

CHAPTER 487

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 22-185

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The ~~area agency on~~ STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN aging grant program is

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established in the state office. The state office shall establish and administer the grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to provide state assistance received in the form of grant awards to finance various projects across the state that are intended to assist and support older Coloradans. The grant program is intended to support projects that promote the health, EQUITY, well-being, and security of older Coloradans across the state THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406, AS THAT SECTION EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2022, AND THE STATE PLAN ON AGING DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-203 (1), including:

(e) Home modification programs; ~~and~~

(g) COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS, DATA COLLECTION, AND RESEARCH; AND

(h) PILOT PROGRAMS AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(f) Begin accepting grant applications; and~~

~~(H) Verify that each accepted application meets the criteria established in subsection (3)(a) of this section.~~

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

~~(d)~~ (b) ~~During the 2023 regular legislative session~~ BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023, AND EVERY JANUARY THEREAFTER, the state department shall include in its report to the committees of reference pursuant to the "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearing required by section 2-7-203 information from the state office regarding the grant program, as set

forth in this subsection (3), ~~prior to its repeal in 2022~~, including information on the type of projects financed by grant awards, the amount of money awarded to each project, and where those projects were conducted and the program's impact on the health, EQUITY, well-being, and security of older Coloradans.

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

(c) Any unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund at the end of THE fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ remains in the fund and is not transferred to the general fund or any other fund. ~~except that any remaining money in the fund as of December 31, 2022, shall be credited to the general fund~~ NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-36-114, ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND IS CREDITED TO THE FUND.

(d) ~~Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the state office may expend money from the fund for the purpose of implementing this section, including any direct and indirect costs. The state office may only expend three percent of the money on administrative costs~~ MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO FUND PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION, INCLUDING ANY DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS.

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

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

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