

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1791

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Filler-Corn

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. **Title:** Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund; established.

5. **Summary:** Creates the Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund for the purpose of providing matching funds to local nonprofit organizations to establish and expand community behavioral health programs to serve service members, veterans, and their families. The Fund is administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 311.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2025	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2026	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2027	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2028	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2029	\$230,828	2.0	GF
2030	\$230,828	2.0	GF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation creates several new responsibilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). All revenue deposited into the new non-reverting fund created by the legislation are to be distributed by DBHDS for the purposes of providing matching funds to local nonprofit organizations to establish and expand community behavioral health programs to serve service members, veterans, and their families. As the administering agency, in addition to reviewing applicants and distributing the funds, DBHDS will be responsible for:

- establishing a statewide system of outcome measurement to assess the effectiveness and adequacy of services provided by each nonprofit organization receiving a matching grant from the Fund;

- establishing guidelines that require nonprofit organizations that receive a matching grant from the Fund to bill third-party insurers and, when appropriate, the Department of Medical Assistance Services; and
- drafting an annual report that includes (i) the number of grants distributed; (ii) funds distributed by locality; (iii) information about grant recipients and the services provided through grant funding; and (iv) outcome data reported under the statewide system of measurement required under subsection.

It is anticipated that two full-time employees (FTE) will be needed to oversee the grant administration and monitoring of funds to reward recipients. This would include one program manager and one financial analyst. This estimate assumes the typical workload of managing a grant without knowing the total size of the fund which could require less or more staff. It is anticipated that existing department staff could absorb the rest of the duties including the reviewing of applicants.

The cost for the two FTE's is based upon current salaries in similar positions. The legislation does not appear to allow the Fund to be used for administrative costs, as it states: "*Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing matching funds...*", thus it is assumed the cost of new positions would require general fund appropriation.

Position	Salary	Fringe	Non-personnel	Total Cost
Program Admin Specialist II	\$65,000	\$39,155	\$5,000	\$109,155
Financial Services Specialist II	\$75,000	\$41,673	\$5,000	\$121,673
			Total	\$230,828

The amount of new revenue to be generated by this fund is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.