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- 1 3. The department shall require an entity receiving funding under this section to operate
- 2 the facility for at least ten years and require the grant amount to be repaid if the entity
- 3 does not operate the facility for at least ten years.
- 4 4. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient,
- 5 the grant award, or payments made under this section.

6 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH**
7 **EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL NEEDS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

- 8 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, the
- 9 sum of \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of
- 10 health and human services for the purpose of preliminary design consultation and
- 11 project administration of developing housing for individuals with disabilities that have
- 12 extraordinary medical needs and for rent subsidies for individuals residing in these
- 13 housing facilities for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
- 14 2. The department of health and human services shall collaborate with the North Dakota
- 15 housing finance agency, individuals with disabilities, caregivers, and families to solicit
- 16 proposals for the development of accessible housing for individuals with disabilities
- 17 that have extraordinary medical needs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
- 18 ending June 30, 2027. The department shall solicit proposals from public entities,
- 19 for-profit organizations, and non-profit organizations to design, construct, maintain,
- 20 and operate the housing facility. Proposals must:
 - 21 a. Ensure that services in the facility may be provided separately from the facility
 - 22 ownership interests;
 - 23 b. Ensure that individuals residing in the facility may choose among independent
 - 24 living service providers; and
 - 25 c. Comply with the federal home and community based settings rules as defined
 - 26 under 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4).

27 **SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
28 and enacted as follows:

29 **Extraordinary medical needs housing loan fund - Continuing appropriation.**

- 30 1. The Bank of North Dakota shall administer a loan program to provide loans for new
31 construction projects to provide housing for individuals with disabilities that have

- 1 extraordinary medical needs. A construction project may include a land purchase and
2 the construction costs of the project. The applicant must comply with project
3 requirements as approved by the department of health and human services and the
4 North Dakota housing finance agency.
- 5 2. The extraordinary medical needs housing loan fund is a special fund maintained in the
6 state treasury from which the Bank shall provide loans under this section. The fund
7 consists of revenues transferred under legislative authorization, interest upon moneys
8 in the fund, and collections of interest and principal on loans made from the fund. All
9 moneys in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the Bank for the purpose
10 of providing loans under this section.
- 11 3. The developer of the housing facility for individuals with disabilities that have
12 extraordinary medical needs may submit an application to the Bank for a loan. The
13 application must:
- 14 a. Provide detail on the proposed construction project and its compliance with the
15 department of health and human services and the North Dakota housing finance
16 agency requirements;
- 17 b. Demonstrate the need and long-term viability of the project; and
- 18 c. Include financial information the Bank determines appropriate to verify eligibility.
- 19 4. A loan approved under this section:
- 20 a. May not exceed three million three hundred thousand dollars for a project;
21 b. Must have an interest rate that does not exceed two percent; and
22 c. Must have a repayment schedule of no longer than twenty years.
- 23 5. A recipient of a loan under this section shall complete the financed construction project
24 within twenty-four months of the approval of the loan. Failure to comply with this
25 subsection may result in forfeiture of the entire loan received under this section.
- 26 6. The Bank shall deposit in the fund all principal and interest paid on the loans made
27 from the fund. The Bank may deduct from interest payments a service fee for costs of
28 administering the loan program. The fund must be audited annually pursuant to
29 section 6-09-29 and the cost of the audit and any other actual costs incurred by the
30 Bank on behalf of the fund must be paid from the fund.

1 **SECTION 9. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -**
2 **EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL NEEDS HOUSING LOAN FUND.** The office of management and
3 budget shall transfer the sum of \$3,300,000 from the strategic investment and improvements
4 fund to the extraordinary medical needs housing loan fund during the biennium beginning
5 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

6 **SECTION 10. COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER GRANT - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT**
7 **AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - APPLICATION.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of
8 \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the purpose of providing a
9 one-time community cultural center grant in the west central human service region. An entity
10 may apply for a grant under this section if the entity certifies to the department it has secured at
11 least fifty percent of funds needed to complete the project, the project will be completed within
12 two years of receiving the grant funds, and the grants funds will be used only for costs of
13 constructing a community cultural center. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to
14 the selection of a grant recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this section.

15 **SECTION 11. JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS - TASK**
16 **FORCE - REPORT.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$750,000 from the general fund for
17 juvenile justice diversion services and programs. The department of health and human services
18 must use the funding for services to youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement but who have
19 not committed delinquent acts as defined in chapter 27-20.4.

20 The department shall establish a task force with representation from divisions in the
21 department, human service zones, the department of public instruction, elementary and
22 secondary schools, and members of the legislative assembly, to review juvenile justice diversion
23 services and program. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the
24 legislative management and children's cabinet.

25 **SECTION 12. ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT - COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND.**
26 Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$300,000 from the community health trust fund for a
27 grant for the construction of an animal shelter. The department of health and human services
28 may award a grant for the construction of an animal shelter to an organization that provides
29 twenty dollars of nonstate matching funds for every dollar of grant funds received. The
30 requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient, the grant
31 award, or payments made under this section.

