

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Duran
 Sen. Newell

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TITLE: CONCERNING CREATIVE DISTRICTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO OFFER INCENTIVES IN THE FORM OF NEED-BASED FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN STATE-CERTIFIED CREATIVE DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE SUCH FUNDING FROM ANY MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CASH FUND FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue	Potential Increase. See State Revenue and Expenditures section.	
State Expenditures Cash Funds Creative Industries Cash Fund		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 19, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill gives the Creative Industries (CI) division of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) the authority to expend moneys in the CI Cash Fund for need-based funding for infrastructure development in state-certified creative districts.

Background

In the context of the bill, infrastructure is considered as technical assistance, financial support, and process development for creative districts, which may include grant funding. Need-based funding involves the distribution of funds based on the unique circumstances of a recipient, which may differ from a recipient simply meeting a set of stated requirements.

In July 2010, the Division of Creative Industries was established to (i) increase access to funding for creative enterprises; (ii) expand professional development; and (iii) to stimulate support for creative enterprises by local governments. OEDIT has designated two districts thus far, located in Denver and Salida. For FY 2012-13, the CI division was appropriated approximately \$1.1 million in total state funds, \$300,000 of which was general fund, and the remainder of which was cash funds.

State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill does not change revenue or expenditures, but authorizes the division to provide need-based funding from existing funds, or new funds that become available. As of this writing, no additional funds have been identified, nor specific projects on which to expend those funds.

Local Government Impact

To the extent new funds become available for need-based funding for infrastructure development projects, local governments with creative districts could receive additional grant funding from the state. Grant funding can benefit a public or private entity within a creative district of which there are only two. This limits the possibility of local governments receiving such funding.

Departments Contacted

Counties

Municipalities

Governor's Office

Transportation