

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Calatayud

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to grants for nonprofit organization
3 safety; creating s. 252.3712, F.S.; requiring the
4 Division of Emergency Management to establish a
5 specified grant program; providing eligibility
6 requirements; requiring the grants to be used for
7 certain purposes; providing limitations on the amount
8 of grant awards; authorizing the division to use a
9 certain amount of funding for administration of the
10 program; requiring the division to adopt rules;
11 providing for future repeal; providing an
12 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Section 252.3712, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 252.3712 Nonprofit Security Grant Program.—

19 (1) The division shall establish a Nonprofit Security Grant
20 Program that shall consist of funds appropriated by the
21 Legislature to nonprofit organizations, including houses of
22 worship and community centers, that are at high risk for violent
23 attacks or hate crimes. The grants may be used to increase
24 security and safety, including, but not limited to:

25 (a) The purchase and installation of security
26 infrastructure, perimeter lighting, door hardening, security
27 camera systems, perimeter fencing, barriers and bollards, and
28 blast-resistant film and shatter-resistant glass for windows.

29 (b) Hiring security personnel.

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30 (c) Training for security personnel and staff on threat
31 awareness, emergency procedures, and first aid.

32 (2) The minimum amount of any grant award is \$10,000, and
33 the maximum grant award amount is \$150,000. The total amount of
34 funds available for the program is limited to the amount
35 appropriated by the Legislature.

36 (3) The division may use up to 3 percent of the total
37 amount appropriated to administer the grant program.

38 (4) The division shall adopt rules to administer this
39 section, including rules providing for all of the following:

40 (a) Criteria for the awarding of grant funds to an owner of
41 a facility for hardening security measures.

42 (b) Criteria for the awarding of grant funds to an owner or
43 a renter of a facility for nonhardening security measures.

44 (c) Criteria for establishing the need for grant funds to
45 be awarded to an owner or a renter of a facility that has been
46 operational for a period of at least 6 months or that has
47 received a sufficient number of threats.

48 (5) This section is repealed January 1, 2028, unless
49 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
50 Legislature.

51 Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$15
52 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
53 Revenue Fund to the Division of Emergency Management for the
54 purpose of implementing this act.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.