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**HOUSE BILL 21-1271**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS OFFERING STATE**  
102            **ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE THE**  
103            **DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
104            **STRATEGIES IN A MANNER THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH BEST**  
105            **LOCAL LAND USE PRACTICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
106            **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates 3 different programs in the department of local

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affairs (DOLA) for the purpose of offering grant money and other forms of state assistance to local governments to promote innovative solutions to the development of affordable housing across the state.

**Local government affordable housing development incentives grant program** (housing development incentives grant program). This program will provide grants to local governments that adopt not less than 3 policy and regulatory tools from among a menu of options that create incentives to promote the development of affordable housing. A local government that adopts such tools is eligible for a grant from the housing development incentives grant program as an incentive to develop one or more affordable housing developments in their community that are liveable, vibrant, and driven by community benefits. The division of local government (DLG) within DOLA administers the housing development incentives grant program.

The bill enumerates items included in the menu of policy and regulatory tools.

**Local government planning grant program.** This program will provide grants to local governments that lack one or more of the policy and regulatory tools that provide incentives to promote the development of affordable housing that forms the basis for a grant under the housing development incentives grant program and that could benefit from additional funding to be able to create and make use of these policy and regulatory tools. Money under the planning grant program will be available to a local government to enable the government to retain a consultant or a related professional service to assess the housing needs of its community or to make changes to its policies, programs, development review processes, land use codes, and related rules to become an eligible recipient of a grant under the housing development incentives grant program. The planning grant program will be administered by the DLG. As part of its administration of the planning grant program, the DLG will provide assistance to local governments on best land use practices and tools and is required to update and publish model county and municipal land use codes for the benefit of local governments across the state.

**The affordable housing guided toolkit and local officials guide program** (housing toolkit program). This program creates the housing toolkit program within the division of housing (DOH) within DOLA. The purpose of the housing toolkit program is to award funding to qualified counties and municipalities selected in a competitive process who commit to the adoption of best land use practices with demonstrated success in the development of affordable housing. Under the housing toolkit program, technical assistance will be provided by consultants and related professionals to local governments who demonstrate an understanding of the housing needs of their communities, take steps to engage their entire communities in this process, make changes to their land use codes and related processes that provide incentives and reduce barriers to the

development of affordable housing, obtain and support viable sites in their communities for the development of affordable housing, and attract developers committed to making such investments in their communities. The DOH is to administer the housing toolkit program.

In evaluating applications for grants from the housing development incentives grant program, the bill requires the DLG to prioritize proposals submitted by local governments based on factors specified in the bill.

On or before September 1, 2021, the bill requires the executive director of DOLA or the executive director's designee to adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines for the 3 different state assistance programs that include, without limitation:

- Procedures and timelines by which an eligible recipient may apply for a grant;
- Criteria for determining the amount of grant awards;
- Performance criteria for grant recipients' projects; and
- Reporting requirements for grant recipients.

On the effective date of the bill, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the state treasurer is required to transfer \$9,300,000 from the general fund to the Colorado heritage communities fund for the creation, implementation, and administration by the DLG of the housing development incentives grant programs.

On the effective date of the bill, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the state treasurer is required to transfer \$2,100,000 from the general fund to the Colorado heritage communities fund for the creation, implementation, and administration by the DLG of the planning grant program.

On the effective date of the bill, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the state treasurer is required to transfer \$1,600,000 from the general fund to the housing development grant fund for the creation, implementation, and administration by the DOH of the housing toolkit program.

All costs incurred in administering any of the 3 programs created under the bill must be paid out of the money transferred under the bill. All money transferred under the bill for the 3 state programs must be expended over the subsequent 3 state fiscal years.

On or before November 1 of each year, the executive director of DOLA or the director's designee is required to publish a report summarizing the use of all assistance that was awarded from the 3 different programs created under the bill in the preceding fiscal year. The bill specifies additional required contents of the reports. The reports must be shared with the general assembly and posted on DOLA's website.

The bill updates and repeals obsolete statutory provisions concerning the office of smart growth (OSG) within DOLA and the Colorado heritage communities fund.

