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## Office of the Governor

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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 486, an Act relating to community catalyst building remediation grants for emergency projects.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House



House File 486

## AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY CATALYST BUILDING REMEDIATION GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY PROJECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 15.231, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

- 2. <u>a.</u> The authority shall use moneys in the fund to provide grants to cities for the remediation of underutilized buildings. The authority may provide grants under this section using a competitive scoring process. <u>Notwithstanding subsection 3</u>, an emergency project shall be eligible for a grant under this section.
- b. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
  requires:
- (1) "Emergency project" means remediation of an underutilized building that may present a unique and immediate opportunity, or a unique and immediate threat.
- (2) "Unique and immediate opportunity" means remediation of an underutilized building is time-sensitive and remediation is reasonably expected to result in economic growth for the city in which the underutilized building is located.
- (3) "Unique and immediate threat" means remediation of an underutilized building may involve an unforeseen challenge or problem that has the potential to result in a catastrophic failure of the building's integrity and structural system.

  An unforeseen challenge or problem may include an act of

nature such as a fire, flood, or storm, or an unexpected structural deficiency such as a compromised load-bearing wall. A challenge or problem caused by deferred maintenance on the underutilized building does not qualify as a unique and immediate threat.

LINDA UPMEYER

Speaker of the House

CHARLES SCHNEIDER

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 486, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

CARMINE BOAL

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved My 10th, 2019

KIM KEYNOLDS

Governor