Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

☑ Original ☐ Updated	Corrected Supplemental			
LRB Number 21-3416/1	Introduction Number SB-475			
Description crisis program enhancement grants				
Fiscal Effect				
Appropriations Decrease Existing Appropriations Create New Appropriations Local: No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease	ease Existing absorb within agency's budget			
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations				
GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS				
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Health Services can award up to \$250,000 GPR in grant funding each fiscal biennium to counties, or regions comprised of multiple counties, to establish or enhance crisis programs for individuals having crisis in rural areas. DHS awards these grants in an amount equal to one-half of the amount of money provided by the county or region to establish or enhance crisis programs.

This bill would expand eligibility for the grant funding, allowing municipalities to join counties and regions to apply for the grants. The bill expands the use of the grant funding, allowing the funding to be used to establish and enhance law enforcement and behavioral health emergency response collaboration programs. Under this bill, grant recipients would need to match at least 25 percent of the grant amount awarded for the purpose received, and DHS would not be able to award a single grant in an amount greater than \$100,000.

Under this bill, \$25,000 is the maximum match requirement counties, municipalities, or regions comprised of multiple counties or municipalities would need to provide to be eligible for funding. The bill may increase costs for municipalities within regions who seek award funding, because the match requirement is currently the responsibility of the county or regional counties, but should reduce local eligibility costs in aggregate.

The Department would be able to implement these changes with current resources. The bill does not amend the amount of grant funding available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications