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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to security grants; amending s.
3 252.3712, F.S.; expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant
4 Program to include additional organizations;
5 specifying that grants may be used for certain
6 materials; revising criteria to be awarded a grant;
7 requiring certain rules be adopted by the Division of
8 Emergency Management; requiring the division to
9 provide certain information to the Legislature
10 annually by a specified date; requiring the division
11 to adopt emergency rules by a specified date;
12 providing appropriations; requiring reversion of
13 unexpended funds; providing for future appropriations;
14 providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 252.3712, Florida
19 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), subsections (1) and
20 (2) are amended, paragraph (d) is added to subsection (5), and a
21 new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

22 252.3712 Nonprofit Security Grant Program.—

23 (1) The division shall establish a Nonprofit Security
24 Grant Program that shall consist of funds appropriated by the
25 Legislature to nonprofit organizations, including houses of

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26 | worship, schools, museums, and community centers, that are at
27 | high risk for violent attacks or hate crimes. The grants may be
28 | used to increase security and safety, including, but not limited
29 | to:

30 | (a) The purchase and installation of security
31 | infrastructure, perimeter lighting, materials for door
32 | hardening, security camera systems, perimeter fencing, barriers
33 | and bollards, and blast-resistant film and shatter-resistant
34 | glass for windows.

35 | (b) Hiring security personnel.

36 | (c) Training for security personnel and staff on threat
37 | awareness, emergency procedures, and first aid.

38 | (2) The division shall award grants to applicants that
39 | meet eligibility criteria for ~~who were deemed eligible for but~~
40 | ~~did not receive funding from~~ the United States Department of
41 | Homeland Security's Nonprofit Security Grant Program ~~within the~~
42 | ~~federal fiscal year.~~

43 | (5) The division shall adopt rules to administer this
44 | section, including rules providing criteria for all of the
45 | following:

46 | (d) Prioritizing applicants that are houses of worship or
47 | whose facilities are frequented by children or students on a
48 | daily basis.

49 | (6) By June 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the division
50 | shall provide a list of grants awarded during that fiscal year

51 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
52 Representatives.

53 Section 2. No later than December 31, 2023, the Division
54 of Emergency Management must adopt rules to administer the
55 Nonprofit Security Grant Program. The division is authorized,
56 and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules
57 under s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of
58 implementing the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

59 Section 3. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring
60 sum of \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated
61 to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive
62 Office of the Governor for the purpose of implementing the
63 Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Grants must be awarded no
64 later than March 1, 2024. The unexpended balance of funds
65 appropriated to the division as of June 30, 2024, shall revert
66 and is appropriated to the division for the same purpose for the
67 2024-2025 fiscal year.

68 Section 4. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring
69 sum of \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated
70 to the Department of Education as fixed capital outlay to
71 provide grants to full-time Jewish day schools and Jewish
72 preschools for hardening security measures, including the
73 purchase and installation of security infrastructure, perimeter
74 lighting, materials for door hardening, security camera systems,
75 perimeter fencing, barriers and bollards, and blast-resistant

76 film and shatter-resistant glass for windows. Grants must be
77 awarded no later than March 1, 2024.

78 Section 5. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring
79 sum of \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated
80 to the Department of Education to provide grants to full-time
81 Jewish day schools and Jewish preschools for nonhardening
82 security measures, including hiring security personnel and
83 training for security personnel and staff on threat awareness,
84 emergency procedures, and first aid. Grants must be awarded no
85 later than March 1, 2024. The unexpended balance of funds
86 appropriated to the department as of June 30, 2024, shall revert
87 and is appropriated to the department for the same purpose for
88 the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

89 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.