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1 AN ACT Relating to advancing digital opportunities for all;
2 amending RCW 43.330.532, 43.330.534, 43.330.539, 43.330.5395, and
3 43.330.412; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.330.530.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.530 and 2022 c 265 s 301 and 2022 c 237 s 2
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this section and
8 RCW 43.330.532 through 43.330.538, 43.330.412, 43.330.5393, and
9 43.330.5395 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1)(a) "Advanced telecommunications capability" means, without
11 regard to any transmission media or technology, high-speed, switched,
12 broadband telecommunications capability that enables users to
13 originate and receive high quality voice, data, graphics, and video
14 telecommunications using any technology.

15 (b) "Advanced telecommunications capability" does not include
16 access to a technology that delivers transmission speeds below the
17 minimum download and upload speeds provided in the definition of
18 broadband in this section.

19 (2) "Aging individual" means an individual 55 years of age or
20 older.

1 (3) "Board" means the public works board established in RCW
2 43.155.030.

3 (4) "Broadband" or "broadband service" means any service
4 providing advanced telecommunications capability and internet access
5 with transmission speeds that, at a minimum, provide 100 megabits per
6 second download and 20 megabits per second upload.

7 (5) "Broadband adoption" means the process by which an individual
8 obtains daily access and the ability to use the internet:

9 (a) At a speed, quality, price, and capacity necessary for the
10 individual to accomplish common tasks, such that the access qualifies
11 as an advanced telecommunications capability;

12 (b) Providing individuals with the digital skills necessary to
13 participate fully and safely online;

14 (c) On a device connected to the internet and other advanced
15 telecommunications services via a secure and convenient network, with
16 associated end user broadband infrastructure equipment such as wifi
17 mesh router or repeaters to enable the device to adequately use the
18 internet network; and

19 (d) With technical support and digital navigation assistance to
20 enable continuity of service and equipment use and utilization.

21 (6) "Broadband infrastructure" means networks of deployed
22 telecommunications equipment and technologies necessary to provide
23 high-speed internet access and other advanced telecommunications
24 services to end users.

25 (7) "Community anchor institution" means an entity, such as a
26 school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other
27 medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher
28 education, public housing organization, accountable community of
29 health, or community support organization, which facilitates greater
30 use of broadband service by underserved populations.

31 (8) "Department" means the department of commerce.

32 ~~((+8))~~ (9) "Digital equity" means the condition in which
33 individuals and communities in Washington have the information
34 technology capacity that is needed for full participation in society,
35 democracy, and the economy.

36 ~~((+9))~~ (10)(a) "Digital inclusion" means the activities that are
37 necessary to ensure that all individuals in Washington have access
38 to, and the use of, affordable information and communication
39 technologies including, but not limited to:

40 (i) Reliable broadband internet service;

1 (ii) Internet-enabled devices that meet the needs of the user;
2 and

3 (iii) Applications and online content designed to enable and
4 encourage self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration.

5 (b) "Digital inclusion" also includes obtaining access to digital
6 literacy training, the provision of quality technical support, and
7 obtaining basic awareness of measures to ensure online privacy and
8 cybersecurity.

9 ~~((10))~~ (11) "Digital literacy" means the skills associated with
10 using technology to enable users to use information and
11 communications technologies to find, evaluate, organize, create, and
12 communicate information.

13 ~~((11))~~ (12) "Incarcerated individual" has the same meaning as
14 "inmate" in RCW 72.09.015.

15 (13) "Individuals experiencing housing instability" includes
16 "homeless persons" as defined in RCW 43.185C.010 and individuals at
17 imminent risk of homelessness.

18 (14) "Individuals with disabilities" means individuals with a
19 "disability" as defined in RCW 49.60.040.

20 (15) "Last mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure
21 that serves as the final connection from a broadband service
22 provider's network to the end-use customer's on-premises
23 telecommunications equipment.

24 ~~((12))~~ (16) "Local government" includes cities, towns,
25 counties, municipal corporations, public port districts, public
26 utility districts, quasi-municipal corporations, special purpose
27 districts, and multiparty entities comprised of public entity
28 members.

