

# House Bill 2399

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells DAS to start a grant program for persons who agree to serve in a uniformed service or public service program and complete the basic or initial training. Creates the Restart Initiative Fund. Exempts from personal income tax the amount of an awarded grant. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.1).

Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to establish a program to provide one-time grants to individuals who agree to serve in a uniformed service or public service program and complete the basic or initial training for the uniformed service or public service program. Creates the Restart Initiative Fund.

Exempts from personal income tax the amount of an awarded grant.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to a grant program for individuals who do public service.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Public service program" includes:**

6 (A) **AmeriCorps;**

7 (B) **Peace Corps; and**

8 (C) **Any federal public service program as defined by rule by the Oregon Department of**  
9 **Administrative Services.**

10 (b) **"Uniformed service" includes:**

11 (A) **The regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States;**

12 (B) **The Oregon National Guard; and**

13 (C) **The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
14 **and the United States Public Health Service.**

15 (2) **The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall establish a grant program**  
16 **for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible individuals.**

17 (3) **An individual may receive a grant under this section if the individual:**

18 (a) **Agrees to serve in a uniformed service or public service program;**

19 (b) **Maintains residence in this state at the time the individual agrees to serve in the**  
20 **uniformed service or public service program; and**

21 (c) **Completes basic or initial training for the uniformed service or public service program**  
22 **within six months from the date the grant is reserved.**

23 (4)(a) **The amount of each grant awarded under this section shall be \$2,500.**

24 (b) **An individual may be awarded no more than one grant under this section.**

25 (5)(a) **An individual may apply for a grant under this section before completing the re-**  
26 **quirements under subsection (3) of this section.**

27 (b) **If the department approves an individual's application, the department shall reserve**

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1 a grant and issue the reserved grant to the individual upon the individual's completing the  
2 requirements in subsection (3) of this section.

3 (6) The department shall prescribe, by rule, the form and manner in which an individual  
4 may:

5 (a) Apply for and reserve a grant under this section;

6 (b) Request an extension of time to complete the requirements for a grant; and

7 (c) Demonstrate that the individual has completed the requirements for a grant.

8 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Restart Initiative Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate  
9 and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Restart Initiative Fund consist of  
10 amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly and  
11 other amounts deposited into the fund from any public or private source.

12 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Ad-  
13 ministrative Services for the purpose of providing grants under section 1 of this 2025 Act.

14 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 316.

15 **SECTION 4.** The amount of a grant received by an individual under section 1 of this 2025  
16 Act is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

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