



A Skills2Compete-Colorado Coalition Fact Sheet: HB22-XXXX: Continue and Update the Employment Support and Job Retention Services Program

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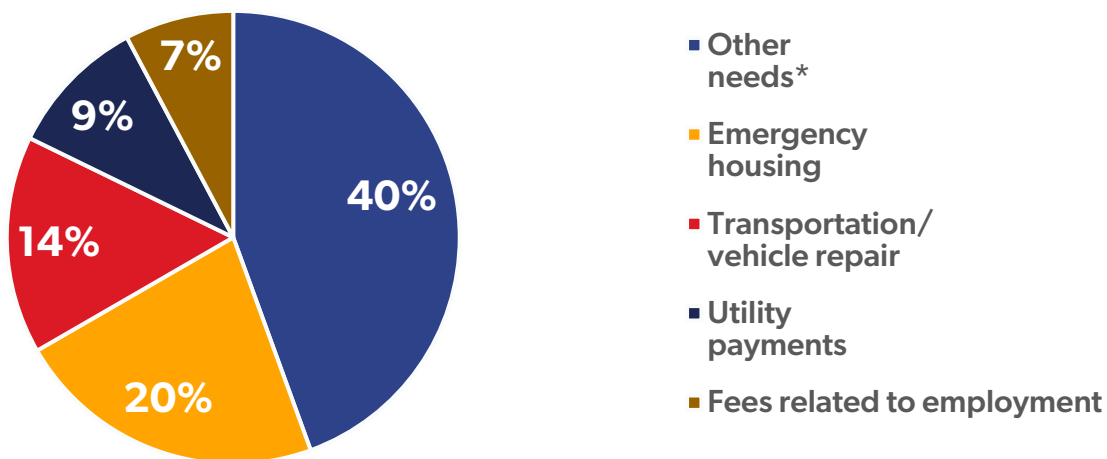
Background

The Employment Support and Job Retention Services Program (or Supportive Services Program) was developed through [HB19-1107](#) as a three-year pilot program within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). The program created an emergency supportive services fund for community-based organizations (CBOs) and public agencies (PAs) to draw from to serve their participants with barriers to obtaining and maintaining employment. Goodwill of Colorado was selected as the administering entity for the program through a competitive public solicitation and selection process.

The program offers up to \$400 in support services to Colorado job seekers or newly employed individuals who are actively working on employment goals and do not qualify for or have access to other resources to help them achieve these goals. Target those who are working on an employment goal (training, job preparation and search, job retention) with an income under 100% of federal poverty level

In its first 18 months of operation, the program provided funding to 1,027 eligible individuals at an average cost per eligible participant of \$293.76.

What did program participants request funding for?



*Other needs include laptops, training, clothing, scrubs and shoes, drug tests, background checks, and work supplies.

What does HB22-XXXX do?

- Continues the Supportive Services Program, transitioning from a comprehensive standalone report provided by CDLE to ongoing SMART Act reporting on the status of the program
- Member organizations will be reimbursed within 7 business days
- Prioritize community engagement to rural and underserved communities through outreach to non-traditional services organizations including community organizations, faith-based organizations, places of worship and libraries that offer employment, training and educational services.

Endorsing Organizations

All Families Deserve a Chance (AFDC)
Coalition

Bayaud Enterprises

The Bell Policy Center

Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP)

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition

Colorado Poverty Law Project

Community Works

Crawford Hotel – Sage Hospitality Group

CWEE

Essential Education

Mental Health Center of Denver

MiCasa Resource Center

Oxford Hotel – Sage Hospitality Group

Servicios de la Raza

The Learning Source

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