



Department of Labor and Employment
Line Item Description

FY 20-21 Budget Request

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

All fund splits for Executive Director's Office line items within the Budget Schedules are estimates. These estimates cannot be relied upon for any reason. The actual fund split is only determined after each month is closed and is based on CDLE's federally approved cost allocation plan.

PERSONAL SERVICES

This line item provides staff and services for needs that are common to all divisions within the Department of Labor and Employment. The Executive Director's Office administers facilities, equipment, and common program elements such as Human Resources, Financial Services, and Information Technology support staff, for example, needed by all divisions within the Department and, therefore, are budgeted within the "Personal Services" line item in the Executive Director's Office.

HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL

This line item is a centrally appropriated and is used to pay for the state's share of health insurance, life insurance, and dental insurance for employees who enroll in the state's health plan, in accordance with the JBC-approved common policy. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

This line item is used to pay the Department's share of costs associated with the state's short-term disability program which is administered by the Department of Personnel and Administration. The JBC approved a short-term disability rate of 0.177 percent of base personal services salaries. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

SB 04-257 AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT

This line item is used to pay the costs associated with S.B. 04-257, which requires an additional state contribution for employees in the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA). The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

SB 06-235 SUPPLEMENTAL AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT

This line item is used to pay costs associated with S.B. 06-235, which provided for a mechanism to increase the effective PERA rate beginning on January 1, 2008. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

SALARY SURVEY AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

This line is intended to pay for salary adjustments in accordance with the total compensation report prepared by the Department of Personnel and Administration pursuant to Section 24-50-104 (4) (c), C.R.S.

MERIT PAY

This line item is a centrally appropriated line item used to pay for performance-based pay awards for state employees pursuant to Section 24-50-104 (1) (c) (I), C.R.S.

SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

This line item is used to pay for the incremental costs associated with higher compensation rates for employees who work after regular working hours. The request is for 100% of prior year actual.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

This line item is used by the Department of Labor and Employment to reimburse the Department of Personnel and Administration for its share of costs associated with providing workers' compensation insurance to state employees and is set by DPA common policy adjustments.

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line funds Department-wide and Executive Director's Office expenses such as department-wide software maintenance agreements, office supplies, in-state travel, and state fleet parking costs.

LEGAL SERVICES

This line item is used to pay the Department of Law for the provision of legal services to the Department.

The request is for a continuation of legal services hours.

PAYMENTS TO OIT

This line item is used to reimburse the Governor's Office of Information Technology for the Department's share of costs for the management and administration of OIT. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

PAYMENTS TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY FUNDS

This line item is used to reimburse the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) for the Department's share of expenses associated with the state's liability insurance and property insurance. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

CORE OPERATIONS

This line item is used by the Department to reimburse the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) for the costs associated with maintaining the state's accounting system. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

VEHICLE LEASE PAYMENTS

This line item is used by the Department to reimburse the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) for the costs associated with vehicle lease payments for vehicles used by the Department. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

LEASED SPACE

This line item is used by the Department to pay for leased space in locations around the state. The request reflects an increase of 3.0% over the prior year's appropriation. The bulk of the increase is due to leased space escalators.

CAPITOL COMPLEX LEASED SPACE

This line item is used by the Department to reimburse the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) for expenses related to maintaining capitol complex facilities managed by DPA. The request reflects OSPB approved common policy adjustments.

UTILITIES

This line item is used to pay for the utilities expenses at 251 E. 12th Avenue. The building is owned by the state, and the utility expenses are paid by the Department of Labor and Employment. There were no changes to this line item based on JBC common policy. The request is for continuation funding with no adjustments.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MAINTENANCE

The Department relies extensively on computers and databases to track the constituents that pay fees and taxes to support its programs. The Department also relies extensively on technology to track the individuals who qualify for benefits from its programs. The Department uses this line item to purchase the Microsoft software on which the Department has standardized, and on data network infrastructure.

STATEWIDE INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT

The JBC funded this line item through the Figure Setting process in accordance with JBC common policy. The current request is in accordance with DPA common policy.

(2) Unemployment Insurance Division

(A) PROGRAM COSTS

This line item funds the staffing and operating expenses for Unemployment Insurance Division. This year's fiscal request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

(3) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DIVISION

STATE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAM COSTS

This line item includes other federal grants and cash funds allocated to state and county operated workforce centers, and supports the administration of the Division of Employment and Training. The FY2019-20 request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

ONE-STOP COUNTY WORKFORCE CENTER CONTRACTS

This line item includes federal Wagner Peysner funds allocated to one-stop workforce centers. These one-stop serve as centers for the dissemination of all federal employment program information, including job training and search programs. The line item includes funds allocated to counties that operate their own workforce centers and to the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium (CRWC). The CRWC sites are staffed by the State. The FY2019-20 request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ACT ASSISTANCE

This line item reflects federal pass through funding used to provide job training assistance to workers dislocated as a result of foreign trade agreements. The FY2019-20 request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

This line supports the administration of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) which assists in job training for adults, displaced workers, and youth. The WIOA funds the following activities: skills assessment, basic skills remediation, occupational skills training, and retraining. The FY2019-20 request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

This line supports the staff of the Workforce Development Council. The Council was created to meet the requirements of Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The Council is responsible for designating local workforce investment areas, coordinating the delivery of workforce development programs, and reviewing the allocation of federal Title I funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities. In addition to the WIOA federal funds, the Council is supported by funds from the Department of Human Services, Education, Local Affairs, and Community Colleges. The office of State Planning and Budgeting is required to determine each

agency's contributions on an annual basis. With the passage of HB15-1170 (Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness), the Council will be working with local education providers, business, industry, Department of Education to raise the level of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness. Also with the passage of HB15-1274 (Career Pathways for Students), the Council will work with its partners to design integrated career pathways within identified growth industries.