The bill authorizes the OSG, as money becomes available, to

provide grants or other forms of assistance to counties and municipalities to address critical planning issues and specifies examples of the forms of assistance that may be provided by the office. The OSG is required to create guidelines to specify the activities on the part of local governments that will qualify for grant funding or other forms of assistance provided under the bill. The OSG is permitted to use available money to administer the Colorado heritage grant program.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

4 (a) Coloradans have identified housing affordability as the biggest  
5 issue facing the state as one in every seven Colorado households is  
6 spending more than half of its income on housing according to a study by  
7 Shift Research Lab;

8 (b) The median home price to median income ratio has increased  
9 across markets all across the nation. As of 2019, the price-to-income ratio  
10 was considerably larger for renters than owners, with the gap most  
11 significant in major metropolitan areas with a population greater than  
12 three million people. Across large metropolitan areas with a population  
13 greater than one million but less than three million, the gap in  
14 price-to-income ratio for renters was largest in Providence, Denver, and  
15 Salt Lake City.

16 (c) The same measurement on a statewide scale puts Colorado  
17 among just five states with a greater than sixty percent gap between home  
18 price and income growth between 2009 and 2019. Between 2012 and  
19 2019, Colorado fell from being one of the most affordable states to one  
20 of the least affordable states in the country based on median income to  
21 median pricing.

22 (d) Currently, Colorado has a shortage of nearly 121,000

1 affordable rental units, and the Colorado housing and finance authority  
2 reports that nearly half of all Colorado renters are considered cost  
3 burdened, with an additional twenty-four percent being severely cost  
4 burdened;

5 (e) By this act, the general assembly is focusing a portion of the  
6 stimulus dollars it has received from the federal government to begin to  
7 remedy this affordable housing crisis in Colorado with innovative  
8 legislation that will jumpstart the production of housing statewide in the  
9 next three years through three programs detailed in the act. In  
10 combination, these programs focus on removing regulatory barriers to  
11 affordable housing development and offering incentives to local  
12 governments to make policy changes, as well as a mechanism for local  
13 governments to receive expertise or financial assistance from the state.

14 (f) The general assembly recognizes that local governments  
15 throughout the state vary in their stages of meeting the housing needs of  
16 their communities. In order to help local governments respond to these  
17 needs and to encourage them to extend their ability to create housing and  
18 more liveable and vibrant communities, the divisions of local government  
19 and housing within the department of local affairs will focus on three  
20 programs.

21 (g) When a local government is at the nascent phase of addressing  
22 affordable housing needs, it may require additional help to develop an  
23 overall strategy. The housing toolkit program grant would offer local  
24 governments comprehensive support to make effective change by  
25 assessing housing needs, building effective communication strategies  
26 around the need for affordable housing, understanding which actions  
27 might have the biggest impact, and supporting the local government

1 through the steps preparatory to taking action to address these housing  
2 needs.

3 (h) When a local government is at an intermediate phase of  
4 addressing affordable housing needs, it may require particular expertise  
5 to help it refine and advance its housing strategy. The planning grant  
6 program awards local governments funding to hire assistance to adopt  
7 qualifying land use strategies that prepare the local government to meet  
8 this phase of its housing needs by conducting a needs assessment,  
9 reviewing model land use codes, or making investments in its community  
10 that would enable the local government to be competitive in applying for  
11 a housing development incentives grant.

12 (i) If a local government is demonstrating an ongoing commitment  
13 to advancing its land use regulations and policies to address the  
14 affordable housing needs in its community, it may be eligible to apply for  
15 a housing development incentives grant. This grant is focused on  
16 allowing local governments to adopt effective tools to spur housing  
17 creation. The menu of strategy options is broad enough that any  
18 community can be successful in finding the right mix of strategies that fit  
19 its community, or the local government may introduce its own innovative  
20 or unique approach. Local governments would choose the strategies that  
21 best fits the character of their community to pursue the grant funding  
22 from the state whether they are in an urban, rural, mountain resort, or  
23 eastern plains location. Additionally, the department of local affairs  
24 would have the discretion to select novel, creative, or innovative  
25 proposals from communities that offer an additional approach to create  
26 affordable housing or would be able to consider how those local  
27 governments that have already taken steps to address housing

1 affordability would be eligible to continue and advance their approaches  
2 if they have already undertaken some of the best practice approaches. The  
3 most competitive local governments will demonstrate a continued  
4 commitment to removing barriers to affordable housing development.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-104, **add** (4)  
6 and (5) as follows:

7 **24-32-104. Functions of the division - definition.** (4) THE  
8 DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE  
9 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN  
10 SECTION 24-32-130 (2) AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT  
11 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-130 (5).

