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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 532

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon
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(Coauthor: Senator Hill)

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Sections 50843.5 and 53545.9 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing, ~~and~~ making an appropriation therefor, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 532, as amended, Gordon. Local Housing Trust Fund.

Existing law establishes the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program for the purpose of supporting local housing trust funds dedicated to the creation or preservation of affordable housing. Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to make available the amount of \$35,000,000 for the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program, from the continuously appropriated Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006.

Under the grant program, the department is authorized to make matching grants available to cities, counties, cities and counties, and existing charitable nonprofit organizations that have created, funded, and operated housing trust funds. The minimum allocation to a program applicant is \$1,000,000 for existing trust funds, or \$500,000 for newly established housing trust funds. The maximum allocation for any applicant is \$2,000,000. Under existing law, all funds provided under the grant program are to be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with

moneys that are not required by any state or federal law to be spent on housing.

This bill would revise the law applicable to the above grant program, including (1) reducing the maximum allocation to \$1,000,000 per notice of funding availability, (2) eliminating funding priorities for certain types of local housing trust funds, and (3) revising requirements relative to deed restrictions and equity sharing agreements applicable to for-sale housing projects or units within for-sale housing projects.

Under existing law, an applicant is required to continue funding the local housing trust fund from identified local sources, and continue the trust in operation for a period of no less than five years from the date of award.

~~This bill would extend that minimum time period for one additional year, for a housing trust fund already participating in the program on January 1, 2014 any award to a local housing trust that was under contract on January 1, 2013, by 12 months.~~

Existing law requires 50% of the funds allocated to the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program to be made available exclusively for newly established housing trust funds. Existing law requires funds set aside for newly established housing trust funds to be available for encumbrance for 42 months and, after that time, to revert to another specified housing fund.

This bill would remove the above restrictions, making the funds continuously available for purposes of the program and not reverting to another fund, thus making an appropriation. The bill also would authorize funding for a housing trust fund that had previously received a grant under the program.

Under existing law, the department awards funds under the grant program through the issuance of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), as specified.

This bill would require the department to issue a new NOFA, no later than June 30, 2014.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 50843.5 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:

3 50843.5. (a) Subject to the availability of funding, the
4 department shall make matching grants available to cities, counties,
5 ~~city~~*cities* and counties, and charitable nonprofit organizations
6 organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
7 that have created and are operating or will operate housing trust
8 funds. A city, county, city and county, or charitable nonprofit
9 organization that has previously been awarded funding under this
10 section shall be eligible to apply for subsequent matching grants.
11 These funds shall be awarded through the issuance of a Notice of
12 Funding Availability (NOFA).

13 (1) Applicants that provide matching funds from a source or
14 sources other than impact fees on residential development shall
15 receive a priority for funding.

16 ~~(2) The department shall set aside funding for new trusts, as
17 defined by the department in the NOFA.~~

18 ~~(3)~~

19 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall issue
20 a new NOFA no later than June 30, 2014.

21 (b) Housing trusts eligible for funding under this section shall
22 have the following characteristics:

23 (1) Utilization of a public or joint public and private fund
24 established by legislation, ordinance, resolution, or a public-private
25 partnership to receive specific revenue to address local housing
26 needs.

27 (2) Receipt of ongoing revenues from dedicated sources of
28 funding such as taxes, fees, loan repayments, or private
29 contributions.

30 (c) ~~(1)~~The minimum allocation to an applicant that is a newly
31 established trust shall be five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
32 The minimum allocation for all other trusts shall be one million
33 dollars (\$1,000,000). No applicant may receive an allocation in
34 excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per NOFA. All funds
35 provided pursuant to this section shall be matched on a
36 dollar-for-dollar basis with moneys that are not required by any
37 state or federal law to be spent on housing. No application for an
38 existing housing trust shall be considered unless the department

1 has received adequate documentation of the deposit in the local
2 housing trust fund of the local match and the identity of the source
3 of matching funds. An application for a new trust shall not be
4 considered unless the department has received adequate
5 documentation, as determined by the department, that an ordinance
6 imposing or dedicating a tax or fee to be deposited into the new
7 trust has been enacted or the applicant has adopted a legally binding
8 commitment to deposit matching funds into the new trust. Funds
9 shall not be disbursed by the department to any trust until all
10 matching funds are on deposit and then funds may be disbursed
11 only in amounts necessary to fund projects identified to receive a
12 loan from the trust within a reasonable period of time, as
13 determined by the department. Applicants shall be required to
14 continue funding the local housing trust fund from these identified
15 local sources, and continue the trust in operation, for a period of
16 no less than five years from the date of award. If the funding is
17 not continued for a five-year period, then (1) the amount of the
18 department's grant to the local housing trust fund, to the extent
19 that the trust fund has unencumbered funds available, shall be
20 immediately repaid, and (2) any payments from any projects funded
21 by the local housing trust fund that would have been paid to the
22 local housing trust fund shall be paid instead to the department
23 and used for the program or its successor. The total amount paid
24 to the department pursuant to (1) and (2), combined, shall not
25 exceed the amount of the department's grant.

