

HOUSE BILL 827

Introduced by Harper, et al.

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1 *House* BILL NO. *827*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Hayes Rice Lewis McCallister*
 3 *Adrian J. Brown*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO
 5 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES
 6 PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR GRANTS FROM THE
 7 APPROPRIATION."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Appropriation for certified
 11 communities program -- criteria for grants from
 12 appropriation. (1) There is appropriated from the general
 13 fund to the department of commerce for the biennium ending
 14 June 30, 1993, \$530,000 to be used for grants under the
 15 certified communities program to assist communities in
 16 assessing their economic development potential, creating
 17 economic development organizations, conducting economic
 18 development programs, and creating and updating community
 19 strategic plans.

20 (2) An assistance grant to a certified community
 21 organization from this appropriation of 50 cents per capita
 22 for the area served by the organization, according to its
 23 population in the last completed federal census, may not
 24 exceed \$25,000 and may not be less than \$1,000.

25 (3) To be eligible to receive a grant from this

1 appropriation, a certified community organization shall
 2 match each \$1 of the grant with \$3 raised from public or
 3 private sources in the community.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 827
 2 INTRODUCED BY HARPER, S. RICE, LARSON,
 3 MCCULLOCH, GALVIN, J. BROWN, D. BROWN
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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO
 6 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES
 7 PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR GRANTS FROM THE
 8 APPROPRIATION; AND DEFINING "CERTIFIED COMMUNITY LEAD
 9 ORGANIZATION"."
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 11 WHEREAS, FRONTLINE, HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS
 12 RETENTION, EXPANSION, DEVELOPMENT, AND RECRUITMENT IN
 13 MONTANA IS PROVIDED BY LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 14 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE SOURCES AND BY
 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THAT ARE FORCED TO SPEND MUCH TIME IN
 16 RAISING MONEY; AND
 17 WHEREAS, MANY STATES, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL ROLE
 18 OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN BASIC
 19 INDUSTRY JOB CREATION AND DIVERSIFICATION, PROVIDE FINANCIAL
 20 ASSISTANCE; AND
 21 WHEREAS, THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THROUGH ITS
 22 CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, ASSISTS COMMUNITIES TO ASSESS
 23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, ADDRESS LOCAL CONCERNS AND
 24 OPPORTUNITIES, AND CONTINUALLY UPDATE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC
 25 PLANS; AND

1 WHEREAS, THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IS A VEHICLE
 2 THROUGH WHICH FUNDS CAN BE DISBURSED TO LOCAL ECONOMIC
 3 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL PROGRAM
 4 REQUIREMENTS OR ADDITIONAL STAFFING.
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 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 7 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation for certified
 8 communities program -- criteria for grants from
 9 appropriation -- DEFINITION. (1) There is appropriated from
 10 the general fund to the department of commerce for the
 11 biennium ending June 30, 1993, \$530,000 to be used for
 12 grants under the certified communities program to assist
 13 communities in assessing their economic development
 14 potential, creating AND MAINTAINING economic development
 15 organizations, conducting economic development programs, and
 16 creating and--updating, REVISING, OR IMPLEMENTING community
 17 strategic plans.
 18 (2) An assistance grant to a certified community LEAD
 19 organization from this appropriation of 50 cents per capita
 20 A YEAR for the area served by the organization, according to
 21 its population in the last completed federal census, may not
 22 exceed \$25,000 and may not be less than \$1,000 A YEAR.
 23 (3) To be eligible to receive a grant from this
 24 appropriation, a certified community LEAD organization THAT
 25 HAS COMPLETED ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND



1 MAINTAINED PROGRAM STANDARDS MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT
2 shall match each \$1 of the grant with \$3 raised from public
3 or private sources in the community.

4 (4) GRANTS UNDER [THIS ACT]:

5 (A) MAY BE USED TO ASSESS LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
6 OPPORTUNITIES, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
7 ORGANIZATIONS, OR CONDUCT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
8 CONSISTENT WITH STRATEGIC PLANS THAT ARE ADOPTED BY THE
9 CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES AND THAT ARE FILED WITH THE CERTIFIED
10 COMMUNITIES PROGRAM; AND

11 (B) MAY NOT BE USED TO MAKE LOANS.

12 (5) AS USED IN [THIS ACT], "CERTIFIED COMMUNITY LEAD
13 ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY
14 RESOLUTION OF A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AND THAT MEETS AND
15 MAINTAINS REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION ESTABLISHED BY THE
16 DEPARTMENT.

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