

SENATE BILL No. 324

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning cities and counties; relating to grants; creating the
2 legislative help grant fund; providing for transfers to and distributions
3 from such fund; establishing help counties grants, state representative
4 help grants and state senator help grants; prescribing procedures,
5 requirements and limitations for such grants.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the
9 legislative help grant fund. Such fund shall be administered by the state
10 treasurer subject to the provisions of this section. All expenditures from
11 the legislative help grant fund shall be made in accordance with
12 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports
13 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the state
14 treasurer's designee. All expenditures from the legislative help grant fund
15 shall be for the purpose of providing:

- 16 (1) Help counties grants;
17 (2) state representative help grants; and
18 (3) state senator help grants.

19 (b) On July 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the
20 director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$400,000,000 from the state
21 general fund to the legislative help grant fund.

22 (c) The state treasurer shall forward a help counties grant application
23 to any county that requests such application and provides certification to
24 the state treasurer that such county has complied with the provisions of
25 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-2988, and amendments thereto, for the ensuing
26 budget year. Such certification shall be signed by the board of county
27 commissioners of such county. The department of administration shall
28 verify such county's compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2022 Supp.
29 79-2988, and amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year and shall
30 certify such county's compliance to the state treasurer.

31 (d) Once a help counties grant application is received by the state
32 treasurer, the state treasurer shall notify all members of the legislature that
33 represent the applying county or a portion thereof and provide grant
34 acknowledgment forms to such members of the legislature. All such
35 members of the legislature shall sign and transmit to the state treasurer
36 such forms acknowledging the grant and the use of grant moneys. Upon

1 receipt of all such forms, the state treasurer shall pay from the legislative
2 help grant fund the amount of such help counties grant to the appropriate
3 fund of the county. The state treasurer shall transmit a copy of certification
4 of each payment from the legislative help grant fund to the director of the
5 budget and the director of legislative research.

6 (e) A single county shall not receive an aggregate amount of help
7 counties grants exceeding:

8 (1) \$100,000 for a county with a population of less than 10,000;

9 (2) \$200,000 for any county with a population of 10,000 or more but
10 less than 50,000;

11 (3) \$500,000 for any county with a population of 50,000 or more but
12 less than 500,000; and

13 (4) \$3,000,000 for any county with a population of 500,000 or more.

14 (f) (1) The state treasurer shall make available from the legislative
15 help grant fund state representative help grants in an amount not to exceed
16 \$125,000 for every state representative district in which any city or county
17 has adopted a revenue neutral rate budget in accordance with K.S.A. 2022
18 Supp. 79-2988, and amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year.

19 (2) The state treasurer shall forward a state representative help grant
20 application to any city or county that requests such application and
21 provides certification to the state treasurer that such city or county has
22 complied with the provisions of K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-2988, and
23 amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year. Such certification shall
24 be signed by all members of the governing body of such city or county.
25 The department of administration shall verify such city's or county's
26 compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-2988, and
27 amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year and shall certify such
28 city's or county's compliance to the state treasurer.

29 (3) The city or county shall provide a list of suggested projects to be
30 funded by such grant and shall forward such list to the state representative
31 representing the state representative district of such city or county
32 described in paragraph (1). Such state representative shall recommend to
33 the state treasurer the grant money that shall be awarded for any listed
34 project and shall provide notice of such recommendation to the speaker of
35 the house of representatives and the majority and minority leaders of the
36 house of representatives. Upon receipt of such recommendation, the state
37 treasurer shall pay from the legislative help grant fund the amount of such
38 state representative help grant to the appropriate fund of the city or county.
39 The state treasurer shall transmit a copy of certification of each payment
40 from the legislative help grant fund to the director of the budget and the
41 director of legislative research.

42 (g) (1) The state treasurer shall make available from the legislative
43 help grant fund state senator help grants in an amount not to exceed

1 \$500,000 for every state senate district in which any city or county has
2 adopted a revenue neutral rate budget in accordance with K.S.A. 2022
3 Supp. 79-2988, and amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year.

4 (2) The state treasurer shall forward a state senator help grant
5 application to any city or county that requests such application and
6 provides certification to the state treasurer that such city or county has
7 complied with the provisions of K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-2988, and
8 amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year. Such certification shall
9 be signed by all members of the governing body of such city or county.
10 The department of administration shall verify such city's or county's
11 compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-2988, and
12 amendments thereto, for the ensuing budget year and shall certify such
13 city's or county's compliance to the state treasurer.

14 (3) The city or county shall provide a list of suggested projects to be
15 funded by such grant and shall forward such list to the state senator
16 representing the state senate district of such city or county described in
17 paragraph (1). Such state senator shall recommend to the state treasurer the
18 grant money that shall be awarded for any listed project and shall provide
19 notice of such recommendation to the president of the senate and the
20 majority and minority leaders of the senate. Upon receipt of such
21 recommendation, the state treasurer shall pay from the legislative help
22 grant fund the amount of such state senator help grant to the appropriate
23 fund of the city or county. The state treasurer shall transmit a copy of
24 certification of each payment from the legislative help grant fund to the
25 director of the budget and the director of legislative research.

26 (h) All grants provided under this section shall be used only:

27 (1) For one-time infrastructure or capital expenditures; and

28 (2) in the budget where property tax is customarily used.

29 (i) No grant provided under this section shall be used for any:

30 (1) Salaries, wages, benefits or other ongoing or recurring costs,
31 including, but not limited to, utility costs;

32 (2) bond payments; or

33 (3) lease payments.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.