

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-2259/2	Introduction Number	AB-0222	Estimate Type	Original
Description grants for creation of rural wellness facilities and programs and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would create grants for the establishment of rural wellness facilities and programs at rural hospitals and clinics. It requires the Department to distribute a minimum of two grants, which can be up to \$250,000, from the appropriation under 20.435 (1) (fg), to a total of \$500,000. Applicants must demonstrate the availability of matching funds and be located in a rural area to be eligible. This is a one-time grant, and the appropriation is designated for repeal in 2023. The Department estimates that 64 rural hospitals and 76 rural health clinics exist in Wisconsin according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services definition of "rural," which serves as a proxy for who would be eligible under this bill's definition. The Department also assumes an average 6 hour verification process per application, including the responding to inquiries about the process, reviewing materials, and notifying applicants. This could be accomplished with 1.0 LTE Public Health Educator – Advanced at a cost of \$28,300 GPR.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications