

**H.R. 4405, Women’s Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019**

As Passed by the House of Representatives on October 21, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	4	101	108
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 4405 would authorize the appropriation of \$31.5 million each year through 2023 for the Women Business Centers program, administered by the Small Business Administration. That program distributes grants to centers that provide counseling and training to women-owned businesses. In 2019, \$18.5 million was allocated for those purposes. H.R. 4405 would expand eligibility, raise the grant maximum, and permit grantees to use funds to cover the costs of soliciting nonfederal matching dollars.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the program would cost \$101 million over the 2020-2024 period. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 4405**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization <sup>a</sup>	13	32	32	32	0	108
Estimated Outlays	4	16	28	32	22	101

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. H.R. 4405 would authorize the appropriation of \$31.5 million in 2020 for the Women's Business Centers program. Using information from the Small Business Administration, CBO estimates that \$18.5 million has been allocated for that program, on an annualized basis, from funds made available under Public Law 116-59, the current continuing resolution, which provided appropriations through November 21, 2019. Thus, the estimated authorization for 2020 (\$13 million) is equal to the amount specified in the act (\$31.5 million), minus the annualized amount from the continuing resolution (\$18.5 million).

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