

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 456*

Short Title: Matching Funds for Affordable Housing. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Blue (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 2, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO BE
2 USED ON A MATCHING BASIS WITH PRIVATE DONORS FOR THE PLANNING
3 AND CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE.
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5 Whereas, there are 1.2 million North Carolinians living in rural and urban
6 communities that cannot afford adequate housing; and

7 Whereas, more than 500,000 households in North Carolina spend one-half or more of
8 their income on housing costs alone; and

9 Whereas, safe, decent, and affordable housing allows families to build
10 intergenerational wealth, contributes to family stability, and creates a nurturing community;

11 Now, therefore,

12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Commerce the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in nonrecurring
15 funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
16 (\$2,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used to provide matching
17 grants to nonprofits to fund the planning and construction of affordable housing projects in this
18 State. The Department of Commerce shall require each nonprofit receiving a grant to provide
19 one dollar (\$1.00) in non-State funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) of grant funds received and
20 shall develop guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of the grants to
21 nonprofits. Upon submission of documentation satisfactory to the Department that the nonprofit
22 grantee has obtained sufficient matching funds in accordance with this section, the Department
23 shall disburse grant funds to the nonprofit grantee in an amount equal to the amount of non-State
24 matching funds obtained. Documentation of sufficient matching funds and disbursement of grant
25 proceeds may be permitted on a monthly basis until the total amount awarded to the nonprofit
26 grantee has been disbursed. Any unmatched funds pursuant to this section shall revert to the
27 General Fund on June 30, 2021.

28 **SECTION 2.** On or before May 1, 2020, and on or before May 1, 2021, the
29 Department of Commerce shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
30 Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division on the
31 affordable housing grant program described in Section 1 of this act. The report shall include
32 information detailing the number of grants issued, the grant recipients, the specific areas of the
33 State where grant funds have been allocated, and the number of affordable housing units
34 developed as a result of the grant program.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

