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SENATE BILL 22-185

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Danielson and Buckner,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OLDER COLORADANS
102 THROUGH THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN AGING GRANT
103 PROGRAM.

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>.)

The bill renames the area agency on aging grant program to the strategic investments in aging grant program (grant program). The grant program administers state assistance to finance projects across the state that are intended to assist and support older Coloradans.

The bill extends the grant program indefinitely to continue the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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support of projects that promote the health, equity, well-being, and security of older Coloradans across the state.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-208, **amend**
3 (1), (2) introductory portion, (2)(e), (3), (5)(a), (5)(c), and (5)(d); **repeal**
4 (6); and **add** (2)(g) and (2)(h) as follows:

5 **26-11-208. Strategic investments in aging grant program -**
6 **fund created - report - definitions.** (1) As used in this section, unless
7 the context otherwise requires:

8 (a) "Eligible organization" means an area agency on aging, as
9 defined in section 26-11-201, AND OTHER ENTITIES THE STATE
10 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES APPROPRIATE TO ADVANCE STRATEGIES AND
11 INVESTMENTS ALIGNED WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING,
12 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406, AS THE SECTION EXISTED
13 PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2022, AND THE STATE PLAN ON AGING DESCRIBED
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-203 (1).

15 (b) "Fund" means the ~~area agency on~~ STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN
16 aging cash fund created in subsection (5) of this section.

17 (c) "Grant program" or "program" means the ~~area agency on~~
18 STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN aging grant program created in subsection (2)
19 of this section.

20 (2) The ~~area agency on~~ STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN aging grant
21 program is established in the state office. The state office shall establish
22 and administer the grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to
23 provide state assistance received in the form of grant awards to finance
24 various projects across the state that are intended to assist and support
25 older Coloradans. The grant program is intended to support projects that

1 promote the health, EQUITY, well-being, and security of older Coloradans
2 across the state THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
3 THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
4 SECTION 24-32-3406, AS THAT SECTION EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2022,
5 AND THE STATE PLAN ON AGING DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION
6 26-11-203 (1), including:

- 7 (e) Home modification programs; and
- 8 (g) COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS, DATA COLLECTION, AND
9 RESEARCH; AND
- 10 (h) PILOT PROGRAMS AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

11 (3) (a) ~~By October 31, 2021,~~ The state office shall: ~~collaborate~~
12 ~~with area agencies on aging described in section 26-11-204 to:~~

13 (I) Adopt policies and procedures for the administration of the
14 program;

15 (II) ~~Establish and publicize criteria for the program; and~~ CREATE
16 APPLICATION PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS MAY
17 APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANT MONEY FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM;

18 (III) ~~Create application procedures by which eligible organizations~~
19 ~~may apply for and receive money from the program.~~ ESTABLISH CRITERIA
20 FOR THE SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS; AND

21 (IV) COORDINATE WITH THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, CREATED
22 IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, ON INCENTIVES AND POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS
23 THAT ALIGN WITH THE GREENHOUSE GOALS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
24 25-7-102 TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY
25 IN BUILDINGS USED BY OLDER COLORADANS AND THE USE OF ELECTRIC
26 VEHICLES FOR TRANSPORTING OLDER COLORADANS.

27 (b) ~~On or before January 1, 2022, the state office shall:~~

1 ~~(I) Begin accepting grant applications; and~~
2 ~~(II) Verify that each accepted application meets the criteria~~
3 ~~established in subsection (3)(a) of this section.~~

4 ~~(c) In making an award, the state office shall specify the amount~~
5 ~~of each grant.~~

6 ~~(d) (b) During the 2023 regular legislative session BEGINNING IN~~
7 ~~JANUARY 2023, AND EVERY JANUARY THEREAFTER, the state department~~
8 ~~shall include in its report to the committees of reference pursuant to the~~
9 ~~"State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent~~
10 ~~(SMART) Government Act" hearing required by section 2-7-203~~
11 ~~information from the state office regarding the grant program, as set forth~~
12 ~~in this subsection (3), prior to its repeal in 2022, including information on~~
13 ~~the type of projects financed by grant awards, the amount of money~~
14 ~~awarded to each project, and where those projects were conducted and the~~
15 ~~program's impact on the health, EQUITY, well-being, and security of older~~
16 ~~Coloradans.~~

17 ~~(5) (a) There is created in the state treasury the area agency on~~
18 ~~STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN aging cash fund. The fund consists of money~~
19 ~~appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.~~

20 ~~(c) Any unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund at the~~
21 ~~end of THE fiscal year 2021-22 remains in the fund and is not transferred~~
22 ~~to the general fund or any other fund. except that any remaining money~~
23 ~~in the fund as of December 31, 2022, shall be credited to the general fund~~
24 ~~NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-36-1 14, ALL INTEREST~~
25 ~~DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND IS~~
26 ~~CREDITED TO THE FUND.~~

27 ~~(d) Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the~~

1 ~~state office may expend money from the fund for the purpose of~~
2 ~~implementing this section, including any direct and indirect costs. The~~
3 ~~state office may only expend three percent of the money on administrative~~
4 ~~costs~~ MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE
5 DEPARTMENT TO FUND PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS CONSISTENT WITH THIS
6 SECTION.

7 (6) ~~This section is repealed, effective December 31, 2022.~~

8 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.