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.

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(B) An itemized estimate of the amount of funding the applicant expects the plan development process to require.

(4)(a) If the department determines that an eligible community’s application qualifies for funding under this section, the department shall offer the eligible community a grant agreement for an award in the following amounts:

(A) For an eligible community with a population of less than 25,000 residents, not more than $75,000;
(B) For an eligible community with a population of at least 25,000 residents but less than 100,000 residents, not more than $150,000; and
(C) For an eligible community with a population of at least 100,000 residents, not more than $300,000.

(b) If the department determines that an eligible community’s application does not qualify for funding under this section:

(A) The department may consult with the eligible community about the application’s deficiencies; and
(B) After such consultation, the eligible community may submit, according to a schedule agreed to by the department, an amended application, which is subject to the same requirements and award limitations as the original application.

(c) If the department makes a final determination that the eligible community does not qualify for funding under this section, the determination is not subject to appeal.

(5) An eligible community that enters into a grant agreement with the department under subsection (4) of this section shall deliver to the department the completed local poverty reduction plan no later than the date established in the grant agreement.

(6)(a) If the department determines that the completed local poverty reduction plan does not meet the requirements established under this section or the grant agreement, the department shall notify the eligible community of:

(A) Its determination;
(B) The deficiencies of the plan; and
(C) Recommendations and a timeline for curing the deficiencies.

(b) Upon request, the department shall consult with the eligible community about curing the deficiencies of the plan.

(7) If an eligible community fails to cure the deficiencies of its local poverty reduction plan to the satisfaction of the department within a reasonable period of time prescribed by the department, the department may bring a civil action to secure repayment of the amount of the grant award, plus interest at a rate of ______ percent for each month or fraction of a month that the amount remains unpaid and the department’s legal costs in obtaining judgment for the amount.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.