

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER GRANT PROGRAM TO  
FUND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECTS, AND EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; ALLOWING APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE INTO  
THE 2027 AND 2029 BIENNIUMS; PROVIDING AN EXCLUSION FROM CERTAIN PARTS IN TITLE 75; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of [sections 1 through 6], unless otherwise  
provided, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Senior citizen" means a person over 60 years of age.

(2) (a) "Senior citizen center" means a facility operated by a nonprofit corporation or a  
governmental organization that provides services to senior citizens in the form of daytime or evening meals,  
educational programs, or recreational activities. Services qualifying under this definition must be recognized in  
the state plan on aging adopted by the department of public health and human services.

(b) The term does not include a facility that provides living accommodations to senior citizens.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Senior citizen center infrastructure account -- use.** (1) There is a  
senior citizen center infrastructure account within the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102 to  
provide grant funding to nonprofit corporations that provide services to senior citizens and for administrative  
costs related to administering the grants. The department of commerce shall administer the account.

(2) Up to 3% of the funds appropriated in [section 8] may be allocated for the department's  
administrative costs.

department of commerce to accomplish the purpose of the project as evidenced by the application to the department of commerce.

(2) Projects must adhere to the design standards required by applicable regulations. Recipients of program funds for projects that are not subject to any design standards must comply with generally accepted industry standards.

(3) If actual project expenses are lower than the projected expense of the project, the department of commerce shall reduce the amount of grant funds to be provided to grant recipients.

**NEW SECTION. Section 6. Maximum state funding available -- for each project -- for each county.** (1) The amount of state funding allocated to entities within any individual county under [sections 3 through 5] may not exceed \$350,000. No more than two applications may be funded in any one county.

(2) The amount of a grant to any single project may not exceed \$250,000.

**NEW SECTION. Section 7. Exclusion.** The provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, do not apply to the provisions of [this act].

**NEW SECTION. Section 8. Transfer of funds.** By July 1, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer \$5 million from the general fund to the senior citizen center infrastructure account established in [section 2].

**NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$5 million from the senior citizen center infrastructure account established in [section 2] to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for grants authorized in [sections 3 through 5]. Appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2029.

**NEW SECTION. Section 10. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

**NEW SECTION. Section 11. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2031.

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