The FY2019-20 request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy. The reappropriated appropriation supports the Workforce Development Council and staff, and the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways for Students, make up the general fund appropriation.

WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Workforce Improvement Grant line items includes federal and private grants awarded to Division of Employment and Training for the development of workforce development activities for special populations. The FY2019-20 request is for a continuation of level spending.

HOSPITALITY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Senate Bill 14-015 created the hospitality career secondary education grant program. This line supports program development, grant administration, and grant awards to hospitality programs. Grants are awarded to increase the number and quality of hospitality programs operating in schools and began in the FY2015-16 academic year. The program requires annual appropriations by the General Assembly to CDLE. The FY2019-20 request is for a continuation of level spending.

JUST TRANSITION OFFICE

Senate Bill 19-196 created the office to oversee the creation of a just transition plan that will assist communities and workers whose coal-related industries and jobs are subject to significant economic transition.

(4) DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS AND STATISTICS

(A) PROGRAM COSTS

This line item group administers Colorado employment and labor laws pertaining to wages paid, hours worked, minimum wage, labor standards, child labor, employment-related immigration laws, and working conditions. The Division of Labor also conducts all-union

agreement elections, elections to certify or decertify collective bargaining agreements, certifications of all-union provisions in the building and construction trades industries, and investigates and mediates allegations of unfair labor practices. The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

(B) LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

PROGRAM COSTS

This line item supports the federally funded programs that track the Colorado economy by measuring activity within the workforce. It serves as a statistical clearing house for all sectors of the economy. The request is for a continuation of level spending.

(5) DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PERSONAL SERVICES

This line is responsible for a variety of regulatory functions related to public health and safety, including establishing and enforcing rules, regulations, and statutes, which govern carnival and amusement park rides, conveyances, explosives, boilers, retail fuel dispensers, underground and aboveground petroleum storage tanks, cleanup of oil spills, and reimbursement of cleanup costs to qualifying storage tank owners/operators.

The Joint Budget Committee funded this line item for FY 2016-17 through its 2016 Figure Setting process for the Division's personnel services to administer the laws within Colorado for its programs.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line supports the operating costs for the Division.

The Joint Budget Committee funded this line item for FY 2016-17 through its 2016 Figure Setting process for the Division's personnel services to administer the laws within Colorado for its programs.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

UNDERGROUND DAMAGE SAFETY COMMISSION

Senate Bill 18-167 created to advise stakeholders on best practices and safety-enhancement policies, and review complaints alleging violations of the state's excavation laws.

(6) DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

(A) WORKERS' COMPENSATION

PERSONAL SERVICES

This line item supports the personnel cost to administer the laws within Colorado for workers' compensation programs: utilization review, self-insurance, premium cost containment, immediate payment, guarantee, and physicians accreditation.

This line supports the staff costs necessary to administer the Workers' Compensation Acts.
The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line item supports the operating costs for the Division.
The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SERVICES

This line item is used to purchase administrative law services from the Department of Personnel and Administration.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

PHYSICIANS ACCREDITATION

This line item is for physician's accreditation training, a program funded by a fee charged to physicians seeking accreditation so that they may work on workers' compensation claims.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

UTILIZATION REVIEW

This line item is for independent physician reviews regarding the appropriateness of medical treatment previously provided for a workers' compensation claim. Such reviews can be requested by any party to a workers' compensation claim.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

This line item is used to pay workers' compensation claims brought against bankrupt employers who were self-insured. The line item is continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 8-44-206 (3) (b) (I), C.R.S. In recent years, no expenditures have been made from this line item. Revenue for the fund consists of fees assessed on self-insured employers.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

(B) MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE AND SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUNDS

PERSONEL SERVICES

This line items supports the staff costs necessary to oversee the Major Medical Insurance Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund. These insurance funds provide medical benefits and compensation payments to some of the most seriously injured workers in Colorado.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line item supports the operating costs for the Division.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

MAJOR MEDICAL BENEFITS

This line item is for a continuation for the Major Medical Benefit payments. This is for the open cases of workers who sustained catastrophic injuries between July 1, 1971, and June 30, 1981. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated for the payment of benefits. Actual expenses may fluctuate due to the specific medical treatments required by clients in a particular year.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

SUBSEQUENT INJURY BENEFITS

This line item is used to pay benefits to injured workers who have become permanently, totally disabled from more than one work-related injury. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated for the payment of benefits. Actual expenses may fluctuate due to the specific medical treatments required by clients in a particular year.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

MEDICAL DISASTER

The Medical Disaster Fund provides benefits to workers who sustained catastrophic injuries prior to July 1, 1971. The JBC approved the appropriation.

