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HB22-1035 Older Coloradans Act

HB22-1205 Senior Income Tax Credit

HB22-1114 Transportation Services for Medicaid Waiver Recipients

HB22-1380 Critical Services for Low-Income Families

HB22-1247 Additional Requirements for Nursing Facility Funding

SB22-079 Dementia Training Requirements

SB22-185 Strategic Investments in Aging Grant Program

SB22-154 Increasing Safety in Assisted Living

SB22-210 Healthcare Staffing Agencies

SB22-053 Healthcare Facility Visitation

SB22-226 Programs to Support Healthcare Workforce Development

SB22-203 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

FY 23-24 Budget Request Overview

Topline: Total request of more than \$120M in new funding that supports strategies and programs aligned with Lifelong Colorado

How to search the budget?

Google Office of State Planning and Budgeting or go to

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/Office-State-Planning-Budgeting>

1. Click on “Budget Documents”
2. Then under FY23-24 click on “All Budget Documents, Schedules, and Report”
3. Click on the Department you are interested in
4. Go to the “Change Requests”

Colorado for All: Embedding Equity

- Colorado becomes one of the first states in the nation to require all budget requests submitted to the Governor's Office to address anticipated equity impacts
- Agencies were asked to elaborate on the existing equity gap and how their budget request addressed this gap (when applicable)
- The Governor's Office required agencies to consider the impact of budget requests on historically underserved communities on basis of: ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion/religious minorities, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status/class, or body size
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Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

- CDPHE R-03 Health Facilities Cash Fund Fee Relief

\$2.1 Total Funds

- Supports projected shortfalls in the Health Facilities General Licensure, Assisted Living, and Home Care Agency Cash Funds which in turn support technical assistance, regulatory oversight/investigations, and enforcement for 17 types of health facilities

Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)

- CDLE R-05 \$192,365 Independent Living Services Provider Rate Increase

\$192K Total Funds

\$192K General Fund

- Increases Independent Living Services provider rates by 3%
- Provider rate adjustments apply to Independent Living Services that include services, information and referrals, individual and systems advocacy, independent living skills training, cross disability peer counseling, and transition services are provided by each of Colorado's nine non-profit Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

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Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

- DOLA R-01 Additional Housing Vouchers for DOLA/HCPF Voucher Program
\$1.7M Total Funds
 - 400 additional state funded housing vouchers, 200 in FY23-24 and 200 in FY24-25, for Coloradans transitioning out of institutional settings or at risk of institutionalization
- DOLA R-03 Resiliency and Disaster Recovery
\$183,714 Total Funds
 - Supports 2.0 FTE within the Colorado Resiliency Office and the Division of Housing
 - Responsibilities include resiliency technical assistance to local governments and state agencies and long-term recovery coordination and resource navigation after a disaster.
 - Supports all Coloradans, but we know persons with disabilities and older Coloradans can be disproportionately impacted by disasters

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Department of Human Services (CDHS)

- CDHS R-03 County Adult Protective Services Support
\$1.6M Total Funds
 - Supports an additional 1.0 FTE at CDHS and \$1.5M to counties to support and protect at-risk adults
- CDHS R-07 Improving SNAP Delivery
\$622,173 Total Funds
 - Requests a net-neutral adjustment of \$622,173 total funds, including \$311,087 General Fund and \$311,086 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds to increase program staffing by 5.6 FTE in FY 2023-24. This increase is offset by repurposing underspent funds in the Electronic Benefits Transfer Service (EBTS) appropriation.
 - State staff provide an array of support to counties who are administering the SNAP program and processing applications for food assistance, including training, technical assistance, system support, and more.

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Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

- HCPF R-13 Case Management Redesign

\$3.6M in FY23-24 and \$9M in FY24-25 Total Funds

\$168K in FY23-24 and \$2.1M in FY24-25 General Fund

- Ongoing funding for: case management rate increases, case manager training, and care and case Management tool

- HCPF R-07 Provider Rate Adjustments

\$192M Total Funds, \$69M General Fund

- \$56M HCBS direct worker hourly base wage to \$15.75 statewide, \$17.29 in Denver
- \$40M for tiered reimbursement rates of 5.9%, 8.3%, or 10.6% per diem increase in FY23-24 with variable increases to higher occupancy Medicaid residences

Forthcoming Legislative Items

Guardianship

- Office of Public Guardianship up for review, bill will come from Judicial

Skilled Nursing Rate Reform

- HCPF priority bill
- Tied to decision item R-07 previously referenced

Advance Directives Registry

- CDPHE priority bill
- Clean up for SB19-073

Adult Protective Services

- CDHS priority bill
- Statutory clean up



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Discussion



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