

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 940

Introduced by Wishart, 27, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 13-2703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2016, is amended to read:

5 13-2703 For purposes of the Civic and Community Center Financing
6 Act:

7 (1) Civic center means a facility that is primarily used to host
8 conventions, meetings, and cultural events and a library;

9 (2) Community center means property that is owned by a municipality
10 and located within the traditional center of a community, typically
11 comprised of a cohesive core of residential, civic, religious, and
12 commercial buildings, arranged around a main street and intersecting
13 streets;

14 (3) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

15 (4) Fund means the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund;

16 (5) Historic building or district means a building or district
17 eligible for listing on or currently listed on the National Register of
18 Historic Places; and

19 (6) Recreation center means a facility or park used for athletics,
20 fitness, sport activities, or recreation that is owned by a municipality
21 and is available for use by the general public with or without charge.
22 Recreation center does not include any facility that requires a person to
23 purchase a membership to utilize such facility.

24 Sec. 2. Section 13-2704.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
25 2016, is amended to read:

26 13-2704.01 (1) The department shall use the fund to provide grants
27 of assistance for the following purposes:

1 (a) To assist in the construction of new civic centers and
2 recreation centers or the renovation or expansion of existing civic
3 centers and recreation centers;

4 (b) To assist in the conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of
5 historic buildings or districts; or

6 (c) To upgrade community centers, including the demolition of
7 substandard and abandoned buildings.

8 (2) Applications for grants of assistance pursuant to this section
9 shall be evaluated by the department pursuant to section 13-2707.

10 Sec. 3. Section 13-2705, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is
11 amended to read:

12 13-2705 The department may conditionally approve grants of
13 assistance from the fund to eligible and competitive applicants within
14 the following limits:

15 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, a grant
16 request shall be in an amount meeting the following requirements:

17 (a) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01, at least
18 fifteen ~~ten~~ thousand dollars but no more than:

19 (i) For a city of the primary class, two ~~one~~ million two ~~five~~
20 hundred fifty thousand dollars;

21 (ii) For a city with a population of more than forty thousand but
22 less than one hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most
23 recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
24 count by the United States Bureau of the Census, one million one hundred
25 twenty-five ~~seven hundred fifty~~ thousand dollars;

26 (iii) For a city with a population of more than twenty thousand but
27 less than forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
28 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by
29 the United States Bureau of the Census, seven hundred fifty ~~five hundred~~
30 thousand dollars;

31 (iv) For a city with a population of more than ten thousand but less

1 than twenty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
2 decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United
3 States Bureau of the Census, six ~~four~~ hundred thousand dollars; and

4 (v) For a municipality with a population of less than ten thousand
5 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or
6 the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of
7 the Census, three ~~two~~ hundred seventy-five ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars; and

8 (b) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.02, at least
9 three ~~two~~ thousand dollars but no more than fifteen ~~ten~~ thousand dollars;

10 (2) Upon the balance of the fund reaching three ~~two~~ million seven
11 ~~five~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars, and until the balance of the fund
12 falls below one million five hundred thousand dollars, a grant request
13 shall be in an amount meeting the following requirements:

14 (a) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01, at least
15 fifteen ~~ten~~ thousand dollars but no more than:

16 (i) For a city of the primary class, three ~~two~~ million three ~~two~~
17 hundred seventy-five ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars;

18 (ii) For a city with a population of more than forty thousand but
19 less than one hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most
20 recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
21 count by the United States Bureau of the Census, one million six ~~one~~
22 hundred eighty-seven ~~twenty-five~~ thousand dollars;

23 (iii) For a city with a population of more than twenty thousand but
24 less than forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
25 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by
26 the United States Bureau of the Census, one million one ~~seven~~ hundred
27 twenty-five ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars;

28 (iv) For a city with a population of more than ten thousand but less
29 than twenty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
30 decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United
31 States Bureau of the Census, nine ~~six~~ hundred thousand dollars; and

1 (v) For a municipality with a population of less than ten thousand
2 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or
3 the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of
4 the Census, five ~~three~~ hundred sixty-two ~~seventy-five~~ thousand dollars;
5 and

6 (b) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.02, at least
7 three ~~two~~ thousand dollars but no more than fifteen ~~ten~~ thousand dollars;

8 (3) Assistance from the fund shall not amount to more than fifty
9 percent of the cost of the project for which a grant is requested; ~~and~~

10 (4) A municipality shall not be awarded more than one grant of
11 assistance under section 13-2704.01 and one grant of assistance under
12 section 13-2704.02 in any two-year ~~five-year~~ period; and -

13 (5) A municipality shall not sell any civic, community, or
14 recreation center that received grant funds for at least five years under
15 the Civic and Community Center Financing Act.

16 Sec. 4. Section 13-2707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2016, is amended to read:

18 13-2707 (1) The department shall evaluate all applications for
19 grants of assistance under section 13-2704.01 based on the following
20 criteria, which are listed in no particular order of preference:

21 (a) Retention Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall be
22 based on the likelihood of the project retaining existing residents in
23 the community where the project is located, developing, sustaining, and
24 fostering community connections, and enhancing the potential for economic
25 growth in a manner that will sustain the quality of life and promote
26 long-term economic development;

27 (b) New Resident Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall
28 be based on the likelihood of the project attracting new residents to the
29 community where the project is located;

30 (c) Visitor Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall be
31 based on the likelihood of the project enhancing or creating an

1 attraction that would increase the potential of visitors to the community
2 where the project is located from inside and outside the state;

3 (d) Readiness. The applicant's fiscal and economic capacity to
4 finance the local share and ability to proceed and implement its plan and
5 operate the civic center, community center, or recreation center; and

6 (e) Project Planning. Projects with completed technical assistance
7 and feasibility studies shall be preferred to those with no prior
8 planning.

9 (2) The department shall give priority to applications from
10 municipalities which have not received a grant of assistance under
11 section 13-2704.01 within the last ten years.

12 (3) (2) Any grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01 shall be
13 matched at least equally from local sources. At least fifty percent of
14 the local match must be in cash.

15 (4) (3) To receive a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01,
16 the project for which the grant is requested shall be located in the
17 municipality that applies for the grant.

18 Sec. 5. Original sections 13-2703, 13-2704.01, and 13-2707, Revised
19 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and section 13-2705, Revised
20 Statutes Supplement, 2017, are repealed.

21 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
22 and approved according to law.

23 2. On page 1, line 2, after "13-2703" insert ", 13-2704.01,"; and in
24 line 8 strike "and" and after "sections" insert "; and to declare an
25 emergency".