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By Representative Appleton

1 AN ACT Relating to dedicated funding for animal shelter capital
2 projects; and adding a new section to chapter 43.63A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of commerce must establish a competitive
7 process to solicit proposals for and prioritize projects whose
8 primary objective is to assist animal shelters in acquiring,
9 constructing, or rehabilitating facilities.

10 (2) The department of commerce must establish a competitive
11 process to prioritize applications for assistance as follows:

12 (a) The department of commerce must conduct a statewide
13 solicitation of project applications from local governments,
14 nonprofit organizations, and other entities, as determined by the
15 department of commerce. The department of commerce must evaluate and
16 rank applications in consultation with a citizen advisory committee
17 using objective criteria. At a minimum, animal shelters must: (i)
18 Meet the best practice standard of a ninety percent lives saved rate;
19 (ii) intake at least six hundred animals per year; and (iii) spay and
20 neuter the animals available for adoption.

1 (b) The evaluation and ranking process must also include an
2 examination of existing assets that applicants propose to apply to
3 projects. The grant assistance provided under this section may not
4 exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of the project. The
5 nonstate portion of the total project cost may include cash, the
6 value of real property when acquired solely for the purpose of the
7 project, and in-kind contributions.

8 (3) The department of commerce must submit a prioritized list of
9 recommended projects to the governor and the legislature in the
10 department of commerce's biennial capital budget request beginning
11 with the 2019-2021 biennium and every two years thereafter. The list
12 must include a description of each project, the amount of recommended
13 state funding, and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the
14 project. The total amount of recommended state funding for the
15 projects on a biennial project list must not exceed five million
16 dollars. The department of commerce may not sign contracts or
17 otherwise financially obligate funds under this section until the
18 legislature has approved a specific list of projects.

19 (4) In contracts for grants authorized under this section the
20 department of commerce must include provisions that require that
21 capital improvements be held by the grantee for a specified period of
22 time appropriate to the amount of the grant and that facilities be
23 used for the express purpose of the grant. If the grantee is found to
24 be out of compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee
25 must repay to the state general fund the principal amount of the
26 grant plus interest calculated at the rate of interest on state of
27 Washington general obligation bonds issued most closely to the date
28 of authorization of the grant.

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