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from the state? Or from who?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes. It's a combination of funding from federal grants, from the participants themselves, and from the cities and counties.

SENATOR VRTISKA: From the cities and the counties, depending on where they're located. Is that correct?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But the majority of the money does come from the federal government?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's where the majority of the money come from to establish them in the first place.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. That's to get them set up. But after they're in place, then it's the responsibility of the county, the city, and the individual who is placed in these programs, if he has the wherewithal to help support the program. Is that correct?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's exactly right. And I think, as a matter of fact, Cheyenne County is funding theirs entirely on their own and with participants. I don't think they have any grant money out there at all.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's interesting. My concern is, of course...and I know that this is good program, or I wouldn't have signed on to this. And I think we're coming to the point where we can work out the differences in this bill. My only concern, of course, is, as always, if the federal government decide to pull from this, what happens? We have to go on then, just the city and the county and the individual who is placed in these programs. Is that correct?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's right. And again, I'd like to remind you, Senator Vrtiska, and the body, that right now we have 430 participants in the drug court program. At a cost of putting them in prison, at \$25,000 a year, that's in excess of