
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2176

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Smith, McMahan, Pennington, Schoesler and Thompson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for firearms range account funding;
2 and amending RCW 77.12.720.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.720 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 443 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The firearms range account is hereby created in the state general
7 fund. Moneys in the account shall be subject to legislative
8 appropriation and shall be used for purchase and development of land,
9 construction or improvement of range facilities, including fixed
10 structure construction or remodeling, equipment purchase, safety or
11 environmental improvements, noise abatement, and liability protection
12 for public and nonprofit firearm range training and practice
13 facilities.

14 Grant funds shall not be used for expendable shooting supplies, or
15 normal operating expenses. In making grants, the interagency committee
16 for outdoor recreation shall give priority to projects for noise
17 abatement or safety improvement. Grant funds shall not supplant funds
18 for other organization programs.

1 The funds will be available to nonprofit shooting organizations,
2 school districts, and state, county, or local governments on a match
3 basis. All entities receiving matching funds must be open on a regular
4 basis and usable by law enforcement personnel or the general public who
5 possess Washington concealed pistol licenses or Washington hunting
6 licenses or who are enrolled in a firearm safety class.

7 Applicants for a grant from the firearms range account shall
8 provide matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. The
9 match must represent one dollar in value for each one dollar of the
10 grant except that in the case of a grant for noise abatement or safety
11 improvements the match must represent one dollar in value for each two
12 dollars of the grant. In-kind contributions include but are not
13 limited to labor, materials, and new property. Existing assets and
14 existing development may not apply to the match.

15 Applicants other than school districts or local or state government
16 must be registered as a nonprofit or not-for-profit organization with
17 the Washington secretary of state (~~and the United States internal~~
18 ~~revenue service~~). The organization's articles of incorporation must
19 contain provisions for the organization's structure, officers, legal
20 address, and registered agent.

21 Organizations requesting grants must provide the hours of range
22 availability for public and law enforcement use. The fee structure
23 will be submitted with the grant application.

24 Any nonprofit organization or agency accepting a grant under this
25 program will be required to pay back the entire grant amount to the
26 firearms range account if the use of the range facility is discontinued
27 less than ten years after the grant is accepted.

28 Entities receiving grants must make the facilities for which grant
29 funding is received open for hunter safety education classes and
30 firearm safety classes on a regular basis for no fee.

31 Government units or school districts applying for grants must open
32 their range facility on a regular basis for hunter safety education
33 classes and firearm safety classes.

34 The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall adopt rules
35 to implement chapter 195, Laws of 1990, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

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