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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
102 **COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE**
103 **SERVICES FOR MIGRANTS WHO ARE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF**
104 **ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES, AND, IN CONNECTION**
105 **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>.)

The bill creates the statewide welcome, reception, and integration grant program (grant program) in the department of labor and

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employment (department) to provide grants to community-based organizations that provide culturally and linguistically appropriate navigation of services and programs to migrants who are within one year of arrival in the United States. A grant may be used for:

- Conducting an intake and assessment of needs;
- Providing cultural orientation; case management; employment services or referrals to employment services; housing, housing-related services, or referrals to housing; English as a second language classes or referrals to classes; financial orientation; referrals to mental and physical health services; interpretation and translation services; transportation services; and immigration legal assistance or referrals to immigration legal services;
- Distributing emergency and transitional supplies;
- Assisting migrant parents to enroll their children in public school or summer programs, including early childhood programs; and
- Other eligible expenses.

The bill requires the department to issue a request for proposal for a nonprofit organization to administer the grant program.

For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$2.5 million from the general fund to the department for the grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
3 3.7 of title 8 as follows:

4 PART 2
5 STATEWIDE WELCOME, RECEPTION, AND INTEGRATION
6 GRANT PROGRAM

7 **8-3.7-201. Definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (a) "ADMINISTERING ENTITY" MEANS THE STATEWIDE ENTITY
10 SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE STATEWIDE
11 WELCOME, RECEPTION, AND INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 8-3.7-202.

13 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND

1 EMPLOYMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-121.

2 (c) "FUND" MEANS THE STATEWIDE WELCOME, RECEPTION, AND
3 INTEGRATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-3.7-205.

4 (d) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE STATEWIDE WELCOME,
5 RECEPTION, AND INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
6 8-3.7-202.

7 (e) "GRANT RECIPIENT" MEANS A COMMUNITY-BASED
8 ORGANIZATION THAT IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A GRANT PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 8-3.7-202.

10 (f) "MIGRANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ARRIVED IN THE
11 UNITED STATES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR AND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR
12 FEDERAL SUPPORT SERVICES OR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE
13 BENEFITS.

14 **8-3.7-202. Statewide welcome, reception, and integration grant**
15 **program - created - rules.** (1) THE STATEWIDE WELCOME, RECEPTION,
16 AND INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT TO
17 PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
18 CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE NAVIGATION OF
19 SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO MIGRANTS.

20 (2) GRANT RECIPIENTS SHALL USE THE GRANT AWARD FOR ONE OR
21 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
22 LIMITED TO:

23 (a) CONDUCTING AN INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS;

24 (b) PROVIDING CULTURAL ORIENTATION;

25 (c) PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT;

26 (d) DISTRIBUTING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SUPPLIES,
27 INCLUDING FOOD AND CLOTHING;

1 (e) PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OR REFERRALS TO
2 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING CAREER COACHING, COUNSELING,
3 NAVIGATING, TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING ON WORKERS' RIGHTS AND
4 IDENTIFYING HOW TO ADDRESS AND AVOID EXPLOITATION, CERTIFICATION
5 AND LICENSURE, AND JOB PLACEMENT;

6 (f) PROVIDING HOUSING, HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES, OR
7 REFERRALS TO HOUSING, INCLUDING ADVISING ABOUT THE OBLIGATIONS
8 UNDER A LEASE, PAYING SECURITY DEPOSITS, CONDUCTING BACKGROUND
9 CHECKS AND HOME VISITS FOR SPONSORS, AND ORIENTING MIGRANTS TO
10 RENT AND ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEMS;

11 (g) PROVIDING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES OR A
12 REFERRAL TO ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES;

13 (h) PROVIDING FINANCIAL ORIENTATION, INCLUDING
14 UNDERSTANDING CREDIT, LOANS, AND UNBANKED ISSUES FOR
15 UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS;

16 (i) PROVIDING OR PROVIDING REFERRALS TO MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES;

18 (j) PROVIDING REFERRALS TO PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES;

