

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 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 for eligibility; providing
8 limitations on the amount of grant awards; authorizing
9 the division to use a certain amount of funding for
10 administration of the program; requiring the division
11 to adopt rules; providing for future repeal; providing
12 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 division shall award grants to applicants who were
33 deemed eligible for but did not receive funding from the United
34 States Department of Homeland Security's Nonprofit Security
35 Grant Program within the federal fiscal year.

36 (3) The minimum amount of any grant award is \$10,000, and
37 the maximum grant award amount is \$150,000. The total amount of
38 funds available for the program is limited to the amount
39 appropriated by the Legislature.

40 (4) The division may use up to 3 percent of the total
41 amount appropriated to administer the grant program.

42 (5) The division shall adopt rules to administer this
43 section, including rules providing criteria for all of the
44 following:

45 (a) Awarding of grant funds to an owner of a facility for
46 hardening security measures.

47 (b) Awarding of grant funds to an owner or a renter of a
48 facility for nonhardening security measures.

49 (c) Establishing the need for grant funds to be awarded to
50 an owner or a renter of a facility that has been operational for
51 a period of at least 6 months or that has received a sufficient
52 number of threats.

53 (6) This section is repealed January 1, 2028, unless
54 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
55 Legislature.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.