29 ~~((13))~~ (17) "Low-income" means households ((as defined by the
30 department of social and health services, provided that the
31 definition may not exceed the higher of 80 percent of area median
32 household income or the self-sufficiency standard as determined by
33 the University of Washington's self-sufficiency calculator.

34 ~~(14))~~ with a household income that does not exceed the higher
35 level of 200 percent of the federal poverty level or the self-
36 sufficiency standard produced by the University of Washington, as
37 determined by household size and location.

38 (18) "Middle mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure
39 that links a broadband service provider's core network infrastructure
40 to last mile infrastructure.

1 (~~(15)~~) (19) "Office" means the governor's statewide broadband
2 office established in RCW 43.330.532.

3 (~~(16)~~) (20) "Tribe" means any federally recognized Indian tribe
4 whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington.

5 (~~(17)~~) (21) "Underserved population" means any of the
6 following:

7 (a) Individuals who live in low-income households;

8 (b) Aging individuals;

9 (c) Incarcerated individuals;

10 (d) Veterans;

11 (e) Individuals with disabilities;

12 (f) Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals
13 (~~who are English learners~~) with limited English proficiency or who
14 have low levels of literacy;

15 (g) Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority
16 group;

17 (h) Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area;

18 (i) (~~Children and youth~~) Dependents in foster care; or

19 (j) Individuals experiencing housing instability.

20 (~~(18)~~) (22) "Unserved areas" means areas of Washington in which
21 households and businesses lack access to adequate, reliable, and
22 affordable broadband service, as defined by the office.

23 (23) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in RCW 41.04.007.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.532 and 2022 c 265 s 302 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The governor's statewide broadband office is established. The
27 director of the office must be appointed by the governor. The office
28 may employ staff necessary to carry out the office's duties as
29 prescribed by chapter 365, Laws of 2019, subject to the availability
30 of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose.

31 (2) The purpose of the office is to encourage, foster, develop,
32 and improve affordable(~~(7)~~) and quality broadband, broadband
33 adoption, and digital equity within the state in order to:

34 (a) Drive job creation, promote innovation, improve economic
35 vitality, and expand markets for Washington businesses;

36 (b) Serve the ongoing and growing needs of Washington's education
37 systems, health care systems, public safety systems, transportation
38 systems, industries and business, governmental operations, and
39 citizens; and

1 (c) Improve broadband accessibility and adoption for unserved and
2 underserved communities and populations.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.330.534 and 2024 c 54 s 53 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The office has the power and duty to:

6 (a) Serve as the central broadband planning body for the state of
7 Washington;

8 (b) Coordinate with relevant state agencies, local governments,
9 tribes, public and private entities, public housing agencies,
10 community anchor institutions, nonprofit organizations, and consumer-
11 owned and investor-owned utilities to develop strategies and plans
12 promoting deployment of broadband infrastructure and greater
13 broadband access and broadband adoption, while protecting proprietary
14 information;

15 (c) Review existing broadband initiatives, policies, and public
16 and private investments;

17 (d) Develop, recommend, and implement a statewide plan to
18 encourage cost-effective broadband access and to make recommendations
19 for increased usage, particularly in rural and other unserved areas;

20 (e) Update the state's broadband goals and definitions for
21 broadband service in unserved areas as technology advances, except
22 that the state's definition for broadband service may not be actual
23 speeds less than (~~twenty-five~~) 100 megabits per second download and
24 (~~three~~) 20 megabits per second upload; and

25 (f) Encourage public-private partnerships to increase deployment
26 and adoption of broadband services and applications.

27 (2) When developing plans or strategies for broadband deployment
28 and adoption, the office must consider:

29 (a) Partnerships between communities, tribes, nonprofit
30 organizations, local governments, consumer-owned and investor-owned
31 utilities, and public and private entities;

32 (b) Funding opportunities that provide for the coordination of
33 public, private, state, and federal funds for the purposes of making
34 broadband infrastructure or broadband services available to rural and
35 unserved areas of the state;

36 (c) Barriers to the deployment, adoption, and utilization of
37 broadband service, including affordability of service and project
38 coordination logistics; and

1 (d) Requiring minimum broadband service of (~~twenty-five~~) 100
2 megabits per second download and (~~three~~) 20 megabits per second
3 upload speed, that is scalable to faster service.

4 (3) The office may assist applicants for the grant and loan
5 program created in RCW 43.155.160, the digital (~~equity~~) opportunity
6 program created in RCW 43.330.412, and the digital equity planning
7 grant program created in RCW 43.330.5393 with seeking federal funding
8 or matching grants and other grant opportunities for deploying or
9 increasing adoption of broadband services.

10 (4) The office may take all appropriate steps to seek and apply
11 for federal funds for which the office is eligible, and other grants,
12 and accept donations, and must deposit these funds in the statewide
13 broadband account created in RCW 43.155.165 or in the digital equity
14 account created in RCW 80.36.710 as appropriate to the funding
15 purposes.

16 (5) The office shall coordinate an outreach effort to hard-to-
17 reach communities and low-income communities across the state to
18 provide information about broadband programs available to consumers
19 of these communities. The outreach effort must include, but is not
20 limited to, providing information to applicable communities about the
21 federal lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit
22 programs, including updated information regarding eligibility and
23 enrollment. To assist with the outreach effort, the office shall
24 request that broadband internet service providers report their three
25 lowest cost tiers of retail internet service, unless this information
26 is already publicly available elsewhere. Cost information that is
27 received must be provided in the outreach materials available. The
28 office shall prioritize translation of outreach materials into the
29 three most commonly spoken non-English languages in areas served by
30 the outreach effort and may leverage existing translations from other
31 state agencies or federal programs where available. The outreach
32 effort must be reviewed by the (~~office of equity~~) digital equity
33 forum annually. The office may contract with other public or private
34 entities to conduct outreach to communities as provided under this
35 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "hard-to-reach
36 communities" include rural and frontier geographic areas where
37 distance or terrain are barriers, as well as other areas where
38 underserved populations are harder to reach due to language or
39 disability barriers.

1 (6) In carrying out its purpose, the office (~~(may collaborate~~
2 ~~with the utilities and transportation commission,)~~) shall consider
3 collaborating with federally recognized tribes and all relevant state
4 agencies, such as Washington technology solutions, the department of
5 commerce, the community economic revitalization board, the department
6 of transportation, the public works board, the state librarian, (~~and~~
7 ~~all other relevant state agencies)~~) the department of social and
8 health services, and the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction.

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.330.539 and 2022 c 265 s 201 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The office, in consultation with the digital equity forum,
13 the utilities and transportation commission, (~~and~~) the department
14 of social and health services, (~~must develop~~) and other relevant
15 state agencies as relevant to the implementation of this section,
16 must develop, coordinate implementation of, and monitor progress in
17 implementing a state digital equity plan.

18 (a) The office (~~must~~) may seek any available federal or other
19 funding for purposes of developing and implementing the state digital
20 equity plan.

21 (b) The state digital equity plan must include such elements as
22 the office determines are necessary to leverage federal and other
23 funding.

24 (2) In developing and implementing the state digital equity plan,
25 the office must identify measurable objectives for documenting and
26 promoting digital equity among underserved communities located in the
27 state.

28 (3) By (~~December 1, 2023~~) January 1, 2027, and every two years
29 thereafter, the office must submit a report to the governor and the
30 appropriate committees of the legislature (~~(including)~~) regarding
31 progress made in developing and implementing the state digital equity
32 plan described in subsection (1) of this section.

33 (a) The initial report must include a summary evaluation of
34 progress made in developing and implementing the state digital equity
35 plan, including key state digital equity programs and funding needs.