The request is a continuation of the base appropriation amount in accordance with OSPB policy.

(7) DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) provides work-related assistance to individuals whose disabilities result in barriers to attain and maintain employment or independent living. DVR has 30 local field offices across the State. SB 15-239 transferred the DVR Program and several line items to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, effective July 1, 2016.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PERSONAL SERVICES

This line item funds the personnel expenses consisting of vocational rehabilitation counselors who provide direct client services and administrative program staff within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Funding for this line item is comprised of General Fund (21.3%) and federal funds (78.7%) from Section 110 and Section 203 vocational rehabilitation funds.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OPERATING EXPENSES

This line item funds the operating costs associated with the staff and client services of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, including DVR's AWARE Case Management System, information technology hardware and software, training, travel, advertising, telecommunications, postage, supplies as well as costs associated with the State Rehabilitation Council, State Independent Living Council and various service contracts between DVR and other State Agencies. Funding for this line item is comprised of General Fund and reappropriated funds derived from School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) contract (21.3%) and federal funds (78.7%) from Section 110 and Section 203 vocational rehabilitation funds.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

This line item funds direct client services including assessments, training, and medical restoration. These services, infused with vocational counseling and guidance, enable individuals to address the functional limitations caused by their disability so that they can become successfully employed. DVR tracks individuals receiving services in six case status categories: application, eligible, service, employed, post-employment, and waiting list. Within this case, status categories are disability priority categories of disability, significant disability, and most significant disability. Funding for this line item is comprised of General Fund and reappropriated funds derived from SWAP contracts (21.3%) and federal funds (78.7%) from Section 110 and Section 203 vocational rehabilitation funds.

SCHOOL TO WORK ALLIANCE PROGRAM

This line item funds the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) contracts. SWAP is a collaborative program between DVR and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Within this program, DVR contracts with School Districts and Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) to provide services to youth with mild to moderate disabilities that are transitioning from school into the workforce. Funding for this line item is comprised of contractual reappropriated funds (21.3%) and federal funds (78.7%) from Section 110 vocational rehabilitation funds.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DVR contracts with mental health providers to assist DVR in the provision of evidence-based mental health services to DVR clients. Funding for this line item is comprised of reappropriated funds from the Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Mental Health Community Programs (21.3%) and federal funds (78.7%) from Section 110 vocational rehabilitation funds.

In SFY 2018, DVR funded an additional \$100,000 from DVR case services utilizing the statutory flexibility granted by the legislature in SB 17-254. In SFY 2019, DVR has allocated an additional \$500,000 toward this program utilizing this flexibility and is funding the required match for these purposes.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND

The Business Enterprise Program assists blind or visually impaired individuals in operating vending and food service businesses in approximately 47 State and federal buildings. It also provides management and administrative services for the participants, as well as facilitating the development, maintenance, and management of the locations. The program is the result of the federal Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program (34 C.F.R. 395.3 (11) (iv)), and associated state law in Sections 8-84-201 through 8-84-208, C.R.S.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PROGRAM OPERATED STANDS, REPAIR COSTS, AND OPERATOR BENEFITS

The Business Enterprise Program assists blind or visually impaired individuals in operating vending and food service businesses in approximately 47 state and federal properties. If an operator leaves the program, the Business Enterprise Program is obligated to temporarily take over the operation at the site until it is assigned to a new or existing operator. The program is the result of the federal Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program (34 C.F.R. 395.3 (11) (iv)), and associated state law in Sections 8-84-201 through 8-84-208, C.R.S. This line item is fully funded through the BEP cash fund.

Costs covered include:

- Equipment Maintenance and Repair.
- Operator Benefits, including health insurance, IRA contributions, and vacation pay for operators (not state FTE). The Operator benefit moneys are passed through this account. The actual funding is provided from the operation of unassigned vending. Unassigned vending is vending revenue generated from a machine that is not operated by a Blind Operator. The machines that generate this revenue are operated under a third party contract.
- Leasehold Improvements: The funds for Leasehold Improvements are used for necessary remodeling and equipment purchases to prepare a location for operation.
- Initial merchandise and supplies inventory.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AND STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

The purpose of the Independent Living Program is to promote a philosophy of independent living (IL), including consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy; to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities; and to promote and maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with significant disabilities into the mainstream of American society.

The Independent Living Program and State Independent Living Council are mandated by Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and authorized by Title 8, Article 85, of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) contracts with independent living centers on a statewide basis to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities.

The Independent Living Centers may also provide other services for minorities and individuals with significant disabilities who have traditionally not been served or underserved by programs under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and children and youth. Such services include counseling, housing (including accommodations and modifications), rehabilitation technology, mobility training,

interpreter and reader services, personal assistance services, community resource guides and directories, transportation, and consumer information programs. Services may include supported living and other services that may be necessary to improve the ability of an individual with a significant disability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the family or community or to continue in employment, and that are not inconsistent with any other provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.