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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 611 am S

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 office on aging to sponsors of older Alaskans service programs in accor-  
18 dance 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 office on aging as community program grants to sponsors of older  
23 Alaskans service programs. Payments shall be made on the basis of  
24 applications submitted to the office on aging by sponsors of community  
25 programs.

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

1 Alaskans under this section.

2 (b) The office on aging shall adopt standards for pilot project  
3 grants and, after adoption of the standards as regulations, in accor-  
4 dance with the Administrative Procedure Act, shall apply the standards  
5 to determine eligibility of applicants for pilot project grants. In  
6 awarding pilot project grants, the office on aging shall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 to the estimated total program or project cost as determined by the  
2 office on aging at the time of approval of a grant application. For  
3 purposes of this subsection

4 (1) the contribution percentage for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (4) the grant awarded by the office on aging may not exceed

1 the estimated total program or project cost as determined by the office  
2 on aging less the contribution by the sponsor determined in accordance  
3 with this section.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) "office on aging" means the office established within the  
19 Department of Health and Social Services;

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

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

25 (A) nutritional programs;

26 (B) volunteer programs;

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

29 (D) health services;

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- (E) housing services;
- (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 immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).