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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## 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 (25.1186.02005) adopted by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2225 is amended by amendment (25.1186.02007) 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~~appropriation is  
18 considered a one-time funding item.

2. The department of commerce shall use funding appropriated in this section to provide grants to political subdivisions to assist communities and address housing needs ~~by lowering the cost of infrastructure development and for~~ through slum and blight removal and remediation. The department shall allow a community to ~~identity~~ identify the type of housing most needed and cooperatively create solutions to address the housing need through a political subdivision, tribal entity, or economic development corporation. The department shall establish guidelines for providing grants under the program.

3. The department of commerce shall allocate funding appropriated in this section ~~as follows:~~

~~a. \$10,000,000~~ ~~\$6,000,000 for~~ to communities with a population of fewer than 5,000 4,500 individuals;

~~b. \$20,000,000 for communities with a population of 5,001 to 20,000 individuals;~~

~~c. \$15,000,000 for communities with a population of more than 20,000 individuals;~~  
~~and~~

~~d. \$5,000,000~~ ~~\$3,000,000 for rural metropolitan areas located within 20 miles of the city limits of a community of more than 20,000 individuals.~~

~~4. The maximum grant award for a community with more than 20,000 individuals is \$1,500,000.~~

~~5.~~ If all funding appropriated in this section is not committed or expended by December 31, 2026, the department of commerce may award any remaining funds to viable projects regardless of community size or location.

~~6.5.~~ The department of commerce may spend the funds appropriated in this section only to the extent matching funds have been secured from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The matching funds must be derived from funds provided by a political subdivision ~~and~~ tribal entity, or local developers and private funds from within the community applying for grant funding. The private funds from within the community may be from a local development corporation, donations, or in-kind contributions.

~~7.6.~~ The department of commerce shall provide a report to the legislative management and the governor by June 30, 2026, regarding the status of the program, including expenditures to date, the number of housing units supported, communities applying for

1 grants, and matching funds raised by political subdivisions, local developers, and  
2 communities.

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