

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 489—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment of and funds a pilot program relating to federal and nongovernmental organization grants. (BDR S-1109)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to grants; establishing a fund to provide money for matching federal and nongovernmental organization grants; authorizing this State to seek and obtain federal and nongovernmental organization money for certain community projects; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration to assist state agencies with identifying and obtaining federal grants. (NRS 232.213, 232.224) **Section 1** of this bill creates the Grant Matching Fund as part of a pilot program to provide funds to state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations as matching funds for federal and nongovernmental organization grants. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management to create and administer a pilot program that allows state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to request grants from the Grant Matching Fund for the purpose of satisfying the matching requirement for a federal or nongovernmental organization grant. **Section 3** of this bill establishes certain criteria for prioritizing grants. **Section 4** of this bill establishes standards of eligibility for receiving a grant. **Section 5** of this bill requires that on or before January 31, 2021, the Administrator must provide a summary report on the pilot program to the Legislature. **Section 6** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Grant Matching Fund to provide state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations grants



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18 of money for matching federal and nongovernmental organization grants under the
19 pilot program.

1 WHEREAS, Nevada has long received a disproportionately low
2 rate of federal and nongovernmental organization grant funding per
3 capita and as a result, has less money to pay for programs, projects
4 and services that increase the quality of life and opportunities for
5 Nevadans and facilitate growth; and

6 WHEREAS, Federal and nongovernmental organization grant
7 funds are critical to helping pay for community assets, such as
8 infrastructure, affordable housing, health care centers and workforce
9 development programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Many federal and nongovernmental organization
11 grants require the recipient to share in the cost of delivering a
12 program or project by matching a share of federal or
13 nongovernmental organization grant dollars with cash or in-kind
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, The inability to meet such matching requirements is
16 often cited by State staff as a key reason for not pursuing or securing
17 federal and nongovernmental organization grant opportunities; now,
18 therefore,

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20 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
21 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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23 **Section 1.** There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
24 special fund which shall be designated as the Grant Matching Fund.

25 1. The Grant Matching Fund shall hold appropriated money in
26 trust for the exclusive purpose of providing grants to state agencies,
27 local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations
28 to satisfy federal and nongovernmental organization grant matching
29 requirements.

30 2. The Interim Finance Committee must authorize the transfer
31 of money from the Grant Matching Fund before the acceptance of a
32 federal grant award greater than \$150,000 or a nongovernmental
33 organization grant award greater than \$20,000.

34 **Sec. 2.** The Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement,
35 Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration
36 shall:

37 1. Consult with grant professionals employed by the State and
38 other grant experts to create and administer a pilot program that
39 allows state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and
40 nonprofit organizations to request grants from the Grant Matching



1 Fund for the purpose of satisfying the matching funds requirement
2 for a federal or nongovernmental organization grant.

3 2. Develop a process:

4 (a) For state agencies, local governments, tribal governments
5 and nonprofit organizations to make a request for a grant for
6 matching funds;

7 (b) And criteria for the review, award and notification of grant
8 requests;

9 (c) For the payment or transfer of grant money; and

10 (d) For reporting on the use and implementation of grant
11 awards.

12 3. Administer all applicable aspects of the process set forth in
13 subsection 2.

14 **Sec. 3.** The pilot program created pursuant to section 2 of this
15 act must:

16 1. Provide a clear, streamlined and timely process for state
17 agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit
18 organizations to apply for matching funds for a specific federal or
19 nongovernmental organization grant and receive a prompt decision
20 from the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement,
21 Coordination and Management of the Department of
22 Administration.

23 2. Prioritize grants that:

24 (a) Add services to constituents;

25 (b) Align with the documented priorities of the state agency,
26 local government, tribal government or nonprofit organization;

27 (c) Address the needs of underserved or frontier communities;

28 (d) Help state agencies, local governments, tribal governments
29 and nonprofit organizations build capacity for future grant
30 opportunities; and

31 (e) Enable a state agency, local government, tribal government
32 or nonprofit organization to sustain the grant in its next budget.

33 **Sec. 4.** To be eligible for a grant from the Grant Matching
34 Fund created by section 1 of this act, a state agency, local
35 government, tribal government or nonprofit organization must:

36 1. Demonstrate that:

37 (a) It is pursuing a bona fide federal or nongovernmental
38 organization grant for which it is eligible;

39 (b) It attempted but was unable to secure match funding through
40 its own budget or in-kind resources;

41 (c) The grant is within its scope;

42 (d) The grant is a competitive grant; and

43 (e) The grant will provide not less than \$2 for each \$1 received
44 from the Grant Matching Fund.



2. Apply for a grant in the form and process prescribed by the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration.

3. Adhere to other requirements deemed appropriate for the pilot program created pursuant to section 2 of this act by the Administrator.

Sec. 5. On or before January 31, 2021, the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a summary report for the preceding 18 months detailing:

1. The number and purpose of grant requests received from state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations;

2. The number and purpose of grant requests approved and the amount of money awarded from the Grant Matching Fund created by section 1 of this act to each approved grant request applicant; and

3. The amount of federal and nongovernmental organization grant funding received by each grant applicant as a result of receiving money from the Grant Matching Fund.

Sec. 6. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Grant Matching Fund created by section 1 of this act the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of providing grants to state agencies, local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to satisfy federal and nongovernmental organization grant matching requirements as administered through the pilot program pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Sec. 7. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 6 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the appropriation is made or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

Sec. 8. 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

2. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 2021.

