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By Representatives Fromhold, Kenney, and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to capital grants for child care facilities; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The department of early learning, in consultation with the  
7 department of community, trade, and economic development shall  
8 establish a competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize  
9 projects that assist nonprofit organizations in acquiring,  
10 constructing, or rehabilitating facilities, including portable  
11 structures, used for the delivery of child care services.

12            (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
13 shall conduct a statewide solicitation of project applications from  
14 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities, as  
15 determined by the department of early learning. The department of  
16 community, trade, and economic development shall evaluate and rank  
17 applications in consultation with the department of early learning.  
18 The evaluation and ranking process shall include an examination of  
19 existing assets that applicants may apply to projects. Priority

1 consideration shall be given to nonprofit organizations committed to  
2 serving the following populations: (a) Children served by programs  
3 under chapter 72.40 RCW; (b) sick children; (c) children whose care is  
4 being subsidized by the department of social and health services; (d)  
5 children who are assisted by the early childhood education and  
6 assistance program; and (e) children who are part of the head start  
7 program. Grant assistance under this section shall not exceed fifty  
8 percent of the total cost of the project and the maximum amount for  
9 each grant must not exceed five hundred thousand dollars. The nonstate  
10 portion of the total project cost may include cash, the value of real  
11 property when acquired solely for the purpose of the project, and in-  
12 kind contributions.

13 (3) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
14 shall develop and manage appropriate contracts with the grantees;  
15 monitor project expenditures and grantee performance; report project  
16 and contract information to the department of early learning; and  
17 exercise due diligence and other contract management responsibilities  
18 as required.

19 (4) In contracts for grants authorized under this section, the  
20 department of community, trade, and economic development shall include  
21 provisions that require that capital improvements shall be held by the  
22 grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the  
23 grant and that facilities shall be used for the express purpose of the  
24 grant. If the grantee is found to be out of compliance with provisions  
25 of the contract, the grantee shall repay to the state general fund the  
26 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of  
27 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most  
28 closely to the date of authorization of the grant.

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