26 ~~(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the required minimum period~~
27 ~~of a housing trust fund already participating in the program on~~
28 ~~January 1, 2014, shall be extended for one additional year.~~

29 (d) (1) Funds shall be used for the predevelopment costs,
30 acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the following types
31 of housing or projects:

32 (A) Rental housing projects or units within rental housing
33 projects. The affordability of all assisted units shall be restricted
34 for not less than 55 years.

35 (B) Emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing,
36 as these terms are defined in Section 50801.

37 (C) For-sale housing projects or units within ~~for sale~~ *for-sale*
38 housing projects.

39 (2) At least 30 percent of the total amount of the grant and the
40 match shall be expended on projects, units, or shelters that are

1 affordable to, and restricted for, extremely low income households,
2 as defined in Section 50106. No more than 20 percent of the total
3 amount of the grant and the match shall be expended on projects
4 or units affordable to, and restricted for, moderate-income persons
5 and families whose income does not exceed 120 percent of the
6 area median income. The remaining funds shall be used for
7 projects, units, or shelters that are affordable to, and restricted for,
8 lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5.

9 (3) If funds are used for the acquisition, construction, or
10 rehabilitation of for-sale housing projects or units within for-sale
11 housing projects, the grantee shall record a deed restriction against
12 the property that will ensure compliance with one of the following
13 requirements upon resale of the for-sale housing units, unless it is
14 in conflict with the requirements of another public funding source
15 or law:

16 (A) If the property is sold within 30 years from the date that
17 trust funds are used to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate the
18 property, the owner or subsequent owner shall sell the home at an
19 affordable housing cost, as defined in Section 50052.5, to a
20 household that meets the relevant income qualifications.

21 (B) The owner and grantee shall share the equity in the unit
22 pursuant to an equity-sharing agreement. The grantee shall reuse
23 the proceeds of the equity-sharing agreement consistent with this
24 section. To the extent not in conflict with another public funding
25 source or law, all of the following shall apply to the equity-sharing
26 agreement provided for by the deed restriction:

27 (i) Upon resale by an owner-occupant of the home, the
28 owner-occupant of the home shall retain the market value of any
29 improvements, the downpayment, and his or her proportionate
30 share of appreciation. The grantee shall recapture any initial
31 subsidy and its proportionate share of appreciation, which shall
32 then be used to make housing available to persons and families of
33 the same income category as the original grant and for any type
34 of housing or shelter specified in paragraph (1).

35 (ii) For purposes of this subdivision, the initial subsidy shall be
36 equal to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale
37 to the owner-occupant minus the initial sale price to the
38 owner-occupant, plus the amount of any downpayment assistance
39 or mortgage assistance. If upon resale by the owner-occupant the

1 market value is lower than the initial market value, then the value
 2 at the time of the resale shall be used as the initial market value.

3 (iii) For purposes of this subdivision, the grantee’s proportionate
 4 share of appreciation shall be equal to the ratio of the initial subsidy
 5 to the fair market value of the home at the time of the initial sale.

6 (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), a local housing trust fund
 7 shall not be required to do either of the following:

8 (A) Record a separate deed restriction or equity sharing
 9 agreement for any project or home that it finances, if a restriction
 10 or agreement that meets the local housing trust fund’s requirements
 11 has been, or will be, recorded against the property by another public
 12 agency or charitable nonprofit ~~organizations~~ *organization* organized
 13 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

14 ~~(B) Record a deed restriction or equity sharing agreement for~~
 15 ~~any home that is, or will be, sold at fair market value.~~

16 *(B) For any funds that are used solely for downpayment*
 17 *assistance, record a deed restriction or equity sharing agreement*
 18 *for any home that is sold at fair market value.*

19 (e) Loan repayments shall accrue to the grantee housing trust
 20 for use pursuant to this section. If the trust no longer exists, loan
 21 repayments shall accrue to the department for use in the program
 22 or its successor.

23 (f) (1) In order for a city, county, or city and county to be
 24 eligible for funding, the applicant shall, at the time of application,
 25 meet both of the following requirements:

26 (A) Have an adopted housing element that the department has
 27 determined, pursuant to Section 65585 of the Government Code,
 28 is in substantial compliance with the requirements of Article 10.6
 29 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of
 30 Title 7 of the Government Code. The city, county, or city and
 31 county shall maintain current substantial compliance of its housing
 32 element in order to maintain eligibility for funding pursuant to this
 33 section.

34 (B) Have submitted to the department the annual progress report
 35 required by Section 65400 of the Government Code within the
 36 preceding 12 months, if the department has adopted the forms and
 37 definitions pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of
 38 subdivision (a) of Section 65400 of the Government Code.

39 (2) In order for a nonprofit organization applicant to be eligible
 40 for funding, the applicant shall agree to utilize funds provided

1 under this chapter only for projects located in cities, counties, or
2 a city and county that, ~~at the time of application,~~ meet both of the
3 following requirements:

4 (A) Have an adopted housing element that the department has
5 determined, pursuant to Section 65585 of the Government Code,
6 to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of Article
7 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division
8 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

9 (B) Have submitted to the department the annual progress report
10 required by Section 65400 of the Government Code within the
11 preceding 12 months, if the department has adopted the forms and
12 definitions pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of
13 subdivision (a) of Section 65400 of the Government Code.

14 (g) Recipients shall have held, or shall agree to hold, a public
15 hearing or hearings to discuss and describe the project or projects
16 that will be financed with funds provided pursuant to this section.
17 As a condition of receiving a grant pursuant to this section, any
18 nonprofit organization shall agree that it will hold one public
19 meeting a year to discuss the criteria that will be used to select
20 projects to be funded. That meeting shall be open to the public,
21 and public notice of this meeting shall be provided, except to the
22 extent that any similar meeting of a city or county would be
23 permitted to be held in closed session.

24 (h) No more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated to the
25 department for the purposes of this program shall be used to pay
26 the costs of administration of this section.

27 (i) A local housing trust fund shall encumber funds provided
28 pursuant to this section no later than 36 months after receipt. *In*
29 *addition, any award to a local housing trust that was under*
30 *contract on January 1, 2013, shall be extended by 12 months.* Any
31 funds not encumbered within that period shall revert to the
32 department for use in the program ~~or its successor.~~

33 (j) Recipients shall be required to file periodic reports with the
34 department regarding the use of funds provided pursuant to this
35 section. No later than December 31 of each year in which funds
36 are awarded by the program, the department shall provide a report
37 to the Legislature regarding the number of trust funds created, a
38 description of the projects supported, the number of units assisted,
39 and the amount of matching funds received.

1 SEC. 2. Section 53545.9 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 53545.9. Of the one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)
4 transferred to the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund established
5 in the State Treasury under subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of
6 subdivision (a) of Section 53545, the following amounts shall be
7 allocated as follows:

8 (a) The department shall make available the amount of
9 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the Affordable
10 Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program
11 established pursuant to Section 50705.

12 (b) (1) The department shall make available the amount of
13 thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for the local housing trust
14 fund matching grant program established under Section 50843.5.

15 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, funds set aside for housing
16 trust funds pursuant to this subdivision shall be continuously
17 available for encumbrance and disbursement to those trust funds,
18 and shall not revert to the Self-Help Housing Fund created by
19 Section 50697.1, or any other fund.

20 (c) The department shall make available the amount of ten
21 million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the Innovative Homeownership
22 Program, which the department shall develop and implement as
23 follows:

24 (1) The program shall be designed to increase or maintain
25 affordable homeownership opportunities for Californians with
26 lower incomes.

27 (2) The department shall adopt guidelines for the program that,
28 among other things, shall maximize the number of units assisted,
29 limit the expenditure of funds for administrative costs, and
30 maximize the leverage of public and private financing sources.

31 (3) The guidelines adopted by the department shall provide for
32 the issuance of a notice of funding availability soliciting
33 competitive proposals for the use of funds consistent with those
34 guidelines and with subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of
35 subdivision (a) of Section 53545.

36 (4) The guidelines adopted by the department shall not be subject
37 to the requirements of Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section
38 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

39 (5) The department shall include within the annual report
40 required under Section 50408 a detailed summary and description

1 of the manner in which funds made available under this subdivision
2 were expended during the previous year and a statement regarding
3 the manner in which those expenditures meet the intent of the
4 Legislature and the voters that funds from the Innovative Housing
5 Fund be expended in support of innovative, cost-saving approaches
6 to creating or preserving affordable housing.

7 (d) (1) The amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) is
8 transferred from the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to a
9 subaccount, which is hereby created, within the Housing
10 Rehabilitation Loan Fund. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the
11 Government Code, the moneys transferred to the subaccount shall
12 be continuously appropriated to the department for the Multifamily
13 Housing Program authorized by Chapter 6.7 (commencing with
14 Section 50675) of Part 2 of Division 31.

15 (2) The department shall provide for the issuance of a notice of
16 funding availability soliciting competitive proposals for the use
17 of the funds appropriated in paragraph (1). The notice of funding
18 availability shall provide that the department will consider persons
19 with developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, those
20 with autism, and homeless veterans as special needs populations
21 for purposes of granting bonus points to developments serving
22 special needs populations.

23 *SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
24 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
25 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
26 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

27 *In order to prevent the expiration of funding needed to implement*
28 *the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program, it is*
29 *necessary for this act to take effect immediately.*