

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Regional Development Grant Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Regional Development Grant Program within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity;
- ▶ establishes the purpose of the program; and
- ▶ establishes criteria for awarding a grant as part of the program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

63N-4-801, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63N-4-802, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **63N-4-801** is enacted to read:

Part 8. Regional Development Grant Program



28 **63N-4-801. Creation and purpose of the Regional Development Grant Program.**

29 (1) There is created the Regional Development Grant Program administered by the
30 office.

31 (2) As used in this part:

32 (a) "Grant" means a regional development grant awarded as part of the Regional
33 Development Grant Program.

34 (b) "Program" means the Regional Development Grant Program created in this section.

35 (c) "Qualifying association of governments" means an interlocal entity created under
36 the authority of Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act:

37 (i) with four or more members; and

38 (ii) whose members are any combination of counties of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class.

39 (3) The office may seek to accomplish the following objectives in administering the
40 program:

41 (a) provide funding to qualified associations of governments to support expansions of
42 regional projects related to:

43 (i) transportation;

44 (ii) infrastructure;

45 (iii) housing; or

46 (iv) economic development;

47 (b) establish a process for qualified associations of governments to collect and report
48 information on regional assets and needs; and

49 (c) provide training to qualified associations of governments.

50 Section 2. Section **63N-4-802** is enacted to read:

51 **63N-4-802. Requirements for awarding a regional development grant.**

52 (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
53 office shall make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for a qualifying
54 association of governments to receive a regional development grant under this part, including:

55 (a) the form and process of submitting an application to the office for a grant;

56 (b) the method and formula for determining grant amounts; and

57 (c) the reporting requirements of grant recipients.

58 (2) In determining the award of a grant, the office may prioritize projects:

59 (a) where an applicant demonstrates comprehensive planning of the project and the
60 cooperation of state entities as partners; and

61 (b) that relate to transportation, infrastructure, housing, or economic development.

62 (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, a grant under the program may only be
63 awarded by the executive director for a project in a rural area of the state.

64 (4) The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section
65 [63N-1a-306](#) an overview of each grant awarded under the program.