12 (5) THE DIVISION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DIVISION OF HOUSING  
13 CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-704 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CREATION AND  
14 ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE  
15 WITH SECTION 24-32-721.5 (2)(a).

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-130 as  
17 follows:

18 **24-32-130. Local government affordable housing development**  
19 **incentives grant program - local government planning grant program**  
20 **- creation - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS  
21 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 22 (a) "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" MEANS:
- 23 (I) FOR A HOUSEHOLD RESIDING IN HOUSING ON A RENTAL BASIS,  
24 ANNUAL INCOME OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS AT OR BELOW EIGHTY PERCENT OF  
25 THE ADJUSTED MEDIAN INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS OF THAT SIZE IN THE  
26 COUNTY IN WHICH THE HOUSING IS LOCATED; AND
- 27 (II) FOR A HOUSEHOLD RESIDING IN HOUSING ON A HOME

1 OWNERSHIP BASIS, ANNUAL INCOME OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS AT OR BELOW  
2 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERCENT OF THE ADJUSTED MEDIAN INCOME OF  
3 HOUSEHOLDS OF THAT SIZE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE HOUSING IS  
4 LOCATED.

5 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

6 (c) "ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT" MEANS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS  
7 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT THROUGH THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
8 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM OR THE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (d) "HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM"  
10 MEANS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
11 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
12 SECTION.

13 (e) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR  
14 A CITY AND COUNTY.

15 (f) "PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
16 PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE LOCAL  
18 GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT  
19 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT ADOPT ONE  
20 OR MORE POLICY OR REGULATORY TOOLS THAT CREATE INCENTIVES TO  
21 PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. A LOCAL  
22 GOVERNMENT THAT ADOPTS SUCH TOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
23 SECTION IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT FROM THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
24 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM AS AN INCENTIVE TO DEVELOP ONE OR MORE  
25 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR COMMUNITY OR REGION  
26 THAT ARE DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND THAT FOCUS ON  
27 CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.



1 THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
2 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM.

3 (3) (a) AS PART OF THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES  
4 THE DIVISION IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
5 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS  
6 SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP A MENU OF DIFFERENT POLICY OR  
7 REGULATORY TOOLS THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY ADOPT AS  
8 INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN  
9 THEIR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OR ACROSS THEIR REGION.

10 (b) (I) THE MENU OF TOOLS THE DIVISION MUST DEVELOP  
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE SUCH  
12 INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
13 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

14 (A) THE USE OF VACANT PUBLICLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN  
15 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE  
16 HOUSING;

17 (B) THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM TO SUBSIDIZE OR OTHERWISE  
18 REDUCE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OR FEES, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
19 LIMITED TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES, PLANNING WAIVERS, AND WATER AND  
20 SEWER TAP FEES, FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT;

21 (C) THE CREATION OF AN EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW  
22 PROCESS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AIMED AT HOUSEHOLDS THE ANNUAL  
23 INCOME OF WHICH IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERCENT OF  
24 THE ADJUSTED MEDIAN INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS OF THAT SIZE IN THE  
25 COUNTY IN WHICH THE HOUSING IS LOCATED;

26 (D) THE CREATION OF AN EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW  
27 PROCESS FOR ACQUIRING OR REPURPOSING UNDERUTILIZED COMMERCIAL

1 PROPERTY THAT CAN BE REZONED INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS,  
2 INCLUDING THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS;

3 (E) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM TO  
4 INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION OF UNITS THAT MEET CRITICAL HOUSING  
5 NEEDS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY;

6 (F) WITH RESPECT TO WATER UTILITY CHARGES, THE CREATION OF  
7 PROCESSES TO PROMOTE THE USE OF SUB-METERING OF UTILITY CHARGES  
8 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND THE CREATION OF EXPERTISE IN  
9 WATER UTILITY MATTERS DEDICATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS;

10 (G) WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE, THE CREATION OF A  
11 DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO SUBSIDIZE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS AND  
12 ASSOCIATED FEES RELATED TO PUBLICLY OWNED WATER, SANITARY  
13 SEWER, STORM SEWERS, AND ROADWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE;

