

Requested by Representative RUIZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2957**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Human Services shall es-**
3 **tablish a program to provide grants to assist noncitizens who do not**
4 **possess valid immigration documentation change immigration status**
5 **or obtain lawful permanent resident status.**

6 **“(b) In establishing the program, the department shall consult with**
7 **community-based organizations that have connections to or experience**
8 **working with immigrants or immigrant populations.**

9 **“(2) Under the program:**

10 **“(a) The department shall distribute funds to community-based or-**
11 **ganizations to administer and provide grants up to the amounts for**
12 **which individuals are eligible under subsection (3) of this section.**

13 **“(b) A grant must be used to cover the costs of immigration legal**
14 **services or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees**
15 **associated with the process for changing an immigration status or**
16 **obtaining a lawful permanent resident status.**

17 **“(c) Grant moneys shall be paid on behalf of a grant recipient to**
18 **an immigration legal services provider that has been approved by the**
19 **department or to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.**

20 **“(d) An individual may be awarded no more than one grant.**

21 **“(3) An individual shall be eligible for a grant in the following**

1 amounts:

2 “(a) \$1,500 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the
3 prior tax year that is not greater than \$60,000.

4 “(b) \$1,000 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the
5 prior tax year that is greater than \$60,000 and not greater than \$70,000.

6 “(c) \$750 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the
7 prior tax year that is greater than \$70,000 and not greater than \$80,000.

8 “(4) The department shall prescribe the form and manner in which
9 an individual may apply for a grant under the program.

10 “(5) The department may, in consultation with the community-
11 based organizations described under subsection (1)(b) of this section,
12 establish eligibility criteria that an individual must meet to qualify for
13 a grant under the program.

14 “(6) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.

15 “SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human
16 Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General
17 Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000, to be used to provide grants under the
18 program established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.”.

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