36 (b) After the initial report, subsequent reports must include the
37 following:

1 ~~((a))~~ (i) The state digital equity plan ~~((described in~~
2 ~~subsection (1) of this section))~~ and measurable objectives described
3 in subsection (2) of this section in accordance with the following:

4 (A) The state digital equity plan submitted by January 1, 2029,
5 must be based on the 2024 internet for all in Washington digital
6 equity plan developed by the office; and

7 (B) After January 1, 2029, the office shall review and update the
8 state digital equity plan before every report submission;

9 ~~((b))~~ (ii) A description of how the office ~~((collaborated))~~ is
10 collaborating with the membership of the digital equity forum, state
11 agencies, and key ~~((stakeholders))~~ partners to develop and implement
12 the state digital equity plan including, but not limited to, the
13 following:

14 ~~((i))~~ (A) Community anchor institutions;

15 ~~((ii))~~ (B) Local governments;

16 ~~((iii))~~ (C) Local educational agencies;

17 ~~((iv))~~ (D) Entities that carry out workforce development
18 programs; and

19 ~~((v))~~ (E) Broadband service providers;

20 ~~((e))~~ (iii) A description of ~~((federal))~~ current and
21 foreseeable future funding available to advance digital equity in the
22 state~~((, including any available information on the extent to which~~
23 ~~state residents have enrolled in the affordable connectivity program~~
24 ~~through an approved provider));~~ ~~((and~~

25 ~~((d))~~ (iv) A summary evaluation of progress made in implementing
26 the state digital equity plan, including key state digital equity
27 programs and funding needs; and

28 (v) Recommendations of additional state law or policy that can be
29 targeted to help improve broadband adoption and affordability for
30 state residents. This may include recommendations of ongoing
31 subsidies that the state can provide to low-income individuals and
32 community anchor institutions, as well as identification of revenue
33 sources that other states or jurisdictions have developed to fund
34 such subsidies or discounted rates.

35 (4) The report required by this section may be combined with the
36 report required by RCW 43.330.538.

37 (5) The department of commerce must establish procedures for
38 concerns by office staff regarding improper payments or contract
39 noncompliance to be raised directly to department of commerce
40 leadership without interference.

1 (6) The requirements of this section are subject to the
2 availability of amounts appropriated for the purposes of this
3 section.

4 (7) For the purpose of this section, "office" means the statewide
5 broadband office established in RCW 43.330.532.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.330.5395 and 2022 c 265 s 306 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The Washington digital equity forum is established for the
9 purpose of developing recommendations to advance digital
10 connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equity in Washington
11 state (~~(and advising the statewide broadband office on the digital~~
12 ~~equity opportunity program as provided under RCW 43.330.412 and the~~
13 ~~digital equity planning grant program as provided under RCW~~
14 ~~43.330.5393)).~~

15 (2) In developing its recommendations to advance digital
16 connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equity, the forum must:

17 (a) Develop goals that are consistent with the goals of the
18 governor's statewide broadband office, as provided in RCW 43.330.536;

19 (b) Strengthen public-private partnerships, cooperatives, and
20 other partnerships that promote digital connectivity, broadband
21 adoption, and digital equity;

22 (c) Solicit public input and increase awareness of digital equity
23 needs and resources through public hearings or informational
24 sessions;

25 (d) Work to increase collaboration and communication between
26 local, state, and federal governments and agencies (~~(; and~~

27 ~~(e) Recommend~~), tribal governments, and other partners;

28 (e) Recommend opportunities for sustainable digital equity
29 funding, including reforms to current universal service mechanisms;

30 (f) Consider related issues within its scope brought by members
31 of the forum or the public;

32 (g) Annually review the outreach effort coordinated by the office
33 pursuant to RCW 43.330.534; and

34 (h) Provide feedback on the digital equity planning grant
35 program, the digital opportunity program, or other digital equity
36 grant programs.

37 (3) The forum may also consult with the statewide broadband
38 office and other relevant agencies on the state digital equity plan
39 and the plan implementation in accordance with RCW 43.330.539.

1 (4) (a) The director(~~(s)~~) of the governor's statewide broadband
2 office (~~(and the Washington state office of equity are)~~), in
3 consultation with the digital equity forum chair or cochairs and the
4 Washington state office of equity, is responsible for appointing
5 participating members of the digital equity forum (~~(and no~~
6 ~~appointment may be made unless each director concurs in the~~
7 ~~appointment)~~). The total number of appointed members should not
8 exceed 25 unless the director, in consultation with the chair or
9 cochairs, determines a larger forum is necessary to ensure adequate
10 representation of underserved communities.

