

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-1386/1	Introduction Number	SB-0350	Estimate Type	Original
Description grants to mental health clubhouses					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, DHS is directed to award up to \$500,000 GPR in annual grants to mental health clubhouses. The maximum amount a clubhouse would be eligible to receive is \$50,000 annually. To receive the grant funding, each clubhouse must provide a match equal to the grant award and must exist in a space separate from a mental health center or institution. The clubhouse would consist of members who either are diagnosed with, or who are awaiting diagnoses of, a mental health illness. All members must be provided the opportunity to participate in the administration and operation of the club, though memberships in clubhouse services and activities is voluntary.

Currently, Wisconsin has four accredited clubhouses that would be eligible to receive awards under the provisions of this bill. Assuming each received the full grant allotment, to expend the total amount of the annual award, six additional clubhouses would need to obtain funding and begin providing services in the 2023-25 biennium.

The bill does not provide any funding to administer the program and grants. To support this program, the Department will need an LTE Human Services Program Coordinator at a cost of \$47,800 GPR in FY 24 and \$45,300 GPR in FY 25. The LTE will be responsible for developing the grant funding opportunity, evaluating program responses, developing contracts, and monitoring the clubhouses' performance and matching funding.

The bill makes no funding available for the grants. Instead, the bill indicates "if applicable, the joint committee on finance may make from moneys appropriated to it a supplement for purposes of this act under the process described under s. 2.928(2m)," which is the process for supplementing agency budgets from the Compensation Reserves. It is unclear whether this process is applicable to this bill or if the Committee would have funds available to supplement the DHS appropriation for the purposes of this bill. However, the Department would require a budget supplement in order to allocate the grants.

The Department expects this bill will cost \$547,800 GPR in FY 24 and \$545,300 GPR in FY 25.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications