

CHAPTER 200

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 01-1169

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also SENATOR(S) Linkhart.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE USE OF COUNTY BLOCK GRANT MONEYS FOR THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING IN COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 7 of article 2 of title 26, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

26-2-707.5. Community resources investment assistance. (1) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT MAY USE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT MONEYS TO INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT THE PURPOSES OF THE FEDERAL "PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT", PUBLIC LAW 104-193, AND THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS OR PARTICIPANTS UNDER SECTION 26-2-706 OR 26-2-707. AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT OR PARTICIPANT MAY RECEIVE BENEFITS OR SERVICES FROM SUCH A COMMUNITY RESOURCE WITHOUT COMPLETING AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-106, OR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-707 (1) (d), OR AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-708 (2). HOWEVER, NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) PRECLUDES A COUNTY DEPARTMENT FROM REQUIRING SUCH APPLICATIONS, WRITTEN AGREEMENTS, AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACTS IN A COUNTY'S INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES THROUGH RULES FOR THE USE OF COUNTY BLOCK GRANT MONEYS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONTRACTING PROCEDURES COUNTIES MUST FOLLOW TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT TO SUPPORT TANF-ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS OR PARTICIPANTS. SUCH CONTRACTING PROCEDURES SHALL INCLUDE A

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER SHALL SPECIFY THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS OR PARTICIPANTS TO BE SERVED BY THE PROVIDER. COUNTIES SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT OFFICIAL WRITTEN POLICIES AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 26-2-716 (2.5) REGARDING THE TYPES OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN WHICH COUNTIES ARE INVESTING, THE PURPOSES OF SUCH COMMUNITY RESOURCE INVESTMENTS, THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS, AND THE COUNTY'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.

(3) A COUNTY THAT USES COUNTY BLOCK GRANT MONEYS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL USE ALL MONEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

(4) A COUNTY SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO USE FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLANTING FUNDS.

(5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PRECLUDE A HOUSEHOLD FROM APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 30, 2001