11 (b) In making appointments, the director(~~(s)~~) must prioritize
12 appointees representing:

13 ~~((a))~~ (i) Federally recognized tribes;

14 ~~((b))~~ (ii) State and local agencies involved in digital equity;
15 and

16 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Underserved and unserved communities, including
17 historically disadvantaged communities.

18 (c) The director must also consider appointees representing
19 broadband providers, the technology industry, and philanthropy, as
20 well as appointees representing the health industry and legal and
21 justice system.

22 ~~((4))~~ (5) A majority of the (~~(participating)~~) members appointed
23 by the director(~~(s must)~~) may appoint an administrative chair or
24 cochairs for the forum.

25 ~~((5))~~ (6) In addition to members appointed by the
26 director(~~(s)~~), four legislators may serve on the digital equity forum
27 in an ex officio capacity. Legislative participants must be appointed
28 as follows:

29 (a) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint one
30 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
31 representatives; and

32 (b) The president of the senate must appoint one member from each
33 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

34 ~~((6) (a) Funds appropriated to the forum may be used to~~
35 ~~compensate, for any work done in connection with the forum,~~
36 ~~additional persons who have lived experience navigating barriers to~~
37 ~~digital connectivity and digital equity.~~

38 ~~(b))~~ (7) Each member of the digital equity forum (~~(shall serve~~
39 ~~without compensation but)~~) may be reimbursed for travel expenses as
40 authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The director of the

1 governor's statewide broadband office may authorize stipends for
2 attendance at quarterly forum meetings for forum members who are not
3 otherwise compensated for their attendance, subject to available
4 funding and the principles of equity described in RCW 43.06D.020.

5 ~~((7))~~ (8)(a) Staff for the digital equity forum must be
6 provided by the governor's statewide broadband office ~~((and the~~
7 ~~Washington state office of equity))~~. The governor's statewide
8 broadband office ~~((and the Washington state office of equity are~~
9 ~~jointly))~~ is responsible for transmitting the recommendations of the
10 digital equity forum to the legislature, consistent with RCW
11 43.01.036, by October 28, 2025, and every odd-numbered year
12 thereafter.

13 (b) The digital equity forum may provide additional
14 recommendations or comment on related matters under the scope of the
15 digital equity forum, according to its adopted charter and discretion
16 of the chair or cochairs.

17 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.330.412 and 2022 c 265 s 304 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The digital ~~((equity))~~ opportunity program is created to advance
20 broadband adoption and digital equity and inclusion throughout the
21 state. The digital ~~((equity))~~ opportunity program must be
22 administered by the department. The department may focus on outreach
23 and prioritize elements of this program based on funding levels,
24 including federal or private matching funds, and the goals of the
25 state digital equity plan. The department may contract for services
26 in order to carry out the department's obligations under this
27 section.

28 (1) In implementing the digital ~~((equity))~~ opportunity program
29 the director must, to the extent funds are appropriated for this
30 purpose:

31 (a) Provide organizational and capacity building support to
32 digital equity programs and regional coalitions supporting digital
33 equity advancement throughout the state and additional support for
34 the purpose of:

35 (i) Evaluating the impact and efficacy of activities supported by
36 grants awarded under the covered programs; ~~((and))~~

37 (ii) Enabling local and regional directories of digital equity
38 program services, community needs assessments, and tracking of lower-
39 cost broadband offerings; and

1 (iii) Developing, cataloging, disseminating, and promoting the
2 exchange of best practices, with respect to and independent of the
3 covered programs, in order to achieve digital equity. (~~After July 1,~~
4 ~~2024, no~~) No more than 15 percent of funds received by the director
5 for the program may be expended on these functions;

6 (b) Establish a competitive grant program and provide grants to
7 (~~community technology~~) digital equity programs to advance digital
8 equity and digital inclusion by providing:

9 (i) Training and skill-building opportunities;

10 (ii) Access to hardware and software, including accessibility
11 tools and online service costs such as application and software;