14 (H) GRANTING DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE  
15 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING OPTIONS AS A USE BY RIGHT IN SINGLE-FAMILY  
16 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS;

17 (I) THE CLASSIFICATION OF A PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
18 AS A USE BY RIGHT WHEN IT MEETS THE BUILDING DENSITY AND DESIGN  
19 STANDARDS OF A GIVEN HOUSING DISTRICT;

20 (J) AUTHORIZING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AS A USE BY RIGHT  
21 ON ALL PARCELS CONTAINING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES;

22 (K) ALLOWING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS WITH INTEGRATED  
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS;

24 (L) ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SQUARE FOOTAGE  
25 RESIDENTIAL UNIT SIZES;

26 (M) LESSENED MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW  
27 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS; AND

1 (N) THE CREATION OF A LAND DONATION, LAND ACQUISITION, OR  
2 LAND BANKING PROGRAM.

3 (II) IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF  
4 THIS SECTION, THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY  
5 THE DIVISION MUST ALSO ALLOW FOR THE ADOPTION BY A LOCAL  
6 GOVERNMENT OF ADDITIONAL POLICY OR REGULATORY TOOLS THAT  
7 PROVIDE NOVEL, CREATIVE, OR INNOVATIVE INCENTIVES TO THE  
8 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

9 (4) (a) IN THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES THE  
10 DIVISION IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
11 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS  
12 SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL SPECIFY, WITHOUT LIMITATION:

13 (I) THE MANNER BY WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECOMES AN  
14 ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM;

15 (II) THE MANNER IN WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING  
16 COMMITMENT TO REFINE AND EXPAND ITS LAND USE POLICIES AFFECTS THE  
17 COMPETITIVENESS OF ITS GRANT APPLICATION; AND

18 (III) A REQUIREMENT THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SELECT  
19 NOT LESS THAN THREE OPTIONS FROM THE MENU OF POLICY OR  
20 REGULATORY TOOLS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (b) IN EVALUATING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE HOUSING  
22 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL  
23 PRIORITIZE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BASED ON  
24 THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE GRANT AWARD, EITHER ON ITS OWN, OR AS  
25 PART OF OTHER INCENTIVES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT:

26 (I) REPRESENTS GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
27 WITH RESPECT TO THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF COMMUNITIES BEING

1 AWARDED GRANTS;

2 (II) SATISFIES THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING BEST PRACTICES IN  
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WHETHER WITH RESPECT TO THE  
4 MENU OF POLICY OR REGULATORY TOOLS ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL  
5 GOVERNMENT OR THAT REPRESENTS A NOVEL, CREATIVE, OR INNOVATIVE  
6 APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING;

7 (III) OFFERS MAXIMUM IMPACT IN INITIATING AFFORDABLE  
8 HOUSING CREATION WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OR REGION THAT IS  
9 DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND THAT FOCUSES ON CRITICAL  
10 HOUSING NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

11 (IV) EXTENDS OR ADVANCES EXISTING APPROACHES BY THE  
12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INITIATE HOUSING CREATION WHETHER WITH  
13 RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING UNITS OR LONGER TERM POLICY  
14 CHANGES;

15 (V) REPRESENTS DIVERSITY IN THE TYPE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
16 CREATED FOR RENTAL HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION  
17 (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR HOME OWNERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE  
18 WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION; ==

19 (VI) INITIATES OR PRESERVES HOUSING AFFORDABILITY THAT CAN  
20 BE MAINTAINED FOR A LONG-TERM PERIOD OF AFFORDABILITY AS  
21 NEGOTIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
22 THAT ALLOWS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE METHOD FOR  
23 ACHIEVING AFFORDABILITY; AND

24 (VII) THE EXTENT TO WHICH RACIAL EQUITY IS ASSESSED IN LOCAL  
25 GOVERNMENT LAND USE PLANS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO  
26 HOUSING.

27 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WITH

1 RESPECT TO THE AWARDING OF GRANTS UNDER THE HOUSING  
2 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL  
3 PRIORITIZE ITS FUNDING IN FAVOR OF THOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT  
4 DEMONSTRATE THE SUFFICIENT USE OF LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR  
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SUCH MANNER AS TO BE ABLE TO  
6 LEVERAGE FUNDING FOR THE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON THE NUMBER OF  
7 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS BUILT OVER TIME AND THAT ARE  
8 AFFORDABLE AS NEGOTIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL  
9 GOVERNMENTS.

