

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: TONY GRAMPSAS STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program Statewide Membership Organization Grant Program within the Department of Human Services (DHS). The grant program will provide grants to statewide membership organizations comprised of smaller eligible member organizations. To be eligible for grants under the program, youth organizations must:

- meet existing eligibility criteria for youth service programs as established by the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program;
- be in good standing with a national, congressionally chartered organization's standards and provide activities designed for educational and character-building purposes for children and youth;
- provide regular facility-based after-school and summer programs with youth development services;
- offer regular homework assistance, tutoring, and academic enrichment; and
- provide a uniform overall program structure.

Eligible statewide membership organizations must provide services in a minimum of 25 counties with at least 30 percent of the counties served being rural counties. In addition, a minimum of 60 percent of children served must qualify for free or reduced-cost lunch.

Under the bill, the DHS will administer the program, establish application deadlines, select the membership organizations that will receive grants, and determine the amount of each grant. The DHS must also monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of grants distributed. The bill also creates the Statewide Membership Organization Grant Fund.

Background

In FY 2014-15, the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program within the DHS has an annual appropriation of \$7,060,499 and 3.0 FTE. The program awards grants on a three-year cycle. The current grant cycle started on July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2017. The DHS expects the next Request for Applications to be released Fall of 2016.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures and workload in the DHS to award and administer grants through the new grant program, as discussed below.

Grantmaking. The bill specifies that additional statewide membership organizations operating as umbrella organizations for smaller youth organization programs that meet certain criteria may apply for grants. At the writing of this fiscal note, no appropriation or source of appropriation has been identified. As a result, it is unknown how much funding may be allocated, given that it is at the discretion of the General Assembly to appropriate funds. Funds may be appropriated through this bill or during the annual budget process.

Administration. The bill may potentially increase workload in the DHS by a minimal amount. The bill requires the DHS to evaluate grant applications, determine criteria, and evaluate the effectiveness of awarded grants. The fiscal note assumes that only a few statewide membership organizations will be eligible and apply for grant funding and that such organizations will disperse the grant funding to their member organizations throughout the state. The fiscal note will be revised if a funding source is identified.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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