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SENATE BILL 120

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AVIATION; CREATING THE UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL GRANT PROGRAM.--

A. The "unleaded aviation fuel grant program" is created in the department of transportation to be administered by the aviation division of the department.

B. Subject to the availability of funds, competitive grants not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be awarded to applicants for the sole purpose of installing an unleaded aviation fuel dispensing system or otherwise providing unleaded aviation fuel at an airport.

C. Publicly owned airports, political subdivisions

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1 of the state and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos may apply
2 for an unleaded aviation fuel grant.

3 D. The aviation division shall award grants to
4 applicants through a competitive process and based upon
5 criteria as determined by the division, and the division shall
6 establish grant reporting requirements that meet the general
7 purpose of this section.

8 E. As used in this section, "unleaded aviation
9 fuel" means alcohol-free gasoline used in aircraft that has no
10 more than one thousandth of one gram of lead per gallon.

11 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL GRANT
12 PROGRAM FUND.--The "unleaded aviation fuel grant program fund"
13 is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The
14 fund consists of distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants,
15 donations and income from investment of the fund. The
16 department of transportation shall administer the fund. Money
17 in the fund is appropriated to the department of transportation
18 to carry out the unleaded aviation fuel grant program.
19 Disbursements from the fund shall be by warrant of the
20 secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers
21 signed by the secretary of transportation or the secretary's
22 authorized representative.

23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars
24 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 unleaded aviation fuel grant program fund for expenditure in
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1 fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes
2 of the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
3 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general
4 fund.

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