for grant administration costs and grant awards.

Effective Date

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

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