10 (5) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENTS THAT LACK ONE OR MORE OF THE POLICY AND  
13 REGULATORY TOOLS THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE THE  
14 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)  
15 OF THIS SECTION AND THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL FUNDING  
16 TO BE ABLE TO CREATE AND MAKE USE OF THESE POLICY AND  
17 REGULATORY TOOLS. MONEY UNDER THE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM  
18 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ENABLE THE  
19 GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT OR A RELATED PROFESSIONAL  
20 SERVICE TO ASSESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF ITS COMMUNITY OR TO MAKE  
21 CHANGES TO ITS POLICIES, PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES,  
22 LAND USE CODES, AND RELATED RULES TO BECOME AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT  
23 OF A GRANT UNDER THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT  
24 PROGRAM. THE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY  
25 THE DIVISION. AS PART OF ITS ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLANNING GRANT  
26 PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL  
27 GOVERNMENTS ON BEST LAND USE PRACTICES AND TOOLS AND SHALL

1 UPDATE AND PUBLISH MODEL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAND USE CODES  
2 FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE STATE.

3 (6) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, THE EXECUTIVE  
4 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE  
5 SHALL ADOPT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE HOUSING  
6 INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM AND PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM THAT  
7 INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION:

8 (I) PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES BY WHICH AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT  
9 MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT;

10 (II) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDS;

11 (III) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS' PROJECTS;

12 AND

13 (IV) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

14 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,  
15 THE AMOUNT OF ANY GRANT AWARD UNDER EITHER THE HOUSING  
16 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM OR THE PLANNING GRANT  
17 PROGRAM AND ANY RESTRICTIONS OR CONDITIONS PLACED UPON THE USE  
18 OF GRANT MONEY AWARDED IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIVISION  
19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

20 (c) TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, AND UNLESS OTHERWISE  
21 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE PROCESS OF  
22 AWARDED A COLORADO HERITAGE PLANNING GRANT UNDER PART 32 OF  
23 THIS TITLE 24 GOVERN THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A GRANT FROM THE  
24 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM OR THE PLANNING  
25 GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

26 (7) ALL FUNDING OF ANY GRANTS AWARDED UNDER EITHER THE  
27 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM OR THE PLANNING

1 GRANT PROGRAM MUST BE MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF THE MONEY  
2 TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO HERITAGE  
3 COMMUNITIES FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-3207 (1) IN ACCORDANCE  
4 WITH SECTION 24-32-3207 (6). ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE DIVISION IN  
5 ADMINISTERING EITHER THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT  
6 PROGRAM OR THE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM MUST BE PAID OUT OF THE  
7 MONEY TRANSFERRED UNDER SECTION 24-32-3207 (6). THE DIVISION MAY  
8 USE UP TO EIGHT PERCENT OF ANY MONEY TRANSFERRED TO IT UNDER THIS  
9 SECTION TO COVER ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN ADMINISTERING EITHER  
10 THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM OR THE  
11 PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM. ALL MONEY TRANSFERRED INTO THE  
12 COLORADO HERITAGE COMMUNITIES FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
13 24-32-3207 (6) MUST BE EXPENDED BY JULY 1, 2024. ANY MONEY  
14 TRANSFERRED INTO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (7)  
15 THAT IS NOT EXPENDED OR ENCUMBERED FROM ANY APPROPRIATION AT  
16 THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR IS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY JULY 1,  
17 2024, WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

18 (8) (a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE  
19 NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR  
20 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT  
21 SUMMARIZING THE USE OF ALL MONEY THAT WAS AWARDED AS GRANTS  
22 FROM THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM IN THE  
23 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST SPECIFY THE  
24 NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT APPLIED FOR A GRANT AWARD,  
25 INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT WERE NOT  
26 AWARDED A GRANT; THE POLICY OR REGULATORY TOOLS ADOPTED BY THE  
27 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT QUALIFIED FOR A GRANT AWARD; THE

1 AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT; AND  
2 A DESCRIPTION OF EACH GRANT RECIPIENT'S USE OF THE GRANT MONEY. IN  
3 THE REPORT, THE DIVISION SHALL ALSO PROVIDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS  
4 CONCERNING FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE  
5 REPORT MUST BE SHARED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND POSTED ON  
6 THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

