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the Elderly)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 611 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing state aid for service programs for  
7 the benefit of older Alaskans; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 65. SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ALASKANS.

12 Sec. 47.65.010. OLDER ALASKANS SERVICE PROGRAMS ACCOUNT. The  
13 older Alaskans service programs account is established in the Department  
14 of Administration. An amount to carry out the provisions of this chap-  
15 ter may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. The  
16 amount appropriated to the account shall be fully distributed by the  
17 commission to sponsors of older Alaskans service programs in accordance  
18 with the provisions of this chapter.

19 Sec. 47.65.020. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS. Not less  
20 than 60 percent of the amount appropriated by the legislature to the  
21 account established in AS 47.65.010 shall be allocated annually by the  
22 commission as community program grants to sponsors of older Alaskans  
23 service programs. Payments shall be made on the basis of applications  
24 submitted to the commission by sponsors of community programs.

25 Sec. 47.65.030. PILOT PROJECT GRANTS. (a) The balance of the  
26 amount appropriated to the account established in AS 47.65.010 not  
27 allocated under AS 47.65.020 shall be allocated annually by the commis-  
28 sion as grants to support pilot projects for the benefit of older  
29 Alaskans under this section.

1 (b) The commission shall adopt standards for pilot project grants  
2 and, after adoption of the standards as regulations, in accordance with  
3 the Administrative Procedure Act, shall apply the standards to determine  
4 eligibility of applicants for pilot project grants. In awarding pilot  
5 project grants, the commission shall

6 (1) enter into agreements with the project sponsor to operate  
7 one or more of the selected pilot projects consistent with the standards  
8 adopted;

9 (2) monitor and evaluate, in a written report, each pilot  
10 project; the report shall include

11 (A) a description of the project and of the persons  
12 served by it;

13 (B) the problems presented by the persons served by the  
14 project;

15 (C) a description of the problems most effectively  
16 handled by the project; and

17 (D) an estimate of projected cost of operation of the  
18 project for the next three succeeding years.

19 Sec. 47.65.040. REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION BY SPONSOR. A sponsor  
20 receiving a grant under this chapter shall contribute to the total cost  
21 of the program or project. The contribution may be in cash or in-kind  
22 services. The amount of the sponsor's contribution is determined by the  
23 application of the formula

24 (average per capita full and true value of all  
25 property in the municipality or community in which  
26 the project or program takes place/average per capita full and  
27 true value of all property in the state) x contri-  
28 bution percentage

29 to the estimated total program or project cost as determined by the

1 commission at the time of aproval of a grant application. For purposes  
2 of this subsection

3 (1) the contribution percentage for

4 (A) a program or project in a municipality or community  
5 having a population of 5,000 or less is 10 percent of the total  
6 program or project cost;

7 (B) a program or project in a municipality or community  
8 having a population of 5,001 to 10,000 is 20 percent of the total  
9 program or project cost; and

10 (C) a program or project in a municipality or community  
11 having a population of more than 10,000 is 30 percent of the total  
12 program or project cost;

13 (2) if an application is submitted for a program or project  
14 in a municipality or community for which no average per capita full and  
15 true property value determination has been made,

16 (A) if the population of the municipality or community  
17 is 750 or more, the commission shall request the state assessor to  
18 compute the average per capita full and true property value of that  
19 municipality or community and report it;

20 (B) if the population is less than 750, the commission  
21 may substitute for the average per capita full and true value of  
22 property in the municipality or community an amount equal to the  
23 average per capita full and true value of property in the smallest  
24 municipality for which that amount has been determined by the state  
25 assessor.

26 (3) the actual contribution rate of the sponsor may not  
27 exceed the contribution percentage established in (1) of this section;

28 (4) the grant awarded by the commission may not exceed the  
29 estimated total program or project cost as determined by the commission

1 less the contribution by the sponsor determined in accordance with this  
2 section.

3 Sec. 47.65.050. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS. Payments received by  
4 a sponsor under this chapter may be used only to meet costs of services  
5 which the commission has determined directly benefit older Alaskans. A  
6 payment may not be made by the commission under this section unless the  
7 commission determines that

8 (1) the sponsor meets accepted standards of fiscal account-  
9 ability for public funds;

10 (2) the sponsor can demonstrate, when requested, the actual  
11 cost of services which it is providing for the benefit of older  
12 Alaskans; and

13 (3) the sponsor agrees to make available, upon request, all  
14 fiscal information relating to service for which payments are provided  
15 under this chapter.

16 Sec. 47.65.060. DEFINITIONS. In AS 47.65.010 - 47.65.060,

17 (1) "commission" means the Older Alaskans Commission estab-  
18 lished in AS 44.21.200;

19 (2) "older Alaskan" means a resident of Alaska who is 60  
20 years of age and older;

21 (3) "service program" means the following general categories  
22 of services to older Alaskans, including reasonable costs of adminis-  
23 tration:

24 (A) nutritional programs;

25 (B) volunteer programs;

26 (C) programs for leisure-time and recreational activi-  
27 ties;

28 (D) health services;

29 (E) housing services;

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- (F) legal services and assistance;
- (G) home health and homemaker services;
- (H) counseling;
- (I) information and referral services;
- (J) programs which train persons to work with or assist older Alaskans;
- (K) transportation services;
- (L) educational activities; and
- (M) employment services;

(4) "sponsor" means the provider of one or more service programs or pilot projects for the benefit of older Alaskans, including

- (A) a municipality of the state; and
- (B) a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the state.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the effective date of a version of an Act entitled, "An Act establishing an Older Alaskans Commission."