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Representative Norman K Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

POVERTY MITIGATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to poverty mitigation programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes the County Poverty Mitigation Grant Program (grant program) for the purpose of assisting counties that develop and administer certain county poverty mitigation programs;
- ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services (department) to ~~{use federal funds for awarding grants to counties that develop and}~~ administer ~~{certain poverty mitigation programs;~~
- ▶ ~~provides for a county's use of grant funds and the department's determination of~~

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~~grant amounts~~; the grant program and solicit noncompetitive grant proposals;

- ▶ requires a county to enter into a contract with the department before receiving a grant; ~~{and}~~
- ▶ provides for a county's use of grant funds and the department's determination of grant amounts; and
- ▶ requires the department to ~~{make rules and}~~ report annually to the Legislature ~~{in relation to grants to counties}~~; regarding the grant program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2024:

- ▶ to Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from Federal Funds, \$35,000,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

35A-3-316, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 35A-3-316 is enacted to read:

35A-3-316. ~~{ Use of federal funds for grants to counties administering qualified county poverty mitigation programs}~~ Creation of County Poverty Mitigation Grant Program -- Requirements.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible county" means a county that develops and administers a qualified county poverty mitigation program.

(b) "Eligible department" means a department of county government that is responsible for oversight, improvement, and capacity building for the county's social services delivery system, and is capable of developing and administering a qualified county poverty mitigation program.

(c) "Grant program" means the County Poverty Mitigation Grant Program created in

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Subsection (2).

~~(fcd)~~ "Person-centered approach" means an approach by which customized care is delivered to a family through partnership with a program mentor.

~~(fde)~~ "Qualified county poverty mitigation program" means a program administered by an eligible department that:

(i) provides comprehensive and synchronized support services to needy families in the county, using both public and private service providers, in accordance with an action plan that:

(A) is tailored to meet the specific needs of the family receiving assistance, with a focus on children;

(B) utilizes a person-centered approach to build social capital and reduce bureaucratic hurdles and inefficiencies;

(C) promotes the goal of attaining financial self-sufficiency;

(D) is designed in a manner that differentiates between outputs and outcomes; and

(E) is designed so that services are provided in a timely manner and for a duration that is deemed appropriate to be effective;

(ii) maintains a database to document and report outcomes;

(iii) serves the purposes described in Section 35A-3-301;

(iv) aligns with community-based strategic plans approved by the county legislative body for promoting the general welfare of the county's residents; and

(v) is consistent with the duties of the department under this chapter.

~~(fef)~~ "Social capital" means psychological, social, and economic resources acquired by a family from networks and relationships with others.

(2) There is created the County Poverty Mitigation Grant Program, a noncompetitive grant program administered by the department.

(3) Subject to availability of funds, the department shall ~~use~~ solicit noncompetitive grant proposals from eligible counties to fund qualified county poverty mitigation programs using funds obtained by the department under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant ~~for awarding grants to~~.

(4) (a) The department shall issue a public solicitation for grant proposals from eligible counties.

~~(3) An eligible county that receives a grant may only use grant funds for costs~~

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~~associated with implementing a qualified county poverty mitigation program.~~

~~(4) The~~ (b) The public solicitation described in Subsection (4)(a) shall establish:

(i) criteria and procedures for eligible counties to apply for and receive grants under the grant program; and

(ii) the method and formula for the department's determination of grant amounts, subject to Subsection (5).

(5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the department shall determine grant amounts by prorating available funds on a per capita basis by county ~~as described in department rule.~~

~~(5).~~

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), the department shall ensure that an eligible county with a total population that is equal to or less than 0.5% of the total population of the state receives an amount of grant funds that is no less than 0.5% of the total amount of grant funds available for distribution, as determined by:

(i) the most recent official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census; or

(ii) if a population figure is not available under Subsection (5)(b)(i), the most recent population estimate from the Utah Population Committee.

(6) Before receiving the grant under the grant program, an eligible county shall enter into a written agreement with the department that specifies:

(a) the grant amount;

(b) the time period for distribution of the grant, not to exceed a period of three years;

(c) the terms and conditions that the county shall meet to receive the grant, including:

(i) program eligibility requirements; and

(ii) reporting requirements; and

(d) the expenses for which the county may use grant funds.

~~(6)7) The department may award a grant~~ grants ~~under this section for the support of a~~ the grant program to fund ~~qualified county poverty mitigation~~ program that serves ~~programs serving~~ two or more counties.

~~(7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall make rules to establish:~~

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~~(a) criteria and procedures for applying for and awarding grants; and~~

~~(b) the method and formula for determining grant amounts;~~

~~(8)8) An eligible county that receives a grant may only use grant funds for costs associated with implementing a qualified county poverty mitigation program.~~

(9) The department shall include in the annual written report described in Section 35A-1-109, a report on the grant program that provides:

(a) a complete accounting of the funds expended by the department during the reporting year on ~~grant awards to counties each year~~ grants under the grant program;

(b) the grant amount provided to each eligible county that received a grant during the reporting year; and

(c) information regarding the qualified county poverty mitigation programs funded by grants during the reporting year, including the outcomes and effectiveness of each qualified county poverty mitigation program.

Section 2. Appropriation.

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1

To Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy

From Federal Funds, One-time 35,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 35,000,000

The Legislature intends that:

(1) the Department of Workforce Services use appropriations under this item to provide grants to counties under Section 35A-3-316;

(2) the use of appropriations under this item is dependent upon the availability of TANF federal funds and the qualification of the program to receive TANF federal funds; and

(3) under Section 63J-1-603, appropriations under this item not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2024.

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