

Senate Bill 771

Sponsored by Senator NASH, Representative LEVY B; Representative LIVELY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act would set up a grant program for capital repairs at small-town rodeos. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer a program for awarding grants to rodeo organizations based in communities with a population of 12,000 or less to fund certain capital projects on existing rodeo property.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to funding for rodeo repairs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and ad-**
5 **minister a program for awarding grants to community-based rodeo organizations for capital**
6 **expenses described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.**

7 **(b) A rodeo organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this section if the rodeo**
8 **organization is based in a community with a population of 12,000 or less.**

9 **(c) A grant may not be awarded in an amount greater than \$250,000 per rodeo organiza-**
10 **tion.**

11 **(2)(a) Grant moneys may be used solely for:**

12 **(A) Capital projects on existing rodeo property; and**

13 **(B) Purchases of capital equipment for capital projects on existing rodeo property.**

14 **(b) Grant moneys may not be used for costs associated with personnel, livestock or the**
15 **operations of the rodeo organization.**

16 **(3)(a) The department shall prescribe an application process, including forms and dead-**
17 **lines, for rodeo organizations seeking grants.**

18 **(b) The department may consult with a rodeo organization about its application and the**
19 **rodeo organization may submit an amended application within the application period.**

20 **(4)(a) The department shall review each timely and complete application and:**

21 **(A) Approve the application as submitted;**

22 **(B) Approve the application for an amount other than the amount sought in the appli-**
23 **cation; or**

24 **(C) Reject the application.**

25 **(b) Grant award amounts and the rejection of an application may not be appealed, but a**
26 **rodeo organization may submit another application at any time within the application period.**

27 **(5)(a) Upon making a decision with respect to an application under subsection (4) of this**
28 **section, the department shall:**

29 **(A) Notify the rodeo organization of its decision and the reason for its decision; and**

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 (B) Offer a grant agreement to a successful applicant rodeo organization.

2 (b) The department may elect to disburse the grant moneys in a single payment or in
3 multiple conditional payments, as specified in the grant agreement.

4 (c) The grant agreement shall require the rodeo organization to make such periodic re-
5 ports as the department deems necessary for the department's administration of the grant
6 award program.

7 (d) When a grant agreement has been finalized, the department shall distribute to the
8 rodeo organization the grant moneys as specified in the grant agreement.

9 (6)(a) Upon discovery by the department that the rodeo organization has used the grant
10 moneys for any purpose other than the purposes set forth in the grant agreement, the rodeo
11 organization shall become liable for repayment in full of the grant moneys.

12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department in its sole dis-
13 cretion may ratify such purposes and cancel the rodeo organization's liability, subject to a
14 new grant agreement.

15 (7) Any and all amounts required to be repaid under subsection (6) of this section shall
16 be considered to be liquidated and delinquent, and the Oregon Business Development De-
17 partment shall assign such amounts to the Department of Revenue for collection as provided
18 in ORS 293.250.

19 (8) If the Oregon Business Development Department discovers that a rodeo organization
20 willfully made a false statement or misrepresentation, or willfully failed to report a material
21 fact, to obtain a grant award under this section, the Oregon Business Development Depart-
22 ment may add to the amount the rodeo organization is obligated to repay a penalty not to
23 exceed 20 percent of the principal amount of the grant so obtained, plus any applicable in-
24 terest and fees associated with the Department of Revenue's costs of collection.

25 (9) Subject to ORS 293.250, all amounts repaid to the Oregon Business Development De-
26 partment or the Department of Revenue under this section, including grant award amounts,
27 penalties, interest, fees and any other charges, shall be transferred to a fund of the Oregon
28 Business Development Department.

29 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

30 SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for
31 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for
32 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

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