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1 AN ACT Relating to creating an account to support necessary
2 infrastructure nearby military installations; and adding new sections
3 to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

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

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

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

1 matching funds and matching funds from the local government applicant
2 must be committed to the same purposes as the state expenditure.

3 (3) (a) The department may expend moneys from the account to
4 provide state matching funds for projects identified by local
5 governments to support necessary infrastructure near military
6 installations. Local governments must submit an application to the
7 department in order to be eligible for funding under this subsection,
8 and the department may not expend money on a project for which a
9 local government has not applied to the department to carry out the
10 project.

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

16 (c) Eligible projects may include:

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

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

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

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

27 (v) Projects to retrofit existing uses to increase their
28 compatibility with existing military operations.

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

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

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

35 (1) The department must produce a biennial report identifying a
36 list of projects to support necessary infrastructure near military
37 installations.

38 (a) The list must include a description of each project, the
39 estimated cost of the project, the amount of recommended state

1 funding, and the amount of any federal or local funds documented to
2 be available to be used for the project.

3 (b) Projects on the list must be prioritized with consideration
4 given to:

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

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

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

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

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