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1 AN ACT Relating to capital projects for local nonprofit youth 2 organizations; adding a new section to chapter 43.63A RCW; creating a 3 new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The legislature finds that nonprofit youth organizations provide a variety of services for the youth of Washington б 7 state, including many services that enable young people, especially those facing challenging and disadvantaged circumstances, to realize 8 their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. 9 10 The legislature also finds that the efficiency and quality of these services may be enhanced by the provision of safe, reliable, and sound 11 12 facilities, and that, in certain cases, it may be appropriate for the 13 state to assist in the development of these facilities.

14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW 15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development 17 must establish a competitive process to solicit proposals for and 18 prioritize projects that assist nonprofit youth organizations in 1 acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities used for the 2 delivery of nonresidential services, excluding outdoor athletic fields. 3 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development 4 must establish a competitive process to prioritize applications for the 5 assistance as follows:

(a) The department of community, trade, and economic development б 7 must conduct a statewide solicitation of project applications from local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities, as 8 9 determined by the department of community, trade, and economic 10 development. The department of community, trade, and economic development must evaluate and rank applications in consultation with a 11 citizen advisory committee using objective criteria. At a minimum, 12 13 applicants must demonstrate that the requested assistance will increase the efficiency or quality of the services it provides to youth. 14 The 15 evaluation and ranking process shall also include an examination of 16 existing assets that applicants may apply to projects. Grant 17 assistance under this section shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of the project. The nonstate portion of the total 18 19 project cost may include cash, the value of real property when acquired 20 solely for the purpose of the project, and in-kind contributions.

(b) The department of community, trade, and economic development 21 must submit a prioritized list of recommended projects to the governor 22 23 and the legislature in the department of community, trade, and economic 24 development's biennial capital budget request beginning with the 2003-25 2005 biennium and thereafter. The list must include a description of 26 each project, the amount of recommended state funding, and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the project. The total 27 amount of recommended state funding for projects on a biennial project 28 29 list must not exceed two million dollars. The department of community, 30 trade, and economic development may provide an additional alternate project list that must not exceed five hundred thousand dollars. 31 Except for the 2001-2003 biennium, the department of community, trade, 32 33 and economic development may not sign contracts or otherwise 34 financially obligate funds under this section until the legislature has 35 approved a specific list of projects.

36 (c) If an appropriation is made in chapter ... (House/Senate Bill 37 No. ..., the supplemental capital budget), Laws of 2002, for the 38 program created in this section, the department of community, trade, 39 and economic development must conduct a solicitation and ranking

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1 process as described in (a) of this subsection, but need not submit 2 this list to the governor and legislature for approval. The total 3 amount of recommended state funding for projects listed under this 4 subsection must not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(d) In contracts for grants authorized under this section the 5 department of community, trade, and economic development must include 6 7 provisions that require that capital improvements be held by the 8 grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the 9 grant and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. 10 If the grantee is found to be out of compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee must repay to the state general fund the 11 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of 12 13 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of authorization of the grant. 14

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate 16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the 17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect 18 immediately.

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