

# **Arapahoe County**

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# **Board Summary Report**

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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**Presenter:** Michelle Halstead, Commissioners' Office; Kathy Smith, Director, Community Resources; Todd Weaver, Director, Finance; Patrick Hernndez, Director, Human Resources; Dan Makelky, Director, Human Services; Jennifer Ludwig, Director, Public Health; Bryan Weimer, Director, Public Works and Development; Jared Rowlison, Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office

#### **Subject:**

1:00 PM \*Federal Funding Impacts

## **Purpose and Request:**

This informational session identifies potential impacts of recent federal funding decisions on County programs and services. This presentation will provide updated information on federal funding known and unknowns, highlight impacts of state budgetary constraints, discuss known and unknown impacts on county programs and services, and provide options for Board consideration during the upcoming budget process.

**Background and Discussion:** Recent federal funding decisions, including the passage of H.R. 1, have broad impacts on the County's programs and services. In order to prepare for the potential impacts these actions, staff will provide an update of how the County uses federal funding, the knowns and unknowns of both federal and state funds, and what the potential effects could be to County programs and services

The County receives in excess of \$102 million in federal funding across a number of program areas, including Human Services, workforce, Public Health, and more. This represents about 18% of the County's budget. Additionally, the County receives significant funding from the state that may also be in question. Programs and services that are likely to be reduced include WIC, family planning, harm reduction, immunizations, Medicaid,

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SNAP, childcare assistance, workforce and employment support, older adult services, etc.

Staff will provide additional detail on the financial and programmatic implications of the state and federal decisions. They will also cover proposals that have not been confirmed but may move forward and how that might impact county operations. Though staff do not feel confident in providing recommendations to the Board at this time, they will provide some items for consideration as the Board begins its 2026 budget process.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact is yet unknown but could impact around \$107 million in federal funding, as well as additional state funding.

Alternatives: N/A

## Alignment with Strategic Plan:

⊠Be fiscally sustainable

⊠ Provide essential and mandated service

⊠Be community focused

Staff Recommendation: N/A

**Concurrence:** The Commissioners' Office, Community Resources, County Attorney's Office, Human Resources, Human Services, Public Health, Public Works and Development, and the Sheriff's Office all contributed to this presentation.