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**By** House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Cantwell, Forner, Ferguson, Jacobsen, Zellinsky, Jones, Riley, Rasmussen and Paris).

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1 AN ACT Relating to local community development; amending RCW  
2 41.06.072; adding new sections to chapter 43.63A RCW; and creating a  
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit  
6 community-based organizations, that rely on both private and public  
7 resources, are invaluable providers of services to our state's  
8 communities. State agencies increasingly turn to community-based  
9 organizations for the delivery of services to meet social, health,  
10 training, and community development needs in our communities. Private  
11 support flows to community-based organizations because they are very  
12 close to their constituencies and have the capacity to act quickly in  
13 response to emergency needs. Many community organizations, however,  
14 need technical assistance to expand the vision of their boards, to  
15 improve the expertise of their staff, and to widen their resource base.

1 Therefore, it is the purpose of this act to authorize and fund the  
2 community partnership program to provide technical assistance and  
3 managerial support to community-based organizations in the state.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is established within the  
5 department of community development the community partnership program.  
6 The program is designed to provide technical assistance and managerial  
7 support to community-based organizations in the state. An exempt  
8 position under RCW 41.06.072 is hereby created within the department of  
9 community development for the managing director of the community  
10 partnership program. In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the  
11 managing director shall solicit volunteer assistance; work with other  
12 agencies which rely on community-based nonprofits for service delivery;  
13 work with private sector organizations interested in working with  
14 community-based organizations in the delivery of services; contract  
15 with private consultants, with the approval of the director of the  
16 department, for such services as the managing director deems advisable;  
17 and solicit resources from federal and private sources.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The community partnership program shall:  
19 (1) Act as a clearinghouse for community-based organizations,  
20 providing information and referral services to these organizations  
21 through such methods as a computerized network that allows  
22 organizations to access the program's information base.  
23 (2) Provide management training courses designed specifically for  
24 nonprofit managers, staff, and boards. These include both  
25 individualized training for single nonprofit organizations, and skill-  
26 building workshops and seminars on planning, budgeting, marketing, and  
27 other topics.

1 (3) Provide short-term direct assistance customized to meet the  
2 management needs of individual organizations.

3 (4) Assist organizations in soliciting and managing volunteers.

4 (5) Coordinate activities with the state volunteer center, other  
5 state agencies, local service providers, and other volunteer  
6 organizations giving similar assistance.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The managing director of the program may  
8 charge a fee for the services offered by the program. The fees may be  
9 based on a sliding scale but in no case shall the fees exceed the  
10 actual cost of providing these services.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The community partnership program  
12 may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from any source as may  
13 be made from time to time for the activities of the program and may  
14 expend the same according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or  
15 endowments.

16 (2) An account known as the community partnership program account  
17 is created and all gifts, grants, endowments, and fees received for the  
18 purposes of the community partnership program shall be deposited into  
19 the account. The state treasurer is the custodian of the account.  
20 Disbursements from the account shall be on the authorization of the  
21 managing director of the program or the director's designee. Moneys  
22 from the account shall be used for carrying out the purposes of the  
23 community partnership program and all other activities deemed  
24 appropriate by the advisory committee. The fund is subject to the  
25 allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
26 appropriation is required for disbursements.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**        A community partnership advisory  
2 committee is established. The governor shall appoint the committee  
3 which shall include representation of nonprofit organizations, the  
4 private sector, community action agencies, and local government  
5 agencies.

6        Members shall serve on the committee for a term of four years, or  
7 at the pleasure of the governor.

8        **Sec. 7.**    RCW 41.06.072 and 1986 c 266 s 8 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10        In addition to the exemptions set forth in this chapter, this  
11 chapter shall not apply within the department of community development  
12 to the state historic preservation officer (~~and~~), up to two  
13 professional staff members within the emergency management program, and  
14 to the director of the community partnership program.

15        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**        Sections 2 through 6 of this act are  
16 each added to chapter 43.63A RCW.