

State of Misconsin 2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

DOA:.....Rice, BB0399 - Local Affordable Housing and Workforce Development Grant Program

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau HOUSING

Affordable housing and workforce development grants

This bill requires DOA to establish a competitive grant program to award grants to cities, villages, towns, counties, school districts, and businesses, whether operated for profit or not for profit, to fund the start-up of programs focused on developing the skilled workforce by building or rehabilitating affordable housing in their communities.

Because this bill may increase or decrease, directly or indirectly, the cost of the development, construction, financing, purchasing, sale, ownership, or availability of housing in this state, the Department of Administration, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.3063 of the statutes is created to read:

16.3063 Affordable housing and workforce development grants. (1)

DEFINITION. In this section, "local governmental unit" means a city, village, town,

county, or school district.

(2) GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (fo), the department

shall establish a competitive grant program to award grants to local governmental units and businesses, whether operated for profit or not for profit, for the purpose of funding the start-up of programs that focus on the development of the skilled 2025 - 2026 Legislature

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workforce through the building or rehabilitation of affordable housing in their communities. The department may establish eligibility requirements and other program guidelines for the grant program under this subsection.

SECTION 2. 20.505 (7) (fo) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (7) (fo) Affordable housing and workforce development grants.

Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 16.3063.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

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