

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

SB21-027 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 5, after line 16 insert:

2 **"SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-139, **amend**
3 (2), (3)(a), (3)(b), and (4)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (4.5) as
4 follows:

5 **26-2-139. Food pantry assistance grant program - created -**
6 **timeline and criteria - grants - definitions - repeal.** (2) There is created
7 in the state department the food pantry assistance grant program. The
8 purpose of the grant program is to aid Colorado food pantries and food
9 banks in the purchase of foods that better meet the needs of their
10 clientele, which has expanded significantly as a result of the COVID-19
11 public health emergency. It is the intent of the general assembly that all
12 money awarded by the grant program is expended by ~~July 31, 2021~~ JULY
13 1, 2022.

14 (3) (a) The state department may ~~create a process for soliciting,~~
15 ~~vetting, awarding, and monitoring grants, pursuant to the sole source~~
16 ~~procurement authority specified in section 24-103-205 CONTRACT WITH~~
17 ~~A THIRD PARTY VENDOR TO SOLICIT, VET, AWARD, AND MONITOR GRANTS.~~
18 THE SELECTION OF ANY VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a) IS
19 EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",
20 ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

21 (b) The state department is authorized to use ~~seventy thousand~~
22 ~~dollars~~ UP TO FIVE PERCENT of the total funds appropriated to the grant
23 program for the direct and indirect costs of administering and monitoring
24 the grant program.

25 (4) (a) ~~On or before December 30, 2020, but as soon as~~
26 ~~practicable after June 22, 2020;~~ The state department OR THIRD PARTY
27 VENDOR shall award one or more grants ~~out of the federal CARES Act to~~
28 eligible entities ~~On or before March 31, 2021, but as soon as practicable~~
29 after the effective date of this section ~~the state department shall award one~~
30 ~~or more grants to eligible entities using state~~ money appropriated to the
31 grant program. In awarding grants, the state department shall, at a
32 minimum, consider:

33 (4.5) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
35 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND, CREATED IN SECTION
36 24-75-228, AS ENACTED BY SENATE BILL 21-291, ENACTED IN 2021, TO
37 THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM THAT CONFORMS WITH
38 THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL "AMERICAN
39 RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS THE ACT MAY BE

1 SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED.

2 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.".

3 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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