7 (b) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE  
8 NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR  
9 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT  
10 SUMMARIZING THE USE OF ALL MONEY THAT WAS AWARDED AS GRANTS  
11 FROM THE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.  
12 AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF GRANT  
13 MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT AND A DESCRIPTION OF  
14 EACH GRANT RECIPIENT'S USE OF THE GRANT MONEY. IN THE REPORT, THE  
15 DIVISION SHALL ALSO PROVIDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING  
16 FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE REPORT MUST BE  
17 SHARED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND POSTED ON THE  
18 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

19 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-705, **add** (5)  
20 as follows:

21 **24-32-705. Functions of division.** (5) THE DIVISION SHALL  
22 ADMINISTER THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GUIDED TOOLKIT AND LOCAL  
23 OFFICIALS GUIDE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-32-721.5.

24 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend**  
25 (1); and **add** (5) as follows:

26 **24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants**  
27 **and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing**



1 **assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance**  
2 **use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly**  
3 **- rules - definitions - repeal.** (1) There is hereby created in the state  
4 treasury the housing development grant fund, which fund is administered  
5 by the division and is referred to in this section as the "fund". The fund  
6 consists of money credited to the fund in accordance with section  
7 39-26-123 (3)(b); money transferred to the fund in accordance with  
8 section 24-22-118 (2); money appropriated to the fund by the general  
9 assembly; all money transferred to the fund from the marijuana tax cash  
10 fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1) and any other cash fund  
11 maintained by the state; ALL MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND FROM  
12 THE GENERAL FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION; all  
13 money collected by the division for purposes of this section from federal  
14 grants, from other contributions, gifts, grants, and donations received  
15 from any other organization, entity, or individual, public or private; and  
16 from any fees or interest earned on such money. The division is hereby  
17 authorized and directed to solicit, accept, expend, and disburse all money  
18 collected for the fund from the sources specified in this subsection (1) for  
19 the purpose of making grants, ~~or~~ loans, OR OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE  
20 THAT MAY BE AWARDED UNDER SECTION 24-32-721.5 and for program  
21 administration as provided in this section. All such money must be  
22 transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the fund. The money in  
23 the fund is continuously appropriated to the division for the purposes of  
24 this section.

25 (5) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE STATE  
26 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND  
27 DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

1 GRANT FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION  
2 SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)  
3 FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GUIDED TOOLKIT AND LOCAL OFFICIALS  
4 GUIDE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-721.5.

5 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-721.5 as  
6 follows:

7 **24-32-721.5. Affordable housing guided toolkit and local**  
8 **officials guide program - creation.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED  
9 WITHIN THE DIVISION THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GUIDED TOOLKIT AND  
10 LOCAL OFFICIALS GUIDE PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE  
11 "HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM". THE PURPOSE OF THE HOUSING TOOLKIT  
12 PROGRAM IS TO AWARD FUNDING TO QUALIFIED COUNTIES,  
13 MUNICIPALITIES, AND FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES WITHIN THE STATE  
14 SELECTED IN A COMPETITIVE PROCESS WHO COMMIT TO THE ADOPTION OF  
15 BEST LAND USE PRACTICES WITH DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN THE  
16 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. UNDER THE HOUSING TOOLKIT  
17 PROGRAM, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANTS  
18 AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHO  
19 DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THEIR  
20 COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING A RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, TAKE  
21 STEPS TO ENGAGE THEIR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES IN THIS PROCESS, MAKE  
22 CHANGES TO THEIR LAND USE CODES AND RELATED PROCESSES THAT  
23 PROVIDE INCENTIVES AND REDUCE BARRIERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OBTAIN AND SUPPORT VIABLE SITES IN THEIR  
25 COMMUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND  
26 ATTRACT DEVELOPERS COMMITTED TO MAKING SUCH INVESTMENTS IN  
27 THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE HOUSING

1 TOOLKIT PROGRAM.

2 (b) ALL FUNDING OF ANY ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THE  
3 HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM MUST BE MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF THE MONEY  
4 TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
5 GRANT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-721 (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 SECTION 24-32-721 (5). ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE DIVISION IN  
7 ADMINISTERING THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM MUST BE PAID OUT OF  
8 THE MONEY TRANSFERRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-32-721 (5).  
9 THE DIVISION MAY USE UP TO EIGHT PERCENT OF ANY MONEY  
10 APPROPRIATED TO IT UNDER THIS SECTION TO COVER ITS ADMINISTRATIVE  
11 COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM. ALL MONEY  
12 TRANSFERRED TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-32-721 (5) MUST BE EXPENDED OVER THE  
14 SUBSEQUENT THREE STATE FISCAL YEARS.

