

Increasing System Capacity and Access to Supportive Services for Job-Seekers with Barriers to Employment

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#1: Integrating Local Workforce and Community Employment Services

- Enhances regional capacity to address employment needs of individuals with job barriers across state
- Funds must be used to expand the menu of services available to job seekers with barriers to employment
- Requires local employment service providers, both public and private, to collaborate and agree on how to utilize the funds
- \$3 million from General Fund for 5 years distributed across state based on a formula
- Additional \$600,000 allocated to rural counties that have smaller populations

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#2: Supporting and Investing in Colorado's Untapped Talent Pipeline

- Establishes a diversionary and emergency assistance fund for job seekers with barriers
- Funds to be used for supportive services not readily available to the job seeker through other programs at the time of need.
- Funds must be used to advance an employment goal
- Community based organizations, workforce centers and public agencies provide the funds up front, and are reimbursed
- Proposed - Administered by the Department of Local Affairs and the non-profit reimbursement authority
- Not intended for long-term services and supports
- Available to job-seekers making under 200% FPL
- \$300 maximum per annum, per job-seeker, if needed

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