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Community Development & Veterans.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating an account to be used for purposes of
2 supporting community efforts to reduce development conflicts with
3 nearby military installations; and adding new sections to chapter
4 43.330 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The defense community compatibility account is created in the
9 state treasury. Revenues to the account consist of appropriations by
10 the legislature, private contributions, and all other sources
11 deposited in the account.

12 (2)(a) Expenditures from the account may only be used for grants
13 to local governments for purposes of the programs established in
14 subsections (3) and (4) of this section, including administrative
15 expenses. Priority must be given for grants to local governments
16 whose applications are accompanied by express support from nonprofit
17 community or neighborhood-based organizations, public development
18 authorities, federally recognized Indian tribes in the state, or
19 other partners. Only the director or the director's designee, may
20 authorize expenditures. In order for the director or the director's
21 designee to authorize an expenditure for either the purposes

1 identified in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, both federal
2 matching funds and matching funds from the local government applicant
3 must be committed to the same purposes as the state expenditure.

4 (b) Local governments must submit an application to the
5 department in order to be eligible for funding under this subsection,
6 and the department may not expend money on a project for which a
7 local government has not applied to the department to carry out the
8 project.

9 (3)(a) The department may expend moneys from the account to
10 provide state matching funds for projects identified by local
11 governments to address incompatible development near military
12 installations.

13 (b) The department must evaluate and rank applications using
14 objective criteria, and must consider the degree to which project is
15 compatible with the criteria established in the United States
16 department of defense's readiness and environmental protection
17 integration program.

18 (c) Eligible projects may include:

19 (i) Acquisition of real property or real property interests to
20 eliminate an existing incompatible use;

21 (ii) Projects to jointly assist in the recovery or protection of
22 endangered species dependent on military installation property for
23 habitat;

24 (iii) Local infrastructure or facilities necessary to help a
25 community accommodate an expanded military presence in their
26 community;

27 (iv) Projects or programs to increase the availability of housing
28 affordable to enlisted military personnel in the local community; and

29 (v) Projects to retrofit existing uses to increase their
30 compatibility with existing military operations.

31 (4) The department may expend moneys from the account to provide
32 state matching funds for projects on the list submitted by the
33 department consistent with section 2 of this act.

34 (5) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 (1) The department must produce a biennial report identifying a
38 list of projects to address incompatible developments near military
39 installations.

1 (a) The list must include a description of each project, the
2 estimated cost of the project, the amount of recommended state
3 funding, and the amount of any federal or local funds documented to
4 be available to be used for the project.

5 (b) Projects on the list must be prioritized with consideration
6 given to:

7 (i) The recommendations of the recent United States department of
8 defense base realignment and closure (BRAC) processes, joint land use
9 studies, or other federally initiated land use processes; and

10 (ii) Whether a branch of the United States armed forces has
11 identified the project as increasing the viability of military
12 installations for current or future missions.

13 (c) The department must consult with the commanders of United
14 States military installations in Washington to identify eligible
15 projects.

16 (2) The department must submit the report to appropriate
17 committees of the house of representatives and the senate, including
18 the joint committee on veterans' and military affairs, by January 1,
19 2020, and every two years thereafter.

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