

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 960

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MATHEWS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a social innovation grant program.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 37.940, to read as follows:

**37.940. 1. There is hereby established within the office of administration the “Social Innovation Grant Program”. The governor shall designate an individual to serve as the executive director of the social innovation grant program, who shall establish and oversee the program. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**(1) “Critical state concern”, instances or circumstances in which the state of Missouri is currently, and will likely be in the future, responsible for the costs associated with a particular act of the state through annual appropriations. The programs for which the costs are associated may not be optimal for reducing the overall scope of the problem to the greatest extent while limiting the exposure of the state budget;**

**(2) “Demonstration project”, a project selected by the social innovation grant team in response to the grant team’s request for proposals process;**

**(3) “Social innovation grant”, a grant awarded to a nonprofit organization with experience in the area of critical state concern to design a short-term demonstration project based on evidence and best practices that can be replicated to optimize state funding and services for populations and programs identified as areas of critical state concern.**

**2. Areas of critical state concern include, but are not limited to, the following:**

**(1) Families in generational child welfare;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18           **(2) Recidivism among offenders with drug addictions;**  
19           **(3) Opioid-addicted pregnant women; and**  
20           **(4) Children in residential treatment with behavioral issues.**

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22   **The office of administration or the general assembly may identify additional critical state**  
23   **concerns that could potentially be addressed through the social innovation grant program.**

24           **3. For any critical state concern for which a social innovation grant is being**  
25   **utilized, the executive director shall establish a “Social Innovation Grant Team” to be**  
26   **comprised of:**

27           **(1) Individuals working in governmental agencies responsible for the oversight of**  
28   **programs related to the critical state concern;**

29           **(2) Persons working in the nonprofit sector with practical field experience related**  
30   **to the critical state concern; and**

31           **(3) Academic leaders in research and study related to the critical state concern.**

32           **4. The social innovation grant team shall be charged with:**

33           **(1) Formulating a request for proposals for social innovation grants;**

34           **(2) Evaluating responsive proposals and selecting those bids for demonstration**  
35   **projects that provide the greatest opportunity for addressing the critical state concern in**  
36   **a cost-effective and replicable way; and**

37           **(3) Monitoring demonstration projects and evaluating them based on the objectives**  
38   **outlined in the request for proposals; the program’s outline; the project’s impact on the**  
39   **critical state concern; and the project’s ability to be replicated on a cost-effective basis.**

40           **5. Demonstration projects shall be operated over a period of time sufficient to**  
41   **impact the population served by the project based on the parameters and objectives**  
42   **outlined in the request for proposals. Grantees, at a minimum, shall be nonprofit**  
43   **organizations with experience working with the population identified as a critical state**  
44   **concern.**

45           **6. Upon the conclusion of a demonstration project, the social innovation grant team**  
46   **shall compile all relevant data and submit a report to the general assembly:**

47           **(1) Evaluating the project’s effectiveness in impacting the critical state concern;**

48           **(2) Assessing, based on the actual experience of the project, the likely ease of**  
49   **statewide deployment in a methodology consistent with the execution of the project and**  
50   **identifying possible barriers to deployment;**

51           **(3) Analyzing the likely cost of statewide deployment; and**

52           **(4) Identifying funding strategies for statewide deployment, which may include**  
53   **scaling based on savings reinvestment or outside capital investments.**

54           7. The social innovation grant team shall identify methods to fund the social  
55 innovation grant program, including state partnerships with nonprofit organizations and  
56 foundations. The executive director of the social innovation grant program shall identify  
57 sustainability models for deploying successful demonstration projects.

58           8. The office of administration may promulgate rules and regulations to implement  
59 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
60 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become  
61 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,  
62 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any  
63 of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
64 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
65 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
66 after August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.

67           9. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

68           (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall  
69 automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by  
70 an act of the general assembly;

71           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section  
72 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this  
73 section; and

74           (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately  
75 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

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