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## AN ACT

Authorizing state aid for land acquisition, planning, construction and modification of new or existing civic, convention and community recreation centers; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 43.18 is amended by adding a new section to read:

#### ARTICLE 3. COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS.

Sec. 43.18.300. CIVIC, CONVENTION AND COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS: (a) Within the limits of legislative appropriations for the purpose, the state shall make matching grants to local governments or their nonprofit designee equal to 50 per cent of the estimated reasonable costs of land acquisition, planning, and construction of municipal civic, convention and community recreation centers and 50 per cent of the cost of feasibility studies relating to such facilities, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Grants for only one study and one project may be awarded to a local government under this section. Applications for grants shall be made in a form prescribed by the commissioner. A grant shall be allotted according to an agreement made between the commissioner on behalf of the state and the local government receiving the grant. The agreement may include any provision agreed upon by the parties and shall include in substance the following provisions:

- (1) estimates of reasonable costs of a study or project as approved by the commissioner after consultation with the Department of Public Works;
- (2) a schedule of grant disbursements, if, as

determined by the commissioner, a grant is to be disbursed other than in one sum;

(3) agreement by the local government to

(A) proceed with and complete the proposed study or project expeditiously;

(B) not discontinue operation or dispose of all or part of a project for which it receives a grant without the approval of the director;

(C) apply for, and make reasonable efforts to secure, federal assistance which may be available for the study or project, subject to any conditions the commissioner may require in order to maximize the amounts of such assistance received or to be received for all projects in the state;

(D) provide for payment of the local government's share of the cost of the study or project;

(4) agreement by the local government that, if federal assistance for a study or project becomes available to the local government which was not included in the calculation of the amount of a grant authorized and disbursed under this section, the value of the federal assistance shall be ascertained and subtracted from the total value of the project and the balance shall be equally divided between the state and local government;

(5) provision for alteration or modification of an approved study or project and for remedies in case of failure to perform the agreement between the parties or noncompliance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner under this section;

(6) provision for alteration or modification of an existing facility which would have qualified under this section as a civic, convention or community recreation center at the time of initial construction if this section had been in effect and provision for remedies in case of failure to perform the agreement between the parties or noncompliance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner under this section.

(c) If funds appropriated by the legislature to provide grants under this section are not adequate to satisfy amounts required by approved grant applications, funds shall be allocated on the basis of priority established by the Department of Economic Development by regulations promulgated to carry out the provisions of this section.

(d) This section does not require that a local government receiving a grant for a feasibility study under this section must proceed with construction of a project, notwithstanding the project is determined to be feasible.

(e) The commissioner shall require in the negotiations and agreements with the local government that continued maintenance of the facility is the responsibility

of the local government and the local government must show the feasibility of this before authorization of state funds.

(f) The commissioner shall provide an annual report to the legislature with respect to grants made under this section.

(g) The commissioner may promulgate regulations to carry out the purpose of this section.

(h) In this section

(1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of economic development;

(2) "local government" means a city of any class or a borough having power to implement the studies or projects for which grants are authorized in this section.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1971.