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SUMMARY

Authorizes Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants to eligible entities for providing financial assistance to persons in low income households for repair and rehabilitation of residences.

Requires community action agencies that receive moneys from department to provide loans, grants or other financial assistance to income-eligible households to report to department no later than August 15, 2022. Requires department to report on grants to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for grants and distribution of moneys to community action agencies.

Sunsets on January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to supporting homeownership for low income individuals; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 458.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Eligible entity” means a local government, local housing authority, nonprofit organization, federally recognized Indian tribe in this state, regional or statewide nonprofit housing assistance organization or community action agency.

(b) “Grant program recipient” means an eligible entity that has been awarded a grant from the Housing and Community Services Department under this section.

1 (c) “Nonprofit organization” means an organization or group of or-
2 ganizations that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Reve-
3 nue Code and is exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the
4 Internal Revenue Code.

5 (d) “Repair and rehabilitation” includes actions that:

6 (A) Maximize energy efficiency of residences;

7 (B) Extend the usable life of the residences; or

8 (C) Improve the health and safety of the occupants of the resi-
9 dences.

10 (e)(A) “Residence” means a single-family residence owned by, and
11 occupied as the primary residence of, an individual who is a member
12 of a household with an income at or below area median income.

13 (B) “Residence” includes a site-built home, manufactured home,
14 permanently fixed residential trailer or condominium unit.

15 (2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall dis-
16 tribute grants to eligible entities for homeownership assistance pro-
17 grams that provide financial assistance for the repair and
18 rehabilitation of residences.

19 (3) To be eligible to receive grants from the department, an eligible
20 entity must establish that it:

21 (a) Is operating, or will operate, a homeownership assistance pro-
22 gram;

23 (b) Has the capacity to administer grant funds received under this
24 section; and

25 (c) Is able to comply with the requirements of all state and federal
26 laws, rules and regulations.

27 (4)(a) The department may establish the nature and extent of the
28 repair and rehabilitation that may be funded by eligible entities under
29 this section.

30 (b) The department may give preference to eligible entities that
31 market services to communities of color.

1 (5) Upon being awarded a grant under this section, the grant pro-
2 gram recipient shall enter into an agreement with the department that
3 contains provisions that:

4 (a) Indicate the purposes for which the grant funds may be used;

5 (b) Permit the department to conduct audits and monitoring of the
6 grant program recipient regarding the purposes for which grant funds
7 have been used; and

8 (c) Require the grant program recipient to report on or before Au-
9 gust 15, 2022, regarding the use of funds and any other information
10 specified by the department.

11 SECTION 3. Community action agencies receiving moneys under
12 section 6 of this 2021 Act shall report to the Housing and Community
13 Services Department on or before August 15, 2022, regarding the use
14 of funds and any other information specified by the department.

15 SECTION 4. No later than September 15, 2022, the Housing and
16 Community Services Department shall provide a report to an appro-
17 priate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner
18 provided under ORS 192.245 on the grant program described in section
19 2 of this 2021 Act, including the amounts expended and information
20 reported by grant program recipients and community action agencies.

21 SECTION 5. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January
22 2, 2023.

23 SECTION 6. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
24 priation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services
25 Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the Gen-
26 eral Fund:

27 (a) \$2,000,000 for awarding and administering grants under section
28 2 of this 2021 Act; and

29 (b) \$2,000,000 for distribution to community action agencies with the
30 advice of the Community Action Partnership of Oregon to provide
31 loans, grants or other financial assistance to income-eligible house-

1 holds for the repair and rehabilitation of their residences as described
2 in section 2 of this 2021 Act and for administering the distribution of
3 moneys under this paragraph.

4 (2) The department may specify that some or all of the moneys
5 distributed to the community action agencies under subsection (1)(b)
6 of this section must supplement programs or expenditures that are
7 funded by federal, state or local weatherization programs.

8 SECTION 7. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
9 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
10 clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.