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Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK THROUGH**
102 **OUTREACH TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill requires the division of housing within the department of local affairs (division) to create a working group to identify emerging, promising, and best practices related to homeless outreach for the purpose of reducing wildfire risk in the wildland-urban interface. The bill also establishes the

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reducing wildfire risk through homeless outreach grant program within the division. Grant recipients can use grant money to conduct outreach among individuals experiencing homelessness to reduce wildfire risk consistent with the emerging, promising, and best practices the working group identifies. The grant program prioritizes applications that take a collaborative approach and are founded in local knowledge and expertise.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-726 as
3 follows:

4 **24-32-726. Reducing wildfire risk through outreach to**
5 **unhoused individuals - working group - promising and best practices**
6 **- grant program - creation - report.** (1) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE
7 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL
8 CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY AND MAKE FINDINGS
9 REGARDING EMERGING, PROMISING, AND BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE
10 TRAUMA-INFORMED FOR CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO UNHOUSED
11 INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS IN THE
12 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE. THE WORKING GROUP MUST INCLUDE
13 STAKEHOLDERS FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
14 ORGANIZATIONS WITH RELEVANT INTERESTS, EXPERIENCE, AND
15 EXPERTISE, AND MUST INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS LIVED
18 EXPERIENCE AS AN UNHOUSED INDIVIDUAL. THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE
19 THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

20 (2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE REDUCING
21 WILDFIRE RISK THROUGH OUTREACH TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS GRANT
22 PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "GRANT PROGRAM".

1 GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AMONG
2 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
3 REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE
4 CONSISTENT WITH THE EMERGING, PROMISING, AND BEST PRACTICES
5 IDENTIFIED BY THE WORKING GROUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
6 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND,
8 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS
9 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH
10 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICIES AND
12 PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS,
13 THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE PROGRAM
14 EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

15 (4) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ENTITY MUST BE AN
16 AGENCY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A SPECIAL DISTRICT, A TRIBAL AGENCY
17 OR PROGRAM, OR A NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT
18 IS REGISTERED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY
19 OF STATE'S OFFICE. APPLICANTS MUST MEET ANY OTHER CRITERIA
20 SPECIFIED IN THE DIVISION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

21 (5) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
22 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DIVISION SHALL
23 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

24 (I) THE APPLICANT'S DEMONSTRATED ABILITY OR PAST RECORD OF
25 USING THE EMERGING, PROMISING, AND BEST PRACTICES IDENTIFIED BY
26 THE WORKING GROUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
27 SECTION;

1 (II) THE APPLICANT'S LOCAL EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE, AND
2 CAPACITY IN THE AREA THE APPLICANT PLANS TO SERVE; AND

3 (III) THE APPLICANT'S PLAN TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER LOCAL
4 ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IN
5 THE AREA THE APPLICANT PLANS TO SERVE.

6 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS THAT ADOPT A
7 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH FOUNDED ON LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND
8 EXPERTISE.

9 (6) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE
10 NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE EXECUTIVE
11 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS SHALL AWARD GRANTS
12 AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. GRANTS ARE AWARDED AT THE SOLE
13 DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
14 SECTION.

15 (7) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE
16 SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
17 AFFAIRS SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW
18 COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, ON THE GRANT PROGRAM.
19 NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORTING
20 REQUIREMENT CONTINUES UNTIL THE GRANT PROGRAM REPEALS.

21 (8) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE
22 MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS
23 TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
24 AFFAIRS MAY USE UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONEY ANNUALLY
25 APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND
26 INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE DIVISION INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT
27 PROGRAM.

1 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2020-21 state fiscal year,
2 \$100,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by the
3 division of housing. This appropriation is from the general fund. To
4 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the
5 reducing wildfire risk through outreach to unhoused individuals grant
6 program.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.