

Assembly Bill No. 1348

CHAPTER 444

An act to add Section 65040.11.5 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1348, Irwin. State Clearinghouse.

Existing law establishes the State Clearinghouse as the office designated by the Governor as the clearinghouse for information from the federal Office of Management and Budget in accordance with federal law.

This bill would establish a federal grant administrator, within the State Clearinghouse, who is designated by the Governor and authorized to serve as a primary point of contact for information on federal grants related to community, economic, and local development, and serve as a coordinator to manage and maximize federal grant opportunities within the state, as provided. The bill would further authorize the federal grant administrator to maintain information on the Office of Planning and Research's Internet Web site relating to federal grants. The bill would require the federal grant administrator to, on or before January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, to prepare a summary of federal grant funding to the state that includes, among other performance metrics, the total federal dollars received by the state through federal grants during the report year.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65040.11.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65040.11.5. (a) There is in state government, within the State Clearinghouse, the federal grant administrator who is an individual designated by the Governor to serve as the state's primary point of contact for information on federal grants related to community, economic, and local development.

(b) The federal grant administrator may do any of the following:

(1) Work with representatives from state and local government, nonprofit organizations, foundations, institutions of higher learning, and other interested parties on applying for and managing federal grants.

(2) Identify employees within state government with expertise in federal grant management.

(3) Support the establishment of a statewide network of individuals who serve as point of contact for federal grant opportunities, including, but not limited to, individuals in local governments, special districts, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and foundations.

(4) Provide or facilitate the provision of in-person and online training to encourage and improve the ability to pursue and manage federal grants.

(5) Develop and maintain information on the Office of Planning and Research's Internet Web Site related to new federal grant opportunities, grant management best practices, and other resources to support the ability of state and local governments and nonprofit organizations to apply and manage federal grants.

(c) On or before January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the federal grant administrator shall prepare a summary of federal grant funding to the state that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following performance metrics:

(1) Number of federal grants awarded to the state during the three years prior to the establishment of the federal grant administrator and during the report year.

(2) Number of completed federal grant applications submitted by the state during the report year.

(3) Total federal dollars received by the state through federal grants during the report year.

(4) Total federal grant dollars expended by the state during the report year.

(5) Total federal grant dollars received in the state by school districts and local governments during the report year.

(6) Number of training sessions hosted by the federal grant administrator and attendance at those events during the report year.

(7) Other relevant information regarding federal grant activities within the state during the report year, as determined by the federal grant administrator.