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HOUSE BILL NO. 313

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECTS, ~~AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, AND~~ OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; REQUIRING MATCHING FUNDS ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS; ALLOWING APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE INTO THE 2027 BIENNIUM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of [sections 1 through 8], unless otherwise provided, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Local government" means a county, city, town, township, school district, TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, or other district or local public entity with the authority to spend or receive public funds.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

(3) (a) "Public swimming pool" means an artificial pool and related appurtenances for swimming, bathing, wading, or other aquatic therapy or recreation, including but not limited to natural hot water pools, spas, splash decks, water slides, lazy rivers, and wave pools.

(b) The term does not include:

(i) swimming pools located on private property, including the private common area property of owner-occupied condominium developments, used for swimming or bathing only by the owner, members of the owner's family, or their invited guests; or

(ii) medicinal hot water baths for individual use.

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department of commerce in order to be eligible for funding under [section 3].

(3) The department of commerce is authorized to adopt guidelines necessary to implement [sections 3 through 6].

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Condition of grants -- disbursement of funds. (1) The disbursement of grant funds for the projects chosen by the department of commerce pursuant to [section 3] is subject to the following conditions:

(a) ~~for grants in an amount of \$25,000 or more,~~ the grant recipient shall document the availability of matching funds ~~or in-kind contribution of assets with an appraised value from private sources~~ representing at least \$1 in value for each ~~\$5~~ \$1 of the grant;

(b) the grant recipient shall execute a grant agreement with the department of commerce that includes a project management plan and reporting requirements to track the outcomes of allocated grants; and

(c) the grant recipient shall satisfy other specific requirements considered necessary by the department of commerce to accomplish the purpose of the project as evidenced by the application to the department of commerce.

(2) Projects must adhere to the design standards required by applicable regulations. Recipients of program funds for projects that are not subject to any design standards must comply with generally accepted industry standards.

(3) If actual project expenses are lower than the projected expense of the project, the department of commerce shall reduce the amount of grant funds to be provided to grant recipients.

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Maximum state funding available -- for each project -- for each county. (1) The amount of state funding allocated to entities within an individual county under [sections 3 through 5] may not exceed \$1 million. No more than two applications may be funded in any one county.

(2) The amount of a grant to a single project may not exceed \$500,000.

NEW SECTION. Section 7. Transfer of funds. By July 15, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer \$5