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SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Housing Stability Council, with advice of Community Action Partnership of Oregon, to develop policy for awarding grants to organizations that shall use funds in Emergency Housing Account to align with federal strategies and resources available to prevent and end homelessness.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Emergency Housing Account; amending ORS 458.650.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 458.650 is amended to read:

458.650. (1) The Emergency Housing Account shall be administered by the Housing and Community Services Department to assist homeless persons and those persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. An amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account pursuant to ORS 294.187 is dedicated for expenditure for assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. For purposes of this section, “account” means the Emergency Housing Account.

(2) The Oregon Housing Stability Council, **with the advice of the Community Action Partnership of Oregon**, shall develop policy for awarding grants to organizations that shall use the funds:

(a) To provide to low and very low income persons, including but not limited to, persons more than 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, farmworkers and Native Americans:

[(a)] **(A)** Emergency shelters and attendant services;

[(b)] **(B)** Transitional housing services designed to assist persons to make

1 the transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic inde-
2 pendence;

3 [(c)] (C) Supportive housing services to enable persons to continue living
4 in their own homes or to provide in-home services for such persons for whom
5 suitable programs do not exist in their geographic area;

6 [(d)] (D) Programs that provide emergency payment of home payments,
7 rents or utilities; or

8 [(e)] (E) Some or all of the needs described in [paragraphs (a) to (d)]
9 **subparagraphs (A) to (D)** of this [subsection] **paragraph.**

10 **(b) To align with federal strategies and resources that are available**
11 **to prevent and end homelessness.**

12 (3)(a) The council shall require as a condition of awarding a grant that
13 the organization demonstrate to the satisfaction of the council that the or-
14 ganization has the capacity to deliver any service proposed by the organiza-
15 tion.

16 (b) Any funds granted under this section shall not be used to replace ex-
17 isting funds. Funds granted under this section may be used to supplement
18 existing funds. An organization may use funds to support existing programs
19 or to establish new programs.

20 (c) The council, by policy, shall give preference in granting funds to those
21 organizations that coordinate services with those programs established under
22 ORS 458.625.

23 (4) The department may expend funds from the account for administration
24 of the account as provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that
25 term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the department.

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