

Senate Bill 276

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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

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

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

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

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

5 (a) **“Eligible entity” means a local government, local housing authority, nonprofit organization,**
6 **7 federaly recognized Indian tribe in this state, regional or statewide nonprofit housing**
8 **assistance organization or community action agency.**

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

11 (c) **“Nonprofit organization” means an organization or group of organizations that is de-**
12 **scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from income tax**
13 **under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

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

15 (A) **Maximize energy efficiency of residences;**

16 (B) **Extend the usable life of the residences; or**

17 (C) **Improve the health and safety of the occupants of the residences.**

18 (e)(A) **“Residence” means a single-family residence owned by, and occupied as the pri-**
19 **mary residence of, an individual who is a member of a household with an income at or below**
20 **area median income.**

21 (B) **“Residence” includes a site-built home, manufactured home, permanently fixed resi-**
22 **dential trailer or condominium unit.**

23 (2) **The Housing and Community Services Department shall distribute grants to eligible**
24 **entities for homeownership assistance programs that provide financial assistance for the**
25 **repair and rehabilitation of residences.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

3 (a) Is operating, or will operate, a homeownership assistance program;

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

5 (c) Is able to comply with the requirements of all state and federal laws, rules and reg-
6 ulations.

7 (4)(a) The department may establish the nature and extent of the repair and rehabili-
8 tation that may be funded by eligible entities under this section.

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

11 (5) Upon being awarded a grant under this section, the grant program recipient shall
12 enter into an agreement with the department that contains provisions that:

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

14 (b) Permit the department to conduct audits and monitoring of the grant program re-
15 cipient regarding the purposes for which grant funds have been used; and

16 (c) Require the grant program recipient to report on or before August 15, 2022, regarding
17 the use of funds and any other information specified by the department.

18 **SECTION 3.** Community action agencies receiving moneys under section 6 of this 2021
19 Act shall report to the Housing and Community Services Department on or before August
20 15, 2022, regarding the use of funds and any other information specified by the department.

21 **SECTION 4.** No later than September 15, 2022, the Housing and Community Services
22 Department shall provide a report to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative
23 Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on the grant program described in
24 section 2 of this 2021 Act, including the amounts expended and information reported by grant
25 program recipients and community action agencies.

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

27 **SECTION 6.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
28 priated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July
29 1, 2021, out of the General Fund:

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

31 (b) \$2,000,000 for distribution to community action agencies with the advice of the Com-
32 munity Action Partnership of Oregon to provide loans, grants or other financial assistance
33 to income-eligible households for the repair and rehabilitation of their residences as de-
34 scribed in section 2 of this 2021 Act and for administering the distribution of moneys under
35 this paragraph.

36 (2) The department may specify that some or all of the moneys distributed to the com-
37 munity action agencies under subsection (1)(b) of this section must supplement programs or
38 expenditures that are funded by federal, state or local weatherization programs.

39 **SECTION 7.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
40 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
41 on its passage.