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

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

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that nonprofit youth organizations provide a variety of services for the youth of Washington 6 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 state to assist in the development of these facilities. 13

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 whose primary objective is to assist nonprofit youth organizations in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating
facilities used for the delivery of nonresidential services, excluding
outdoor athletic fields.

4 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development 5 must establish a competitive process to prioritize applications for the 6 assistance as follows:

7 (a) The department of community, trade, and economic development must conduct a statewide solicitation of project applications from 8 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities, as 9 10 determined by the department of community, trade, and economic The department of community, trade, 11 development. and economic 12 development must evaluate and rank applications in consultation with a 13 citizen advisory committee using objective criteria. Projects must 14 have a major recreational component, and must have either an educational or social service component. At a minimum, applicants must 15 demonstrate that the requested assistance will increase the efficiency 16 17 or quality of the services it provides to youth. The evaluation and ranking process must also include an examination of existing assets 18 that applicants may apply to projects. Grant assistance under this 19 section may not exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of the 20 21 project. The nonstate portion of the total project cost may include 22 cash, the value of real property when acquired solely for the purpose of the project, and in-kind contributions. 23

24 (b) The department of community, trade, and economic development 25 must submit a prioritized list of recommended projects to the governor and the legislature in the department of community, trade, and economic 26 27 development's biennial capital budget request beginning with the 2003-2005 biennium and thereafter. The list must include a description of 28 each project, the amount of recommended state 29 funding, and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the project. 30 The total amount of recommended state funding for projects on a biennial project 31 32 list must not exceed two million dollars. The department of community, trade, and economic development may provide an additional alternate 33 project list that must not exceed five hundred thousand dollars. 34 The 35 department of community, trade, and economic development may not sign 36 contracts or otherwise financially obligate funds under this section 37 until the legislature has approved a specific list of projects.

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(c) If an appropriation is made in chapter ... (House/Senate Bill 1 2 No. ..., the 2003-2005 capital budget), Laws of 2003, for the program created in this section, the department of community, trade, and 3 economic development must conduct a solicitation and ranking process as 4 described in (a) of this subsection, but need not submit this list to 5 the governor and legislature for approval. The solicitation must 6 7 include applicants for the community services facilities program that were not recommended for funding in the 2003-2005 capital budget. 8

(d) In contracts for grants authorized under this section the 9 10 department of community, trade, and economic development must include provisions that require that capital improvements be held by the 11 12 grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the 13 grant and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. 14 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 15 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of 16 17 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most 18 closely to the date of authorization of the grant.

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate 20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the 21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect 22 immediately.

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