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AN ACT relating to affordable housing; requiring the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to develop and implement a supportive housing grant program; creating the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund in the State Treasury; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law charges the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry with certain duties relating to low-income housing and affordable housing, including creating a statewide low-income housing database and administering the Account for Affordable Housing. (NRS 319.143, 319.500)

Section 2 of this bill requires the Division to, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such a purpose, develop and implement a supportive housing grant program. The program must include a process for applying for a grant to: (1) procure and develop supportive housing; (2) train and build the capacity of a supportive housing partnership; (3) fund the operation of a supportive housing partnership; and (4) analyze the progress of supportive housing in this State.

Section 2 also requires the Division to: (1) consult with the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing before approving any application for a grant to procure and develop supportive housing; (2) adopt regulations to carry out the grant program which must include the criteria for eligibility to receive money and procedures for the submission and review of applications; and (3) submit an annual report containing certain information about the grant program to the Chair of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Section 3 of this bill creates the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund in the State Treasury and provides that the money in the Fund must be used to carry out the provisions of **section 2**.

Section 4 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Fund to carry out the supportive housing grant program.

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 319 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *The Division shall, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such a purpose, develop and implement a supportive housing grant program for the purpose of awarding grants for the development of supportive housing and the provision of supportive housing services. The program must include a process for applying for a grant to:*



(a) Procure and develop supportive housing;
(b) Train and build the capacity of a supportive housing partnership;

(c) Fund the operation of a supportive housing partnership;
and

(d) Analyze the progress of supportive housing in this State.

2. Any recipient of a grant for supportive housing must agree in writing to comply with all applicable provisions of chapter 118A of NRS.

3. The Division shall consult with the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing created by NRS 232.4981 before approving any application for a grant pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

4. The Division shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations must prescribe, without limitation:

(a) The criteria for eligibility to receive money from the supportive housing grant program; and

(b) Procedures for the submission and review of applications to receive money from the supportive housing grant program.

5. On or before December 1 of each year that the supportive housing grant program is funded, the Division shall submit a report to the Chair of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, or to the Legislative Commission, if the Legislature is not in session. The report must include:

(a) Information on and feedback from grant recipients; and

(b) Information on the use of grant money and participation in the supportive housing grant program.

6. The Division may use a portion of the money in the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund created by section 3 of this act to prepare the report required by subsection 5.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Supportive housing" means subsidized housing that reduces barriers to retaining housing that are caused by a person's rental history, criminal history and income through the provision of onsite and offsite supportive services that are designed to assist a person who has:

(1) A disabling behavioral or physical health condition;
and

(2) Experienced:



(I) Homelessness or been at imminent risk of homelessness; or

(II) Unnecessary institutionalization.

(b) "Supportive services" includes, without limitation, social services, community support services, case management services, employment services, health care and behavioral health treatment.

Sec. 3. *1. There is hereby created as a special revenue fund in the State Treasury the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund.*

2. The Division may accept gifts, bequests, grants, appropriations and donations from any sources for deposit in the Fund.

3. The money in the Fund must be invested as other state funds are invested. All interest earned on the deposit or investment of money in the Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund. Claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

4. The money in the Fund must be used to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund created by section 3 of this act the sum of \$32,200,000 to carry out the supportive housing grant program developed pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Sec. 5. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 6. *1. This section and section 5 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.*

2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

