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1 AN ACT Relating to self-employment for low-income individuals;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Self-employment is one avenue for low-income individuals to
6 achieve economic self-sufficiency; and

7 (2) Insufficient opportunity currently exists for most low-income
8 individuals to develop the business skills or receive the credit
9 necessary to start or expand a business.

10 The legislature declares that there is substantial public purpose
11 in providing training and capital to promote the self-employment of
12 low-income individuals in Washington.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The department shall implement a self-employment assistance
16 program. The program shall provide grants to local development
17 organizations to use for self-employment assistance for low-income
18 individuals. The assistance shall include entrepreneurial training,

1 small business mentoring, and a revolving loan fund. The department
2 shall use loan payment proceeds from the development loan fund, federal
3 community development block grant funds, and federal community services
4 block grant funds to make the grants to local development
5 organizations, and may use such other funds as it deems appropriate.
6 No grant shall be greater than seventy-five thousand dollars. The
7 grants are to be distributed through a competitive application process
8 to be administered by the department in consultation with an advisory
9 committee.

10 (2) Any organization receiving a grant must: (a) Demonstrate the
11 need for a low-income self-employment project in its community; (b)
12 demonstrate the capacity of the organization to administer the project;
13 and (c) describe the project's loan procedure, entrepreneurial
14 training, small business mentoring, and other support and assistance.
15 An organization receiving a grant must devote a minimum of seventy-five
16 percent of the grant amount to the revolving loan fund and may provide
17 loans of no greater than five thousand dollars.

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