

SENATE FILE NO. SF0108

Challenge program for social services.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Larson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of government; creating
2 the challenge program for social services; providing for
3 grants to eligible communities and other political
4 subdivisions for unfunded or underfunded social services;
5 providing for use of grant funds; providing for
6 administration of the program; providing funding and
7 requiring matching funds; providing an appropriation; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-901 through 9-12-905 are created
13 to read:

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15 ARTICLE 9

16 WYOMING CHALLENGE PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

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1 **9-12-901. Challenge program for social services;**
2 **definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this article:

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6 (i) "Board" means the state loan and investment
7 board;

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9 (ii) "Eligible community" means a county, city
10 or town. "Eligible community" may also mean any joint
11 powers board or special district created for the purposes
12 of funding and providing social services;

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14 (iii) "Holding account" means the challenge
15 program for social services holding account established
16 pursuant to W.S. 9-12-905(b);

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18 (iv) "Private donations account" means the
19 challenge program for social services private donations
20 account established pursuant to W.S. 9-12-905(a);

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22 (v) "Social service" means those services
23 provided by private not for profit entities that address
24 human health and welfare needs in Wyoming. Those needs

1 include, but are not limited to human health, human
2 nutrition, child care, senior citizen needs, mental health
3 and family services.

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5 **9-12-902. Challenge program for social services;**
6 **purpose; creation; administration; rulemaking authority;**
7 **eligible projects.**

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9 (a) It is the purpose of this article to encourage
10 private entities to provide funding on a voluntary basis to
11 be used in partnership with Wyoming government to provide
12 social services to citizens of the state. The state loan
13 and investment board shall provide for day to day
14 administration of this article through a contract with a
15 private not for profit entity located in Wyoming, with
16 experience administering privately funded social services
17 programs. The contract shall require the administrator to
18 actively seek private donations to the private donations
19 account. The administrator shall be subject to rules of the
20 board. The administrator of the program shall provide
21 recommendations to the board for approval of grants under
22 this article. Final approval shall rest with the board
23 acting in accordance with this article.

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1 (b) Any eligible community may submit an application
2 to the board for a grant under this program on forms
3 prescribed by and subject to rules promulgated by the
4 board. Application by a joint powers board shall require
5 the approval of all participating agencies to the joint
6 powers agreement.

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8 (c) Grants may be recommended by the administrator
9 and awarded by the board for social service projects which:

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11 (i) Are for a valid public purpose, of primary
12 benefit to citizens of the state;

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14 (ii) Are within the authority of the applicant
15 to provide;

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17 (iii) Are consistent with any requirements
18 placed upon the privately donated matching funds which are
19 to be used for the project being funded;

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21 (iv) Are not fully funded by another means of
22 state or local government funding; and

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1 (v) Are not for artistic or solely cultural
2 activities.

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4 **9-12-903. Social service projects; demonstration of**
5 **need.**

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7 (a) To qualify for a grant under this article, an
8 applicant shall demonstrate:

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10 (i) The viability of the project;

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12 (ii) The social service is not otherwise
13 provided in the community or may not continue to be
14 provided without the grant funds;

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16 (iii) That all necessary costs to provide the
17 social service project will be funded at the time of
18 receipt of a grant under this article, with any additional
19 funding sources specified within the project application;

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21 (iv) Any other criteria developed by the board
22 consistent with the purposes of this article.

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1 **9-12-904. Social service project grants; approval by**
2 **state loan and investment board.**

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4 (a) Grants shall be awarded on a matching basis with
5 funds within the private donations account being matched in
6 an equal amount with funds within the state holding
7 account. No money shall be expended from the private
8 donations account unless matched in accordance with this
9 subsection. No money shall be expended from the holding
10 account unless it has been appropriated by the legislature
11 to the board.

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13 (b) Grants shall be used to fund approved project
14 costs in accordance with approved applications and rules of
15 the board.

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17 (c) The administrator shall prioritize
18 recommendations for grant approvals to the board and the
19 board shall prioritize projects for approval in accordance
20 with the following criteria and rules of the board:

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22 (i) The number of persons to be served by the
23 project;

1 (ii) The cost per person of providing the social
2 service;

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4 (iii) The overall benefit provided to the public
5 as a result of funding the project.

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7 (d) Not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds
8 within the public holding account shall be used to fund any
9 single project or be provided to any one (1) applicant in
10 any fiscal year.

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12 (e) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to
13 implement its duties under this article.

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15 **9-12-905. Challenge program for social services**
16 **accounts.**

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18 (a) There is created a private donations account to
19 receive funds donated to the state of Wyoming for purposes
20 of this program created by this article. Funds in the
21 private donations account are continuously appropriated to
22 the board to be used only for grants under this article.

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1 (b) A holding account is created to retain
2 appropriations for matching amounts for grants approved by
3 the board in accordance with this article. The board may
4 also annually expend funds from the holding account for
5 contract services for administration of this article.

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7 (c) Earnings on funds within the private donations
8 account and the holding account shall be credited to the
9 appropriate account.

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11 **Section 2.**

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13 (a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the state loan and
15 investment board for initial contract administration, and
16 rulemaking to implement this act.

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18 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the holding account established pursuant to W.S.
20 9-12-905(b), five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). Funds
21 appropriated under this section may be expended by the
22 state loan and investment board in accordance with this act
23 in the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2006.

1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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