19 (k) PROVIDING SERVICES OR REFERRALS TO DISABILITY SERVICES;

20 (l) ASSISTING MIGRANT PARENTS TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN
21 PUBLIC SCHOOL OR SUMMER PROGRAMS, INCLUDING EARLY CHILDHOOD
22 PROGRAMS, TO ENABLE THE PARENTS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND TO HELP
23 THE PARENTS NAVIGATE SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM SYSTEMS;

24 (m) PROVIDING INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES;

25 (n) PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, BUS PASSES, AND ORIENTATION
26 TO THE BUS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM;

27 (o) PROVIDING IMMIGRATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE OR REFERRALS

1 TO IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES; AND

2 (p) OTHER ELIGIBLE EXPENSES, AS DETERMINED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT AND THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY IN CONSULTATION WITH
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

5 (3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
6 FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER
7 SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986"
8 TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT
9 AND CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A
10 STATEWIDE REACH OF ORGANIZATIONS SERVING MIGRANTS AND
11 DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN:

12 (I) ADMINISTERING GRANT MONEY;

13 (II) TRAINING, MONITORING, AND EVALUATING GRANT RECIPIENTS
14 TO ENSURE THE GRANT RECIPIENTS COMPLY WITH GRANT REQUIREMENTS;

15 (III) PROVIDING METRICS AND SUBMITTING REQUIRED REPORTING
16 IN A TIMELY FASHION;

17 (IV) WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH OTHER MIGRANT-SERVING
18 ORGANIZATIONS; AND

19 (V) WORKING WITH MULTILINGUAL MIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

20 (b) (I) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL SELECT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE ADMINISTERING
22 ENTITY, WHICH CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW AND RENEWAL.

23 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, IF
24 THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BUT DOES NOT
25 IDENTIFY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
26 FOR SELECTION AS THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF
27 NEW AMERICANS CREATED IN SECTION 8-3.7-103, SHALL ACT AS THE

1 ADMINISTERING ENTITY OF THE PROGRAM. █

2 (c) THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP THE GRANT APPLICATION, THE APPLICATION
4 PROCESS, AND THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS THAT ARE
5 CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTICALLY ACCESSIBLE, AND COMPLY
6 WITH THE STATE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE
7 24.

8 (4) THE DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTERING ENTITY SHALL
9 IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2. GRANTS
10 MUST BE AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2.

11 (5) UPON RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY
12 THAT A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A
13 GRANT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, TRANSFER
14 THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD TO THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY,
15 WHICH MUST THEN TRANSMIT THE GRANT AWARD TO THE GRANT
16 RECIPIENT.

17 (6) THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY OR SELECTED GRANT RECIPIENTS
18 MUST NOT BE A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
19 1-45-103, AND GRANT AWARDS MUST NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO A POLITICAL
20 ORGANIZATION OR USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

21 **8-3.7-203. Administering entity - duties - funding.** (1) THE
22 ADMINISTERING ENTITY SHALL:

23 (a) ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2,
24 INCLUDING ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING, IN COLLABORATION WITH
25 THE DEPARTMENT, THE PROCESS BY WHICH A COMMUNITY-BASED
26 ORGANIZATION MAY APPLY TO RECEIVE A GRANT;

27 (b) CONDUCT STATEWIDE OUTREACH TO ENSURE THAT ALL

1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE MIGRANTS ARE AWARE
2 OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT;

3 (c) CONVENE A STATEWIDE SELECTION PANEL WITH THE
4 DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES REPRESENTATION FROM IMPACTED
5 COMMUNITIES TO SELECT GRANT RECIPIENTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
6 CRITERIA:

7 (I) DEMONSTRATED HISTORICAL COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH
8 AND IN THE IMMIGRANT AND MIGRANT POPULATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES;

9 (II) DEMONSTRABLE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO EMERGING NEEDS OF
10 THE MIGRANT POPULATION;

11 (III) EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING ANY OF THE SERVICES DESCRIBED
12 IN SECTION 8-3.7-202 (2); AND

13 (IV) EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING PRIVATE OR PUBLIC CONTRACTS
14 OR GRANTS; AND

15 (d) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT
16 TO SECTION 8-3.7-204 (1) REGARDING THE NUMBER OF MIGRANTS SERVED,
17 THE TYPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED, THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR
18 SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE MIGRANTS' LEVEL
19 OF SATISFACTION FOR THE SERVICES RECEIVED, KEY BARRIERS TO
20 RECEIVING SERVICES, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, THE NUMBER OF MIGRANTS
21 WHO REQUESTED AND WERE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS AND RECEIVE SERVICES
22 AND THE REASONS WHY.

