

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Satchell, Seveney, Cano, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 30, 2019

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-11.4-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-11.4 entitled "The
2 Rhode Island Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-11.4-1. Establishment.**

4 The Rhode Island municipal infrastructure grant program is hereby created within the
5 department of administration ~~and is subject to grant funding. State funds or appropriations shall~~
6 ~~not be utilized in connection with the implementation of this section.~~ Upon the approval of the
7 state planning council, and subject to the appropriations provided to the program, the ~~The~~
8 department of administration is authorized to:

9 (1) Issue public infrastructure grants to municipalities and other public instrumentalities
10 for design, construction, building, land acquisition, rehabilitation, repair, and other improvements
11 to publicly owned infrastructure including, but not limited to, sewers, utility extensions, streets,
12 roads, curb-cuts, parking, water-treatment systems, telecommunications systems, transit
13 improvements, and pedestrian ways; and

14 (2) Assist municipalities to advance projects that support job creation and expansion,
15 housing development and rehabilitation, community development projects in areas or districts
16 that communities have determined are best suited to efficiently accommodate future growth and
17 redevelopment, largely in previously developed areas with some level of existing or planned
18 infrastructure.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-11.4 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Municipal
2 Infrastructure Grant Program" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-11.4-6. Appropriation.**

4 On or before July 1, 2019, there shall be a one-time appropriation, out of any money in
5 the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the
6 Rhode Island municipal infrastructure grant program for the purpose of administering the grant
7 program.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would remove the prohibition on state appropriations to the municipal
2 infrastructure grant program, and would provide for a one time ten million dollar (\$10,000,000)
3 appropriation to administer the program.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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