
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GRANTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is necessary to
2 improve the grant application and approval process established
3 under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, spread grant
4 appropriations among more recipients, and fund direct services,
5 rather than overhead costs, of grant recipients.

6 The purpose of this Act is to add new standards for the
7 appropriation of grants, as required by article VII, section 4,
8 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, increase
9 transparency in the legislative grant process, and increase the
10 opportunity for more applicants to receive grants by
11 establishing the following legislative policies:

- 12 (1) To make appropriations for grants during the regular
13 session of each odd-numbered year for the ensuing
14 fiscal biennium, but still permit the legislature to
15 add new or amend or repeal existing grant
16 appropriations during the regular session of an even-
17 numbered year or a special session;



- 1 (2) To appropriate funds for not more than one grant for
2 each grant recipient during a fiscal biennium; and
3 (3) To place a low priority on requests to fund general
4 and administrative expenses.

5 Because this legislature cannot bind the actions of future
6 legislatures, this Act expressly declares that adherence to the
7 policies shall be subject to the discretion of the legislature
8 and availability of funds.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§42F- Legislative policies; appropriation of funds for
13 grants during legislative sessions; limit on number of grants to
14 a recipient during a fiscal biennium; priority of funding
15 requests for general and administrative expenses. (a) It is
16 the policy of the legislature to appropriate funds for grants
17 during the regular session of each odd-numbered year for each
18 fiscal year of the ensuing fiscal biennium.

19 This section shall not be construed as prohibiting the
20 legislature from adding new appropriations or amending, or



1 repealing existing appropriations, for grants during the regular
2 session of an even-numbered year or a special session.

3 (b) It is the policy of the legislature to appropriate
4 funds for not more than one grant for each grant recipient
5 during a fiscal biennium.

6 (c) It is the policy of the legislature to place a low
7 priority on a request from a grant applicant to fund the
8 applicant's general and administrative expenses with a grant
9 appropriation.

10 (d) The adherence to a policy set forth in this section
11 shall be subject to the exclusive discretion of the legislature
12 and availability of funds, and no person shall take legal action
13 against the legislature, State, or grant recipient for a
14 deviation from the policy.

15 (e) For the purpose of this section:

16 "Ensuing fiscal biennium" means the fiscal biennium
17 commencing on the July 1 that immediately follows the convening
18 of the regular session of an odd-numbered year.

19 "General and administrative expenses" means expenses of the
20 applicant that are not directly related to the provision of
21 goods or services by the applicant."



1 SECTION 3. Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§42F-102 Applications for grants.~~ Requests for grants
4 shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the
5 legislature [~~at the start of each regular session of the~~
6 ~~legislature.~~] when requested by the standing committees. Each
7 request shall state:

- 8 (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual;
9 (2) The public purpose for the grant;
10 (3) The services to be supported by the grant;
11 (4) The target group; and
12 (5) The cost of the grant and the budget."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.
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Report Title:

Grants; Legislative Policies

Description:

Establishes legislative policies to: (1) make appropriations for grants during the regular session of each odd-numbered year for the ensuing fiscal biennium; (2) appropriate funds for not more than one grant for each grant recipient during a fiscal biennium; and (3) place a low priority on requests to fund the general and administrative expenses of a grant applicant. States that adherence to the policies shall be subject to legislative discretion and funding availability. (SD1)

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