
HOUSE BILL 2132

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By Representatives Dufault, Rude, and Boehnke

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1 AN ACT Relating to immediate employment programs for people
2 experiencing homelessness; adding a new section to chapter 43.185C
3 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the department must create a competitive program to
9 award grants to cities, counties, tribal governments, and nonprofit
10 organizations for the purpose of establishing immediate employment
11 programs for individuals experiencing homelessness.

12 (2) To qualify for grant funding, the employment program must:

13 (a) Provide immediate employment for homeless individuals, which
14 may include, but is not limited to, trash pickup, graffiti removal,
15 beautification of public areas, or other services that seek to
16 benefit the community;

17 (b) Pay participants in cash at the end of each workday at a wage
18 of at least \$20 per hour; and

19 (c) Seek to connect individuals participating in the program with
20 locally available health care, housing, and long-term employment
21 services.

- 1 (3) Grant funds may be used for the following:
- 2 (a) Wages and benefits for participants and staff;
- 3 (b) Food and beverages for participants during the workday;
- 4 (c) Incentives for participants to return for additional
5 workdays;
- 6 (d) Training and educational costs of staff administering the
7 program; and
- 8 (e) Supplies, tools, equipment, clothing, or other items required
9 to operate the program.
- 10 (4) In awarding funds, the department must provide geographic
11 distribution on a statewide basis. No individual grant award may
12 exceed \$100,000.
- 13 (5) Each grantee must submit an annual report to the department
14 summarizing the program's procedures, outcomes, and financial
15 information. By November 1, 2024, the department must submit a review
16 of the grant program to the governor and appropriate committees of
17 the legislature.
- 18 (6) This section expires June 30, 2025.

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