23 (2) (a) IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN
24 TO GRANT APPLICANTS WHO PROVIDE TWO OR MORE OF THE SERVICES
25 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 8-3.7-202 (2)(c), (2)(e), OR (2)(f).

26 (b) IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY
27 SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO GRANT APPLICANTS THAT ARE BASED IN,

1 OR SERVE POPULATIONS IN, RURAL AND NON-METRO AREAS WITH LIMITED
2 ACCESS TO RESOURCES.

3 (3) OF THE MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT
4 SHALL NOT USE MORE THAN TEN PERCENT TO COMPENSATE THE
5 ADMINISTERING ENTITY TO OFFSET THE COSTS THAT THE ADMINISTERING
6 ENTITY INCURS IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM AND IN
7 PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING TO
8 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE GRANT PROGRAM AND SUCCESSFUL
9 EXECUTION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM'S GOALS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
10 NOT AGREE TO PAY ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION TO THE
11 ADMINISTERING ENTITY FROM THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
12 COMPENSATE THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY WITH FUNDS FROM THE
13 APPROPRIATION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

14 **8-3.7-204. Reporting requirements.** (1) (a) ONE YEAR AFTER
15 THE DATE OF THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 8-3.7-202 (3)(b), THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
17 THE DEPARTMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

18 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES MADE WITH THE GRANT MONEY;

19 (II) THE NUMBER OF GRANT APPLICANTS;

20 (III) THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT
21 RECEIVED A GRANT;

22 (IV) THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF EACH GRANT RECIPIENT; AND

23 (V) THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF MIGRANTS SERVED BY EACH
24 GRANT RECIPIENT, THE SERVICES PROVIDED, AND THE MIGRANTS' LEVEL OF
25 SATISFACTION FOR EACH SERVICE PROVIDED.

26 (b) ANY INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE REPORT REQUIRED
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST NOT INCLUDE PERSONAL

1 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

2 (2) NO LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE REPORT IS
3 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
4 SECTION, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT
5 THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY'S REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND
7 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,
8 REGARDING THE GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
10 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUE AS LONG
11 AS THE GRANT PROGRAM IS OPERATIONAL.

12 **8-3.7-205. Statewide welcome, reception, and integration cash**
13 **fund - appropriation - repeal.** (1) THE STATEWIDE WELCOME,
14 RECEPTION, AND INTEGRATION CASH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE
15 TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY
17 THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE
18 FUND.

19 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
20 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
21 FUND TO THE FUND.

22 (3) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING
23 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND
24 AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER
25 FUND.

26 (4) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS MAY EXPEND

1 MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2.

2 (5) THE ONA MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
3 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
4 PART 2. THE ONA SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
5 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL
6 CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

7 (6) (a) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAKE A
8 ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
9 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT
10 PROGRAM.

11 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

12 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
13 \$2,500,000 is appropriated to the department of labor and employment for
14 use by the office of new Americans. This appropriation is from the
15 statewide welcome, reception, and integration cash fund created in
16 section 8-3.7-205, C.R.S., and is based on an assumption that the office
17 will require an additional 0.8 FTE. To implement this act, the office
18 may use this appropriation for the statewide welcome, reception, and
19 integration grant program. Any money appropriated in this section not
20 expended prior to July 1, 2025, is further appropriated to the office for the
21 2025-26 and 2026-27 state fiscal years for the same purpose.

22 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
25 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
26 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
27 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.