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1 AN ACT Relating to local community development; amending RCW
2 41.06.072; adding new sections to chapter 43.63A RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit
6 community-based organizations, that rely on both private and public
7 resources, are invaluable providers of services to our state's
8 communities. State agencies increasingly turn to community-based
9 organizations for the delivery of services to meet social, health,
10 training, and community development needs in our communities. Private
11 support flows to community-based organizations because they are very
12 close to their constituencies and have the capacity to act quickly in
13 response to emergency needs. Many community organizations, however,
14 need technical assistance to expand the vision of their boards, to
15 improve the expertise of their staff, and to widen their resource base.

1 Therefore, it is the purpose of this act to authorize and fund the
2 community partnership program to provide technical assistance and
3 managerial support to community-based organizations in the state.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is established within the
5 department of community development the community partnership program.
6 The program is designed to provide technical assistance and managerial
7 support to community-based organizations in the state. An exempt
8 position under RCW 41.06.072 is hereby created within the department of
9 community development for the managing director of the community
10 partnership program. In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the
11 managing director shall solicit volunteer assistance; work with other
12 agencies which rely on community-based nonprofits for service delivery;
13 work with private sector organizations interested in working with
14 community-based organizations in the delivery of services; contract
15 with private consultants, with the approval of the director of the
16 department, for such services as the managing director deems advisable;
17 and solicit resources from federal and private sources.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The community partnership program shall:
19 (1) Act as a clearinghouse for community-based organizations,
20 providing information and referral services to these organizations
21 through such methods as a computerized network that allows
22 organizations to access the program's information base.
23 (2) Provide management training courses designed specifically for
24 nonprofit managers, staff, and boards. These include both
25 individualized training for single nonprofit organizations, and skill-
26 building workshops and seminars on planning, budgeting, marketing, and
27 other topics.

1 (3) Provide short-term direct assistance customized to meet the
2 management needs of individual organizations.

3 (4) Assist organizations in soliciting and managing volunteers.

4 (5) Coordinate activities with the state volunteer center, other
5 state agencies, local service providers, and other volunteer
6 organizations giving similar assistance.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The managing director of the program may
8 charge a fee for the services offered by the program. The fees may be
9 based on a sliding scale but in no case shall the fees exceed the
10 actual cost of providing these services.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The community partnership program
12 may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from any source as may
13 be made from time to time for the activities of the program and may
14 expend the same according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or
15 endowments.

16 (2) An account known as the community partnership program account
17 is created and all gifts, grants, endowments, and fees received for the
18 purposes of the community partnership program shall be deposited into
19 the account. The state treasurer is the custodian of the account.
20 Disbursements from the account shall be on the authorization of the
21 managing director of the program or the director's designee. Moneys
22 from the account shall be used for carrying out the purposes of the
23 community partnership program and all other activities deemed
24 appropriate by the advisory committee. The fund is subject to the
25 allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
26 appropriation is required for disbursements.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A community partnership advisory
2 committee is established. The governor shall appoint the committee
3 which shall consist of the following members:

4 (1) The lieutenant governor who shall be the chair of the
5 committee;

6 (2) The managing director of the program who shall act as the
7 nonvoting, vice-chair of the committee;

8 (3) Two representatives from nonprofit organizations;

9 (4) Two representatives from the private sector; and

10 (5) Two representatives from local government agencies.

11 Additional members may be appointed as deemed necessary by the
12 committee.

13 Members shall serve on the committee for a term of four years, or
14 at the pleasure of the governor.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 41.06.072 and 1986 c 266 s 8 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 In addition to the exemptions set forth in this chapter, this
18 chapter shall not apply within the department of community development
19 to the state historic preservation officer ~~((and))~~, up to two
20 professional staff members within the emergency management program, and
21 to the director of the community partnership program.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are
23 each added to chapter 43.63A RCW.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The sum of five hundred thousand
25 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
26 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the
27 department of community development for the purposes of this act.