

AMENDMENTS TO LB285

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1426)

Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 13-2703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2014, is amended to read:

4 13-2703 For purposes of the Civic and Community Center Financing  
5 Act:

6 (1) Civic center means a facility that is primarily used to host  
7 conventions, meetings, and cultural events and a library;

8 (2) Community center means the traditional center of a community,  
9 typically comprised of a cohesive core of residential, civic, religious,  
10 and commercial buildings, arranged around a main street and intersecting  
11 streets;

12 (3) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

13 (4) Fund means the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund;

14 (5) Historic building means a building eligible for listing on or  
15 currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places; ~~and~~

16 (6) Public entity means (a) a city, (b) a village, or (c) a county  
17 agricultural society or county fair board in a county with a population  
18 of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants that operates a civic  
19 center, community center, or recreation center which is not within a city  
20 or village; and

21 (7) Recreation center means a facility used for athletics,  
22 fitness, sport activities, or recreation that is owned by a public entity  
23 municipality and is available for use by the general public with or  
24 without charge. Recreation center does not include any facility that  
25 requires a person to purchase a membership to utilize such facility.

26 Sec. 2. Section 13-2705, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

1 2014, is amended to read:

2 13-2705 The department may conditionally approve grants of  
3 assistance from the fund to eligible and competitive applicants within  
4 the following limits:

5 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, a grant  
6 request shall be in an amount meeting the following requirements:

7 (a) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01, at least ten  
8 thousand dollars but no more than:

9 (i) For a city of the primary class, one million five hundred  
10 thousand dollars;

11 (ii) For a public entity ~~municipality~~ with a population of forty  
12 thousand but less than one hundred thousand, seven hundred fifty thousand  
13 dollars;

14 (iii) For a public entity ~~municipality~~ with a population of twenty  
15 thousand but less than forty thousand, five hundred thousand dollars;

16 (iv) For a public entity ~~municipality~~ with a population of ten  
17 thousand but less than twenty thousand, four hundred thousand dollars;  
18 and

19 (v) For a public entity ~~municipality~~ with a population of less than  
20 ten thousand, two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

21 (b) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.02, at least two  
22 thousand dollars but no more than ten thousand dollars;

23 (2) Upon the balance of the fund reaching two million five hundred  
24 thousand dollars, and until the balance of the fund falls below one  
25 million dollars, a grant request shall be in an amount meeting the  
26 following requirements:

27 (a) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01, at least ten  
28 thousand dollars but no more than:

29 (i) For a city of the primary class, two million two hundred fifty  
30 thousand dollars;

31 (ii) For a public entity ~~municipality~~ with a population of forty

1 thousand but less than one hundred thousand, one million one hundred  
2 twenty-five thousand dollars;

3 (iii) For a public entity municipality with a population of twenty  
4 thousand but less than forty thousand, seven hundred fifty thousand  
5 dollars;

6 (iv) For a public entity municipality with a population of ten  
7 thousand but less than twenty thousand, six hundred thousand dollars; and

8 (v) For a public entity municipality with a population of less than  
9 ten thousand, three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars; and

10 (b) For a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.02, at least two  
11 thousand dollars but no more than ten thousand dollars;

12 (3) Assistance from the fund shall not amount to more than fifty  
13 percent of the cost of the project for which a grant is requested; and

14 (4) A public entity municipality shall not be awarded more than one  
15 grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01 and one grant of assistance  
16 under section 13-2704.02 in any five-year period.

17 For purposes of determining the population of public entities under  
18 this section, the population of a county agricultural society or county  
19 fair board shall be the population of the county in which such county  
20 agricultural society or county fair board is located.

21 Sec. 3. Section 13-2706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 13-2706 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section for  
24 a city of the primary class, any public entity municipality that has  
25 applied for and received a grant of assistance under the Sports Arena  
26 Facility Financing Assistance Act shall not receive state assistance  
27 under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act for the same project  
28 for which the grant was awarded under the Sports Arena Facility Financing  
29 Assistance Act.

30 (2) A city of the primary class shall not be eligible to receive a  
31 grant of assistance from the Civic and Community Center Financing Act if

1 the city has applied for and received a grant of assistance under the  
2 Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.

3 (3) Any city that has received funding under the Convention Center  
4 Facility Financing Assistance Act shall not receive state assistance  
5 under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act.

6 (4) Any public entity ~~municipality~~ eligible for a grant of  
7 assistance as provided in this section may apply for a grant of  
8 assistance from the fund. Application shall be made on forms developed by  
9 the department.

10 Sec. 4. Section 13-2707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
11 2014, is amended to read:

12 13-2707 (1) The department shall evaluate all applications for  
13 grants of assistance under section 13-2704.01 based on the following  
14 criteria, which are listed in no particular order of preference:

15 (a) Retention Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall be  
16 based on the likelihood of the project retaining existing residents in  
17 the community where the project is located, developing, sustaining, and  
18 fostering community connections, and enhancing the potential for economic  
19 growth in a manner that will sustain the quality of life and promote  
20 long-term economic development;

21 (b) New Resident Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall  
22 be based on the likelihood of the project attracting new residents to the  
23 community where the project is located;

24 (c) Visitor Impact. Funding decisions by the department shall be  
25 based on the likelihood of the project enhancing or creating an  
26 attraction that would increase the potential of visitors to the community  
27 where the project is located from inside and outside the state;

28 (d) Readiness. The applicant's fiscal and economic capacity to  
29 finance the local share and ability to proceed and implement its plan and  
30 operate the civic center, community center, or recreation center; and

31 (e) Project Planning. Projects with completed technical assistance

1 and feasibility studies shall be preferred to those with no prior  
2 planning.

3 (2) Any grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01 shall be  
4 matched at least equally from local sources. At least fifty percent of  
5 the local match must be in cash.

6 (3) To receive a grant of assistance under section 13-2704.01, the  
7 project for which the grant is requested shall be located in the city or  
8 village municipality that applies for the grant or, if the grant is  
9 requested by a county agricultural society or county fair board, the  
10 county in which the county agricultural society or county fair board is  
11 located.

12 Sec. 5. Section 13-2707.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
13 2014, is amended to read:

14 13-2707.01 The department shall evaluate all applications for grants  
15 of assistance under section 13-2704.02 based on the following criteria:

16 (1) Financial Support. Assistance from the fund shall be matched at  
17 least equally from local sources. At least fifty percent of the local  
18 match must be in cash. Projects with a higher level of local matching  
19 funds shall be preferred as compared to those with a lower level of  
20 matching funds; and

21 (2) Project Location. Assistance from the fund shall be for  
22 engineering and technical studies related to projects that will be  
23 located in the city or village municipality that applies for the grant  
24 or, if the grant is requested by a county agricultural society or county  
25 fair board, the county in which the county agricultural society or county  
26 fair board is located.

27 2. On page 1, lines 11 and 26, strike "municipality", show as  
28 stricken, and insert "public entity".

29 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
30 accordingly.