

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 489—COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment of and funds a pilot program relating to federal grants. (BDR S-1109)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to federal grants; establishing a fund to provide money for matching federal grants; allowing this State to seek and obtain federal money for certain community projects; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and  
2 Management of the Department of Administration to assist state agencies with  
3 identifying and obtaining federal grants. (NRS 232.213, 232.224) **Section 1** of this  
4 bill creates the Federal Grant Matching Fund as part of a pilot program to provide  
5 funds to state agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations as matching  
6 funds for federal grants. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Administrator of the  
7 Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management to create and  
8 administer a pilot program that allows state agencies, local governments and  
9 nonprofit organizations to request grants from the Federal Grant Matching Fund for  
10 the purpose of satisfying the matching requirement for a federal grant. **Section 3** of  
11 this bill establishes certain criteria for prioritizing grants. **Section 4** of this bill  
12 establishes standards of eligibility for receiving a grant. **Section 5** of this bill  
13 requires that on or before January 31, 2021, the Administrator must provide a  
14 summary report on the pilot program to the Legislature. **Section 6** of this bill makes  
15 an appropriation to the Federal Grant Matching Fund to provide state agencies,  
16 local governments and nonprofit organizations grants of money for matching  
17 federal grants under the pilot program.

1 WHEREAS, Nevada has long received a disproportionately low  
2 rate of federal grant funding per capita and as a result, has less



1 money to pay for programs, projects and services that increase the  
2 quality of life and opportunities for Nevadans and facilitate growth;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Federal grant funds are critical to helping pay for  
5 community assets, such as infrastructure, affordable housing, health  
6 care centers and workforce development programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Many federal grants require the recipient state to  
8 share in the cost of delivering a program or project by matching a  
9 share of federal grant dollars with cash or in-kind services; and

10 WHEREAS, The inability to meet such matching requirements is  
11 often cited by State staff as a key reason for not pursuing or securing  
12 federal grant opportunities; now, therefore,

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14 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
15 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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17 **Section 1.** There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
18 special fund which shall be designated as the Federal Grant  
19 Matching Fund.

20 1. The Federal Grant Matching Fund shall hold appropriated  
21 money in trust for the exclusive purpose of providing grants to state  
22 agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations to satisfy  
23 federal grant matching requirements.

24 2. The State Treasurer must review and approve  
25 recommendations made by the Office of Grant Procurement,  
26 Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration  
27 for grant awards greater than \$100,000.

28 **Sec. 2.** The Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement,  
29 Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration  
30 shall:

31 1. Consult with grant professionals employed by the State and  
32 other grant experts to create and administer a pilot program that  
33 allows state agencies, local governments and nonprofit  
34 organizations to request grants from the Federal Grant Matching  
35 Fund for the purpose of satisfying the matching funds requirement  
36 for a federal grant.

37 2. Develop a process:

38 (a) For state agencies, local governments and nonprofit  
39 organizations to make a request for a grant for matching funds;

40 (b) And criteria for the review, award and notification of grant  
41 requests;

42 (c) For the payment or transfer of grant money; and

43 (d) For reporting on the use and implementation of grant  
44 awards.



1 3. Administer all applicable aspects of the process set forth in  
2 subsection 2.

3 **Sec. 3.** The pilot program created pursuant to section 2 of this  
4 act must:

5 1. Provide a clear, streamlined and timely process for state  
6 agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations to apply for  
7 matching funds for a specific federal grant and receive a prompt  
8 decision from the Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement,  
9 Coordination and Management of the Department of  
10 Administration.

11 2. Prioritize grants that:

12 (a) Add services to constituents;

13 (b) Align with the documented priorities of the state agency,  
14 local government or nonprofit organization;

15 (c) Address the needs of underserved or frontier communities;

16 (d) Help state agencies, local governments and nonprofit  
17 organizations build capacity for future grant opportunities; and

18 (e) Enable a state agency, local government or nonprofit  
19 organization to sustain the grant in its next budget.

20 **Sec. 4.** To be eligible for a grant from the Federal Grant  
21 Matching Fund created by section 1 of this act, a state agency, local  
22 government or nonprofit organization must:

23 1. Demonstrate that:

24 (a) It is pursuing a bona fide federal grant for which it is  
25 eligible;

26 (b) It attempted but was unable to secure match funding through  
27 its own budget or in-kind resources; and

28 (c) The grant is within its scope.

29 2. Apply for a grant in the form and process prescribed by the  
30 Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and  
31 Management of the Department of Administration.

32 3. Adhere to other requirements deemed appropriate for the  
33 pilot program created pursuant to section 2 of this act by the  
34 Administrator.

35 **Sec. 5.** On or before January 31, 2021, the Administrator of  
36 the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of  
37 the Department of Administration shall submit to the Director of the  
38 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a  
39 summary report for the preceding 18 months detailing:

40 1. The number and purpose of grant requests received from  
41 state agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations;

42 2. The number and purpose of grant requests approved and the  
43 amount of money awarded from the Federal Grant Matching Fund  
44 created by section 1 of this act to each approved grant request  
45 applicant; and



1 3. The amount of federal grant funding received by each  
2 federal grant applicant as a result of receiving money from the  
3 Federal Grant Matching Fund.

4 **Sec. 6.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General  
5 Fund to the Federal Grant Matching Fund created by section 1 of  
6 this act the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of providing grants to  
7 state agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations to  
8 satisfy federal grant matching requirements as administered through  
9 the pilot program pursuant to section 2 of this act.

10 **Sec. 7.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
11 section 6 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after  
12 June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or  
13 any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or  
14 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the  
15 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose  
16 after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the  
17 appropriation is made or the entity to which the money was  
18 subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the  
19 State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

20 **Sec. 8.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

21 2. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act expire by limitation on  
22 June 30, 2021.

