



Legislative Council Staff
Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 24-0967 Date: February 5, 2024
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Bird; Taggart Bill Status: House Appropriations
Sen. Bridges; Kirkmeyer Fiscal Analyst: Aaron Carpenter | 303-866-4918
aaron.carpenter@coleg.gov

Bill Topic: COMMUNITY CRIME VICTIMS FUNDING

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

In the current fiscal year, the bill transfers \$4 million to the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund, decreases the General Fund appropriation to the Community Crime Victims Services Grant Program, and appropriates \$1 million to the program from the cash fund, among other changes. In the current FY 2023-24, the bill decreases state expenditures and transfers \$4 million.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill includes a net appropriation reduction of \$3 million from the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2023-24 supplemental budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1214

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Current Year FY 2023-24, Budget Year FY 2024-25, Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Cash Funds, Total Expenditures), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

The bill exempts the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) from the cash fund reserve requirement, subjects the fund to annual appropriations instead of making appropriations continuous, and transfers \$4 million to the fund from the General Fund in the current FY 2023-24. The bill also decreases the General Fund appropriation to the Community Crime Victims Services Grant Program made in the current FY 2023-24 by \$4 million and appropriates \$1 million to the program from the cash fund.

Background

In the FY 2023-24 Long Bill, the General Assembly appropriated \$4 million from the General Fund to the Community Crime Victims Grant Program. According to a Joint Budget Committee Staff's briefing, this bill clarifies that program funding is meant to be expended over multiple fiscal years.

State Transfers

In the current FY 2023-24 only, the bill transfers \$4 million from the General Fund to the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund within the CDPHE.

State Expenditures

In the current FY 2023-24, state expenditures will decrease by a total of \$3 million. This includes decreasing General Fund expenditures by \$4 million and increasing expenditures in the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund by \$1 million. Starting in FY 2024-25, expenditures in the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund may increase to spend the remaining \$3 million transferred to the cash fund; however, the timing of expenditures will be determined by the General Assembly.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to decrease the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, increasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For the current FY 2023-24, the bill includes the following appropriations to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

- a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$4 million to the Community Crime Victims Grant Program; and
- an appropriation of \$1 million from the Community Crime Victims Cash Fund to the department, of which any unspent money is further appropriated in FY 2024-25.

State and Local Government Contacts

Joint Budget Committee Staff

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).