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SENATE BILL 21-242

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Gonzales and Pettersen,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Gonzales-Gutierrez and Woodrow,

Senate Committees

Local Government

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE ALLOWABLE USES OF THE
102 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION
103 THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 allows the division of housing within the department of local affairs to use the housing development grant fund for rental assistance, tenancy support service programs, and awarding grants and loans for the purchase of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties. The bill expands those who are eligible to

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benefit from the rental assistance and tenancy support programs to include individuals experiencing homelessness.

The bill also transfers \$15 million from the general fund to the housing development grant fund for the funding of rental assistance and tenancy support programs for individuals experiencing homelessness related to underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties, and the awarding of grants and loans for the purchase of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties.

Finally, the bill requires the department of local affairs, during its annual report to the assigned committee of reference, to report on the rental and tenancy support service programs provided by the division of housing for individuals experiencing homelessness related to underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties and the grants and loans awarded by the division in relation to the rental, acquisition, or renovation of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend**
3 (2)(d)(VI) introductory portion; and **add** (2)(d)(VI)(A.5), (2)(d)(VII), and
4 (2)(g) as follows:

5 **24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants**
6 **and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing**
7 **assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance**
8 **use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly**
9 **- rules - definitions - repeal.** (2) (d) In addition to any other use
10 authorized under this section, money may also be used for the following
11 purposes, without limitation:

12 (VI) Rental assistance AND TENANCY SUPPORT SERVICE programs
13 that target one or more of the following persons or uses:

14 (A.5) INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

15 (VII) GRANTS AND LOANS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
16 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE RENTAL, ACQUISITION, OR

1 RENOVAION OF UNDERUTILIZED HOTELS, UNDERUTILIZED MOTELS, AND
2 OTHER UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES TO PROVIDE NONCONGREGATE
3 SHELTERING OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
4 HOMELESSNESS. THE DIVISION SHALL DEFINE THE TERMS "UNDERUTILIZED
5 HOTEL", "UNDERUTILIZED MOTEL", AND "UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTY" BY
6 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

7 (g) (I) WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
8 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(g), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIFTEEN
9 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HOUSING
10 DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND.

11 (II) THE DIVISION SHALL USE MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM THE
12 GENERAL FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(g)(I) OF THIS SECTION FOR
13 THE PURPOSES ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(d)(VI)(A.5) OF THIS
14 SECTION THAT ARE RELATED TO SUBSECTION (2)(d)(VII) OF THIS SECTION
15 AND FOR THE PURPOSES ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION (2)(d)(VII) OF THIS
16 SECTION.

17 (III) DURING THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS' ANNUAL
18 PRESENTATION IN 2022 AND 2023 TO THE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A
20 SUMMARIZED REPORT OF THE RENTAL AND TENANCY SUPPORT SERVICE
21 PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING PURSUANT TO
22 SUBSECTION (2)(d)(VI)(A.5) OF THIS SECTION THAT ARE RELATED TO
23 UNDERUTILIZED HOTELS, UNDERUTILIZED MOTELS, AND OTHER
24 UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES AND THE GRANTS AND LOANS AWARDED BY
25 THE DIVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE RENTAL, ACQUISITION, OR RENOVATION
26 OF UNDERUTILIZED HOTELS, UNDERUTILIZED MOTELS, AND OTHER
27 UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(d)(VII) OF

1 THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2020-21 state fiscal year,
3 \$15,000,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by
4 the division of housing. This appropriation is from the general fund. To
5 implement this act, the division of housing may use this appropriation as
6 specified in section 24-32-721 (2)(g)(II). Any money appropriated in this
7 section not expended prior to July 1, 2021, is further appropriated to the
8 department of local affairs for the 2021-22 state fiscal year for the same
9 purpose.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.