

ask him to have a better understanding of this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Vrtiska, you talk about earlier a match of some kind at the local level. It says a match in value to 25 percent of, does that mean cash or what exactly do you see that meaning, a match of 25 percent?

SENATOR VRTISKA: What that means is they could put up 25 percent of the total application in cash, they could put it up in providing a building, providing utilities, providing a, for example, if they wanted, if somebody wanted to provide some of the bookkeeping or that kind of work, it could be in kind in other words other than cash.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. And do you think these grants, are they going to be one-time shot in the arms for these economic development groups?

SENATOR VRTISKA: It will be one, it would be a one-time grant and we put that in there specifically that we would not start an agency that would depend on state dollars to continue. If they can't be self-sufficient, then there's something wrong with the process so we felt one time was all we would be interested in, in other words, start-up type situation.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So after the initial shot in the arm, then the communities would have to take care of the ongoing costs of this collaboration?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Obviously that's the kind of action we hope that would be decided and before the application were even presented that they would be able to understand that they would be able to continue on their own.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In your earlier discussion you mentioned that part of the problem and the reason for your bringing the bill is that it has been difficult for smaller communities in rural areas to not only collaborate, but to come up with the funds to do these types of programs. That's a concern to me if they're not able to come up with the funds now that they would be able to come up with the funds after this one-time shot that might