

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2010

SENATE BILL

No. 907

Introduced by Senator Liu

January 27, 2010

An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 65050) to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 ~~to~~ of the Government Code, relating to the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 907, as amended, Liu. Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance: establishment.

Existing law establishes the Office of Planning and Research within the office of the Governor to, among other duties, assist the Governor and the Governor's cabinet in long-range planning and research.

This bill, *upon a specified determination by the Department of Finance*, would establish the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance within the Office of Planning and Research to increase the capacity of eligible entities in this state to successfully apply for federal funds. This bill would require the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance to submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature, and authorize it to seek federal funding, charge reasonable fees, and enter into specified partnerships to provide for the costs of performing its duties.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

SECTION 1. Article 6 (commencing with Section 65050) is added to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 6. Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance

65050. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) This state is the third geographically largest and the most populace state in the union and includes three of the 10 most populated cities in the nation.

(b) This state is the most geographically, ethnically, and economically diverse state in the nation.

(c) This state contributes substantial revenues to the federal government, and is eligible to receive substantial funding from the federal government that extends beyond formula allocations, including federal funding for local and regional governments, schools, nonprofit community improvement, education, health, economic development, job training, and community services.

(d) In the current economic climate, attracting federal funds to this state is vital to assisting governmental and nongovernmental entities provide essential services, improving public education, stimulating the economy, creating and maintaining jobs, building public works and transportation infrastructure, improving environmental quality, and operating programs to mitigate the effects of emergencies and catastrophic events.

(e) Entities eligible for federal funding often lack the resources and skills needed to track the availability of federal funds, participate in the prebid process, and prepare competitive proposals, and the state can assist in successfully attracting federal funds by providing a centralized source of information relating to federal funding opportunities, eligibility information, and technical assistance for participating in the competitive bidding process.

65051. (a) The Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance is established within the Office of Planning and Research which is within the office of the Governor. *The Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance shall be established only after a determination by the Department of Finance that private donations, federal funds, or other moneys in an amount*

1 *sufficient to fully support the activities of the office have been*
2 *deposited with the state.*

3 (b) To provide for the costs of performing its duties under this
4 article, the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance
5 may seek federal funding, charge reasonable fees, and enter into
6 partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities, as allowed
7 by other law.

8 65052. The Office of Federal Funding Information and
9 Assistance shall do all of the following:

10 (a) Track availability and success rates of obtaining federal
11 funding in the state.

12 (b) Create and maintain an Internet Web site of federal funding
13 opportunities, resources, and technical information.

14 (c) Create and maintain an electronic mail list of individuals
15 and entities that want information on federal funding opportunities.

16 (d) Provide a monthly newsletter and e-mail alert notification
17 process to announce new programs and grant opportunities.

18 (e) Provide technical assistance by conducting workshops, online
19 seminars, and conferences.

20 (f) Maintain a public telephone line operated by live operators
21 during business hours, as set forth in Article 2 (commencing with
22 Section 11020), of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2.

23 (g) Engage in any other activity, as deemed appropriate and
24 necessary, to increase the capacity of eligible entities in California
25 to successfully apply for federal funds.

26 65053. On or before December 15, 2011, and each year
27 thereafter, the Office of Federal Funding Information and
28 Assistance shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature a
29 report detailing the costs, activities, and results of its activities for
30 the past 12 calendar months and make recommendations to improve
31 its success in the next year.