HB25-1061

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

House Appropriations Committee

Concerning creating a grant program for the development of community schoolyards.

Prime Sponsors:
Representatives Taggart; Bacon
Senators Amabile; Kirkmeyer

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/22/25.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues

The Executive Branch interprets the Local Government Severance Tax Fund and the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund as continuously appropriated to the Department of Local Affairs for the purposes of distributing funds to local governments; the General Assembly has not challenged this interpretation. Related administrative costs are interpreted as subject to appropriation and are shown as reappropriated funds from these fund sources. Therefore, no appropriation is required to distribute grants, but an appropriation is required for administrative costs. In light of this information, Legislative Council Staff agrees that the bill requires an appropriation of $119,798 reappropriated funds from the Local Government Severance Tax Fund and/or the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund and 1.6 FTE.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.005	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of $119,798 reappropriated funds from the Local Government Severance Tax Fund and the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund to the Department of Local Affairs for FY 2025-26. The appropriation reflects 1.6 FTE.

L.005

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) limits the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs to using up to 5.0 percent of the funds received for the Community Schoolyards Grant Program to pay for the direct and indirect costs of administering the program.

The Committee may adopt both **J.001** and **L.005**.

Points to Consider

Technical Issues

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** limits the Department to using up to 5.0 percent of the funds received for the Community Schoolyards Grant Program to pay for the direct and indirect costs of administering the program. This equates to $200,000 over the life of the grant program. The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (04/22/25) assumes administrative costs of $119,798 in FY 2025-26 and $170,054 in FY 2026-27 through FY 2028-29. Therefore, the Department is expected to exceed the administrative cap under **L.005** during the second year of the program.