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AN ACT relating to housing; revising provisions relating to the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund; making an appropriation; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Governor to submit a statement to the Legislature relating to supportive housing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such a purpose, to develop and implement a grant program for the purpose of awarding grants for the development of subsidized housing and the provision of services to assist eligible persons by reducing barriers to their retention of housing. The program is required to include a process for applying for a grant to: (1) procure and develop such 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. (NRS 319.600) Additionally, existing law creates the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund in the State Treasury and requires that money in the Fund be used to carry out the supportive housing grant program. (NRS 319.610)

Section 1 of this bill removes the provision that the development and implementation of such a grant program by the Housing Division is subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such a purpose.

Section 2 of this bill changes the designation of the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund from a special revenue fund in the State Treasury to an account in the State General Fund. **Section 2** also provides that the money in the redesignated Nevada Supportive Housing Development Account does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year. **Section 1** makes a conforming change to reflect the change in designation of the Fund.

Section 3 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Account to carry out the supportive housing grant program. **Section 3.5** of this bill requires, beginning with the executive budget for the 2027-2029 biennium, that if the Governor does not include a budgetary request for any amount of money for the Account to carry out the program, the Governor must submit a statement with the proposed executive budget outlining the reasons that the Governor has not included a budgetary request for that purpose.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for 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. NRS 319.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:
319.600 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~~ Account created by NRS 319.610 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. 2. NRS 319.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

319.610 1. ~~{There is hereby created as a special revenue fund in the State Treasury the}~~ **The Nevada Supportive Housing Development ~~{Fund.}~~ Account is hereby created in the State General Fund.**

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

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

4. The money in the ~~{Fund}~~ **Account** must be used to carry out the provisions of NRS 319.600.

5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Account created by NRS 319.610, as amended by section 2 of this act, the sum of \$21,000,000 to carry out the supportive housing grant program developed pursuant to NRS 319.600, as amended by section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3.5. Beginning with the executive budget for the 2027-2029 biennium, if the Governor does not include in the proposed executive budget a budgetary request for any amount of money for the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Account created by NRS 319.610, as amended by section 2 of this act, to carry out the supportive housing grant program developed pursuant to NRS 319.600, as amended by section 1 of this act, the Governor shall submit, with the proposed executive budget transmitted pursuant to NRS 353.230, a statement outlining the reasons that the Governor has not included a budgetary request for that purpose to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.



Sec. 4. 1. The State Controller shall, if necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, cause the transfer of any money between funds and accounts whose designations are changed by the provisions of this act.

2. All rights and liabilities of a fund whose designation is changed by the provisions of this act are not affected by the change in designation and remain the rights and liabilities of the fund or account as newly designated.

Sec. 5. 1. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately change any references to a fund or account whose designation has been changed pursuant to the provisions of this act.

2. Any reference in a bill or resolution passed by the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature to a fund or account whose designation is changed pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be deemed to refer to the fund or account by its changed designation.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

