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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a nonprofit organization energy efficiency
2 grant program and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 266.39D Nonprofit organization
2 energy efficiency grant program.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Energy efficiency improvement*" means an installed
6 measure, including a product, equipment, system, service, or
7 practice that is intended to reduce energy consumption or
8 energy costs, or both, or to allow the use of alternative and
9 renewable energy. The term "*energy efficiency improvement*"
10 shall include any of the following measures:

11 (1) Repairing, replacing, or installing a roof or lighting
12 system, window, door, or heating, ventilation, or air
13 conditioning system, including improvements needed to serve a
14 more efficient system.

15 (2) Installing a renewable energy generation or heating
16 system, including a solar, photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, or
17 biomass system.

18 (3) Modernizing, renovating, or repairing a building to
19 make the building more energy efficient.

20 b. "*Nonprofit organization*" means an organization exempt
21 from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the
22 Internal Revenue Code.

23 2. The Iowa energy center created under section 266.39C
24 shall use funds appropriated by the general assembly to
25 establish and administer a nonprofit organization energy
26 efficiency grant program to award grants for the purpose of
27 financing energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned and
28 operated by a nonprofit organization.

29 3. A nonprofit organization may apply to the Iowa energy
30 center for a grant under this section by filing a completed
31 application. The Iowa energy center shall develop a form
32 for application. The Iowa energy center shall establish
33 standards and criteria to award grants, which shall include the
34 following:

35 a. The estimated energy savings to be achieved.

1 b. The estimated cost effectiveness of the energy efficiency
2 improvement.

3 c. Other performance-based standards and criteria deemed
4 appropriate by the Iowa energy center.

5 d. An effective plan for evaluation, measurement, and
6 verification of energy savings.

7 e. The financial need of the nonprofit organization.

8 f. The availability of matching funds.

9 4. A grant awarded under this section shall not exceed the
10 lesser of one hundred thousand dollars or an amount equal to
11 fifty percent of the estimated cost of the proposed energy
12 efficiency improvement.

13 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
14 general fund of the state to the Iowa energy center for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,
16 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
17 used for the purposes designated:

18 For establishing and administering the nonprofit
19 organization energy efficiency grant program and for awarding
20 grants under the program:

21 \$ 1,000,000

22 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
23 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
24 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the
25 state but shall remain available to be used for the purposes
26 designated.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill requires the Iowa energy center to create a
31 nonprofit organization energy efficiency grant program to
32 award grants for the purpose of financing energy efficiency
33 improvements to buildings owned and operated by nonprofit
34 organizations.

35 The bill defines "energy efficiency improvement" to mean an

1 installed measure that is intended to reduce energy consumption
2 or costs, or both, or to allow the use of alternative
3 and renewable energy, including repairing, replacing, or
4 installing a roof or lighting system, window, door, or heating,
5 ventilation, or air conditioning system, a renewable energy
6 generation or heating system, or a measure taken to make the
7 building more energy efficient. The bill defines "nonprofit
8 organization" to mean an organization exempt from federal
9 income taxation.

10 The bill requires the Iowa energy center to establish
11 standards and criteria to approve grants, including the
12 estimated energy savings achieved, the estimated cost
13 effectiveness of the energy efficiency improvement, other
14 appropriate performance-based standards and criteria, an
15 effective plan for evaluating, measuring, and verifying energy
16 savings, the financial need of the nonprofit organization,
17 and the availability of matching funds. The bill restricts a
18 grant awarded under the program to the lesser of \$100,000 or 50
19 percent of the proposed energy efficiency improvements.

20 The bill appropriates \$1 million to the Iowa energy center
21 for FY 2016-2017 for the purpose of implementing the nonprofit
22 organization energy efficiency grant program. The moneys
23 appropriated in the bill are not subject to reversion to the
24 general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year.