15 (2)(a) IN EVALUATING APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
16 UNDER THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE  
17 PROJECTS BASED UPON WHETHER THE APPLICATION WILL, IN THE  
18 DISCRETION OF THE DIVISION, CREATE THE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON THE  
19 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED  
20 ACROSS THE STATE AND WILL SATISFY ONE OR MORE OF THE FACTORS  
21 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL  
22 CONSULT WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION  
23 WITH THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING TOOLKIT  
24 PROGRAM.

25 (b) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
26 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
27 DESIGNEE SHALL ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE HOUSING

1 TOOLKIT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION:

2 (I) PROCEDURES AND TIME LINES BY WHICH AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT  
3 MAY APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM;

4 (II) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OR NATURE OF THE  
5 ASSISTANCE AWARDED;

6 (III) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS' PROJECTS;  
7 AND

8 (IV) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

9 (c) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE  
10 NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR  
11 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT  
12 SUMMARIZING THE USE OF ALL ASSISTANCE THAT WAS AWARDED FROM  
13 THE HOUSING TOOLKIT PROGRAM IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR. IN THE  
14 REPORT, THE DIVISION SHALL ALSO PROVIDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS  
15 CONCERNING FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING TOOLKIT  
16 PROGRAM. THE REPORT MUST BE SHARED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
17 AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

18 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3202, **amend**  
19 (7); and **repeal** (6) as follows:

20 **24-32-3202. Definitions.** As used in this part 32, unless the context  
21 otherwise requires:

22 (6) ~~"Growth" means changes in population that impact land use,~~  
23 ~~infrastructure development, and the surrounding environment.~~

24 (7) "Local government" means any county, city and county, city,  
25 town, or special district created pursuant to article 1 of title 32. ~~C.R.S.~~  
26 ~~except that, for purposes of this part 32 in connection with section~~  
27 ~~24-32-3203 (3)(c)(I), "local government" shall be deemed to include an~~

1 ~~irrigation district, ditch company, or conservancy district.~~

2 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3203, **amend**  
3 (3)(c) and (3)(d); and **repeal** (3)(a) as follows:

4 **24-32-3203. Office of smart growth - creation - powers and**  
5 **duties of executive director.** (3) The executive director shall have the  
6 following powers and duties in administering this part 32:

7 ~~(a) To designate areas within Colorado as Colorado heritage~~  
8 ~~communities. Areas designated as Colorado heritage communities shall~~  
9 ~~be eligible for a Colorado heritage planning grant by the office out of~~  
10 ~~moneys in the fund created by section 24-32-3207 in accordance with the~~  
11 ~~provisions of this part 32.~~

12 (c) To review and approve applications for Colorado heritage  
13 planning grants awarded by the office out of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund  
14 in accordance with the requirements of this part 32, and to determine the  
15 amount of money to be awarded under each such grant. An application for  
16 such a grant shall MUST:

17 (I) ~~Be submitted jointly by the governing bodies of at least two~~  
18 ~~local governments; except that applications regarding water banking~~  
19 ~~pursuant to subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (c) may also be submitted~~  
20 ~~singly or in combination by the governing body of a local government or~~  
21 ~~by an irrigation district, ditch company, or conservancy district; and~~

22 (II) Address critical planning issues, including, without limitation,  
23 land use and development patterns, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, transportation  
24 planning, mitigation of environmental hazards, water banking pursuant  
25 to article 80.5 of title 37, ~~C.R.S.~~, and energy use.

