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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes matching grant program in DCA to support community-based nonprofit organizations that provide shelter services during Code Blue alerts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT establishing the Code Blue Shelter Matching Grant  
2 Program in the Department of Community Affairs and  
3 supplementing P.L.2009, c.123 (C.52:27D-287a et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. a. There is established in the Department of Community  
9 Affairs the Code Blue Shelter Matching Grant Program to provide  
10 matching grants to community-based nonprofit organizations,  
11 qualified for exemption from federal taxation pursuant to section  
12 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.  
13 s.501(c)(3), that provide shelter services during Code Blue alerts.

14 b. To be eligible for a matching grant award, a community-  
15 based nonprofit organization shall submit an application to the  
16 Commissioner of Community Affairs, in accordance with  
17 application procedures and requirements prescribed by the  
18 commissioner.

19 c. A matching grant application submitted pursuant to  
20 subsection b. of this section shall relate to an underlying grant from  
21 a county or municipality received by the community-based  
22 nonprofit organization not more than 12 months prior to the date of  
23 application, and shall include information determined necessary by  
24 the commissioner. The grant application shall at a minimum  
25 include information related to:

26 (1) the identity, finances, and operations of the community-  
27 based nonprofit organization that received a grant from a county or  
28 municipality in this State;

29 (2) the amount and distribution date of the underlying grant to  
30 the community-based nonprofit organization from the county or  
31 municipality; and

32 (3) plans for the proposed uses for the county or municipal grant  
33 and the matching grant.

34 d. The department shall award matching grants pursuant to this  
35 section based on review and analytical criteria adopted by  
36 regulation of the department pursuant to the "Administrative  
37 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.). The  
38 department shall award matching grants to community-based  
39 nonprofit organizations pursuant to this section in the order in  
40 which qualifying applications are received. The department shall  
41 maintain a record of underlying grants provided by each county and  
42 municipality. The department shall not provide a matching grant  
43 for an application if an award of the amount requested would result  
44 in the department awarding matching grants in an amount exceeding  
45 \$50,000, in a given calendar year, for applications related to  
46 underlying grants provided by a particular county or municipality.  
47 Except by operation of the \$50,000 limitation for matching grant  
48 awards related to underlying grants provided by a particular county

1 or municipality, the department shall not establish or enforce a cap  
2 on the total number of matching grants or the total amount that any  
3 individual community-based nonprofit organization may receive  
4 from the department as matching grants.

5 e. The department may require a community-based nonprofit  
6 organization to verify award or receipt of an underlying grant from  
7 a county or municipality in this State in an amount equal to the  
8 requested matching grant amount.

9 f. The commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor, and  
10 to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
11 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than three years after the establishment of  
12 the matching grant program. The report shall include, but need not  
13 be limited to, information on the number of matching grant  
14 applicants, the number and amounts of matching grant awards, an  
15 assessment of the effectiveness of the matching grant program in  
16 addressing needs of individual communities, homeless persons, and  
17 at-risk persons, and any recommendations concerning continuing or  
18 expanding the matching grant program.

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20 2. The Commissioner of Community Affairs, pursuant to the  
21 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
22 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of  
23 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.