

Gambling Addiction Program

Legislative Report

Fiscal Year 2019

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Introduction

The following report provides a brief overview on the Colorado Gambling Addiction Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019. The Office of Behavioral Health respectfully submits this FY 2018-19 report titled "Gambling Addiction Program Legislative Report" in compliance with the following statute:

Colorado Revised Statute 44-30-1301(2)(b)(II) states:

Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), by January 1, 2009, and by each January 1 thereafter, the department of human services shall submit a report to the health and human services committees of the senate and house of representatives, or their successor committees, regarding the grant program. The report shall detail the following information for the fiscal year in which the report is submitted:

- A. The amount of money allocated to the gambling addiction account pursuant to subsection (1) of this section;*
- B. The number of grant applications received and the total amount of grant money requested by grant applicants;*
- C. The total amount of money in the gambling addiction account that was awarded as grants to applicants; and*
- D. The entities or programs that received grants and the amount of grant money each grant recipient received.*

Gambling Addiction Program

A. The amount of money allocated to the gambling addiction account

In accordance with Section 44-30-1301(l)(b), C.R.S. (Senate Bill 18-191), \$100,000 of the funds was allocated to the gambling addiction account for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as follows:

- \$50,000 to the Department of Local Affairs to study and establish in policies and procedures what constitutes the documented expenses and costs; and
- \$50,000 to the Colorado Department of Human Services to develop a plan for a successful gambling addiction program in Colorado.

No funds were allocated for programmatic activities for Fiscal Year 2018-19; the Department funds were limited to planning.

B. The number of grant applications received and the total amount of grant money requested

With no funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for programmatic activities, there were no grant applications and therefore no applications or associated requested grant funds to be reported by the Department.

C. The total amount of money in the gambling addiction account that was awarded as grants

With no funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for programmatic activities, there were no funds awarded to grant applicants and therefore no funds to be reported by the Department.

D. The entities or programs that received grants

With no funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for programmatic activities, there were no grants and therefore no entities or programs to be reported by the Department.

Gambling Addiction Study

Colorado Revised Statute 44-30-1301(1)(b)(II) requires that the Department study and establish a plan for a successful gambling addiction program by March 2020. Specifically, C.R.S. 44-30-1301(1)(b)(II) states:

Fifty thousand dollars to the department of human services to develop a plan, by no later than March 1, 2020, for a successful gambling addiction program in Colorado. The development of this program must involve the study of the magnitude of the gambling addiction problem in Colorado, the documentation of the existing financial resources and infrastructure to help address gambling addiction in the state, the study of best practices in other states for successful gambling addiction programs, and the documentation of any gaps in existing financial resources and infrastructure in Colorado, including the review of the need for increased addiction counselors.

The study is underway and the Department of Human Services will have a plan for the gambling addiction program by the March 1, 2020, deadline.