26 (d) To review and approve applications for grants awarded by the  
27 office out of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to assist a local government, as

1 applicable, in developing a master plan in conformity with section  
2 30-28-106 or 31-23-206; C.R.S., and to determine the amount of money  
3 to be awarded under each such grant pursuant to section 24-32-3207 (2);

4 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3207, **amend**  
5 (1); **repeal** (2); and **add** (6) as follows:

6 **24-32-3207. Colorado heritage communities fund - creation -**  
7 **source of funds.** (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
8 Colorado heritage communities fund, which fund ~~shall be~~ IS administered  
9 by the director and which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of all ~~moneys~~ MONEY  
10 appropriated to ~~said~~ THE fund by the general assembly, MONEY  
11 TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
12 SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION, and all other ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected  
13 by the office for the fund from federal grants or other contributions,  
14 grants, gifts, bequests, or donations received from other agencies of state  
15 government, individuals, private organizations, or foundations. Such  
16 ~~moneys~~ MONEY shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to  
17 the fund.

18 (2) ~~Not more than an amount equal to thirty percent of any~~  
19 ~~moneys in the fund as of the beginning of any given fiscal year shall be~~  
20 ~~made available before the end of that same fiscal year to local~~  
21 ~~governments in grant moneys for the development of master plans~~  
22 ~~pursuant to section 24-32-3203 (3)(d).~~

23 (6) (a) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (6), OR AS  
24 SOON AS PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
25 TRANSFER NINE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE  
26 GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO HERITAGE COMMUNITIES FUND  
27 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION OF LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6)(a) FOR THE CREATION,  
3 IMPLEMENTATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM  
5 CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-130 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-32-130.

7 (b) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (6), OR AS SOON  
8 AS PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
9 TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL  
10 FUND TO THE COLORADO HERITAGE COMMUNITIES FUND CREATED IN  
11 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
12 IN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO  
13 THIS SUBSECTION (6)(b) FOR THE CREATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND  
14 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT  
15 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-130 (5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
16 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-32-130.

17 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3208, **add** (3)  
18 as follows:

19 **24-32-3208. Additional sources of funding.** (3) AS MONEY  
20 BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH CREATED IN  
21 SECTION 24-32-3203 (1) MAY PROVIDE GRANTS OR OTHER FORMS OF  
22 ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT  
23 WITH SECTION 24-32-3203 (3)(c)(II), INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION,  
24 THE HIRING OF CONSULTANTS AND RELATED FORMS OF PROFESSIONAL  
25 EXPERTISE; UPDATING PLANS, POLICIES, CODES, AND RELATED LAND  
26 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES; AND OFFERING GRANTS, LOANS, OR  
27 OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE AS INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF

1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH FORMS OF ASSISTANCE MAY INCLUDE THE  
2 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE, OR THE  
3 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AMENITIES. THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE  
4 GUIDELINES TO SPECIFY THE ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF LOCAL  
5 GOVERNMENTS THAT WILL QUALIFY FOR GRANT FUNDING OR OTHER FORMS  
6 OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3). THE OFFICE MAY ALSO USE  
7 AVAILABLE MONEY TO IMPLEMENT OR FACILITATE GRANT AND OTHER  
8 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS BY HIRING STAFF, CREATING TECHNICAL RESOURCES  
9 FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, HIRING CONSULTANTS AND RELATED FORMS OF  
10 PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, AND OTHERWISE ADMINISTERING THE  
11 COLORADO HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART  
12 32. THE OFFICE MAY USE A PORTION OF ANY SUCH MONEY FOR HIRING AND  
13 MAINTAINING STAFF, DEFRAYING OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, AND  
14 ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS AND  
15 OTHER FORMS OF INCENTIVES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3).

16 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-32-3206.

17 **SECTION 12. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal  
18 year, \$9,300,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use  
19 by the division of local government. This appropriation is from the  
20 Colorado heritage communities fund created in section 24-32-3207 (1),  
21 C.R.S., and is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
22 additional 0.9 FTE. To implement this act, the division shall use this  
23 appropriation for the affordable housing development incentives grant  
24 program created in section 24-32-130 (2), C.R.S.

25 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$2,100,000 is appropriated  
26 to the department of local affairs for use by the division of local  
27 government. This appropriation is from the Colorado heritage



1 communities fund created in section 24-32-3207 (1), C.R.S., and is based  
2 on an assumption that the division will require an additional 1.7 FTE. To  
3 implement this act, the division shall use this appropriation for the local  
4 government planning grant program created in section 24-32-130 (5),  
5 C.R.S.

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7 **SECTION 13. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.