

Subject Community energy transition grant program

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Overview

Makes changes to the community energy transition grant program to expand the communities that qualify and the uses of grant awards and administrative funding. Moves the program from a competitive grant process to rolling awards and increases the maximum grant amount. Appropriates money to the program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Expands the definition of “eligible community” to also include communities where the power plant had a current operating license that expires within 15 years of the effective date of this section.</p>
2	<p>Grant awards; limitations.</p> <p>Allows the commissioner of employment and economic development to award grants on a rolling basis rather than a competitive grant process. Increases the maximum grant award from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.</p>
3	<p>Eligible expenditures.</p> <p>Permits the commissioner to transfer part of the department’s allowed administrative funding to the Environmental Quality Board to assist communities with regulatory coordination and provide technical assistance. Expands the nonexclusive list of examples of permissible grant uses.</p>
4	<p>Appropriations; community energy transition grants.</p> <p>Makes a onetime appropriation of \$5,000,000 each year in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund for the community energy transition grant program and keeps funds available until expended.</p>



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