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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

### ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2225

Introduced by

Senators Bekkedahl, Meyer, Wanzek

Representatives Nathe, Nelson, O'Brien

*In place of amendment (25.1186.02002) adopted by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2225 is amended by amendment (25.1186.02006) as follows:*

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a ~~housing for~~  
2 ~~opportunity, mobility, and empowerment~~ community property improvement grant program; to  
3 provide for a legislative management report; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STRATEGIC**  
6 **INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - ~~HOUSING FOR OPPORTUNITY, MOBILITY,~~**  
7 **~~AND EMPOWERMENT~~ COMMUNITY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM -**  
8 **MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME**  
9 **FUNDING.**

10 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and  
11 improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
12 ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
13 department of commerce for the purpose of providing ~~housing for opportunity, mobility,~~  
14 ~~and empowerment program~~ community property improvement grants to political  
15 subdivisions ~~to build infrastructure necessary to support affordable, market rate~~  
16 ~~housing~~ for slum and blight removal and remediation for the period beginning with the  
17 effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. This funding is considered a  
18 one-time funding item.

- 1        2. The department of commerce shall use funding appropriated in this section to provide  
2 grants to political subdivisions to assist communities address housing needs ~~by~~  
3 ~~lowering the cost of infrastructure development and for~~ through slum and blight  
4 removal and remediation. The department shall allow a community to ~~identity~~ identify  
5 the type of housing most needed and cooperatively create solutions to address the  
6 housing need through a political subdivision, tribal entity, or economic development  
7 corporation. The department shall establish guidelines for providing grants under the  
8 program.
- 9        3. The department of commerce shall allocate funding appropriated in this section ~~as~~  
10 ~~follows:~~
- 11        ~~a. \$10,000,000~~ \$6,000,000 ~~for~~ to communities with a population of fewer than  
12 ~~5,000~~ 1,500 individuals;
- 13        ~~b. \$20,000,000 for communities with a population of 5,001 to 20,000 individuals;~~
- 14        ~~c. \$15,000,000 for communities with a population of more than 20,000 individuals;~~  
15        and
- 16        ~~d. \$5,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 ~~for rural metropolitan areas located within 20 miles of the~~  
17 ~~city limits of a community of more than 20,000 individuals.~~
- 18        4. ~~The maximum grant award for a community with more than 20,000 individuals is~~  
19 ~~\$1,500,000.~~
- 20        ~~5.~~ If all funding appropriated in this section is not committed or expended by  
21 December 31, 2026, the department of commerce may award any remaining funds to  
22 viable projects regardless of community size or location.
- 23        ~~6.5.~~ The department of commerce may spend up to one-third of total project costs from the  
24 funds appropriated in this section only to the extent two-thirds matching funds have  
25 been secured from nonstate sources ~~on a dollar-for-dollar basis~~. The matching funds  
26 must be derived from funds provided by a political subdivision ~~and~~ tribal entity or local  
27 developers and private funds from within the community applying for grant funding.  
28 The private funds from within the community may be from a local development  
29 corporation, donations, or in-kind contributions.
- 30        ~~7.6.~~ The department of commerce shall provide a report to the legislative management and  
31 the governor by June 30, 2026, regarding the status of the program, including

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- 1 expenditures to date, the number of housing units supported, communities applying for
- 2 grants, and matching funds raised by political subdivisions, local developers, and
- 3 communities.

- 4 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2225 - Department of Commerce - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
HOME program grants		\$50,000,000	(\$50,000,000)		\$30,000,000	(\$30,000,000)
Community property improvement grants			5,000,000	\$5,000,000		5,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$50,000,000	(\$45,000,000)	\$5,000,000	\$30,000,000	(\$25,000,000)
Less estimated income	0	50,000,000	(45,000,000)	5,000,000	30,000,000	(25,000,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Removes Funding for HOME Grants <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Community Property Improvement Grants <sup>2</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
HOME program grants	(\$50,000,000)		(\$50,000,000)
Community property improvement grants		\$5,000,000	5,000,000
Total all funds	(\$50,000,000)	\$5,000,000	(\$45,000,000)
Less estimated income	(50,000,000)	5,000,000	(45,000,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> One-time funding of \$50 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for housing for opportunity, mobility, and empowerment program grants to political subdivisions is removed. The Senate provided \$50 million from SIIF for the program. The House provided \$30 million from SIIF for the program.

<sup>2</sup> One-time funding of \$5 million is added from SIIF to provide community property improvement grants to political subdivisions for slum and blight removal and remediation. The Senate and House did not provide funding for this program prior to the conference committee amendment.

**Senate Bill No. 2225 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action**

The amendment also requires \$2 of matching funds for every \$1 provided from the state.