12 (iii) (~~Internet connectivity;~~

13 ~~(iv) Digital media literacy and~~) Small-scale internet
14 connectivity projects, including wireless mesh installations, that
15 enable more affordable internet in low-income housing and limited
16 areas, and which do not conflict with or replicate other state
17 broadband deployment projects;

18 (iv) Fundamentals of generative artificial intelligence literacy,
19 digital media literacy, and online safety and privacy cybersecurity
20 training;

21 (v) Assistance in the adoption of information and communication
22 technologies for low-income and underserved populations of the state
23 through digital navigators, digital skills training, and related
24 approaches;

25 (vi) Development of locally relevant content and delivery of
26 vital services through technology; and

27 (vii) Technical support; and

28 (c) Collaborate with broadband (~~stakeholders~~) partners,
29 including broadband action teams across the state, in implementing
30 the program as provided under this subsection(~~;~~ and

31 ~~(d) For the purposes of this section, include wireless meshed~~
32 ~~network technology).~~

33 (2) Grant applicants must:

34 (a) Provide evidence that the applicant is a nonprofit entity or
35 a public entity that is working in partnership with a nonprofit
36 entity;

37 (b) Define the geographic area or population to be served;

38 (c) Provide evidence that the applicant is in partnership with
39 locally based organizations or governments in each local county or

1 tribal area it will serve, unless the only county or tribal area to
2 be served is where the applicant entity is located;

3 (d) Include in the application the results of a needs assessment
4 addressing, in the geographic area or among the population to be
5 served: The impact of inadequacies in technology access or knowledge,
6 barriers faced, and services needed;

7 ~~((d))~~ (e) Explain in detail the strategy for addressing the
8 needs identified and an implementation plan including objectives,
9 tasks, and benchmarks for the applicant and the role that other
10 organizations will play in assisting the applicant's efforts;

11 ~~((e))~~ (f) Provide evidence that funds applied for, if received,
12 will be used to provide effective delivery of ~~((community~~
13 ~~technology)) digital equity services in alignment with the goals of~~
14 this program and to increase the applicant's level of effort beyond
15 the current level; ~~((and~~

16 ~~(f))~~ (g) Explain in detail the selection process, criteria, and
17 accountability measures that will be used to ensure that any
18 subgrantees will use funds received to assist in the effective
19 delivery of digital equity services in alignment with the goals of
20 this program; and

21 (h) Comply with such other requirements as the director
22 establishes.

23 ~~(3) ((The digital equity forum shall review grant applications~~
24 ~~and provide input to the director regarding the prioritization of~~
25 ~~applications in awarding grants among eligible applicants under the~~
26 ~~program))~~ The director must provide draft eligibility guidelines,
27 selection criteria, the application form, and outreach materials to
28 be used in promoting and awarding grants under the digital
29 opportunity program to the digital equity forum on a timely basis and
30 consider the forum's input. The director must also provide draft
31 eligibility guidelines and selection criteria to the department's
32 contracts and compliance division for review and approval.

33 (4) In awarding grants under the digital ~~((equity)) opportunity~~
34 program created in this section, the director must:

35 (a) Consider ~~((the input provided by the digital equity forum, as~~
36 ~~provided in subsection (3) of this section, in awarding grants; and~~

37 ~~(b))~~ whether the grant award furthers the goals of the state
38 digital equity plan;

39 (b) Consider the opportunity to leverage additional federal and
40 private investment;

1 (c) Consider the requirements and intent associated with federal
2 or private funds contributed for these purposes; and

3 (d) Consider the extent to which the mix of grants awarded would
4 increase ((in)) the number of prekindergarten through 12th grade
5 students gaining access to greater levels of digital inclusion ((as a
6 factor in awarding grants)), while also considering the geographic
7 distribution of such students.

8 (5) The director may use no more than 10 percent of funds
9 received for the digital ((equity)) opportunity program to cover
10 administrative expenses.

11 (6) The director must establish expected program outcomes for
12 each grant recipient and must require grant recipients to provide an
13 annual accounting of program outcomes.

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