



State of Wisconsin  
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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 769**

February 13, 2018 - Offered by JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 4, line 19: after that line insert:

3 **“(3g) GRANTS FOR REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS. (a) In this subsection and in sub. (3r),**  
4 **“eligible organization” means each county economic development organization**  
5 **servicing a rural county and each regional economic development organization servicing**  
6 **a rural county that the corporation determines under par. (d) is eligible for a grant**  
7 **under par. (c).**

8 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.192 (1) (bm), the corporation shall  
9 allocate \$5,000,000 for grants under this subsection.

10 (c) The corporation shall award a onetime grant of \$250,000 to each eligible  
11 organization, or shall grant a smaller amount if the eligible organization so elects.  
12 The corporation may award a onetime grant of more than \$250,000 to a consortium  
13 of rural counties, or to a consortium of eligible organizations in lieu of a grant to

1 individual counties that are members of the consortium. An eligible organization or  
2 a consortium receiving a grant under this paragraph shall expend the grant moneys  
3 only for the purpose of creating or expanding a revolving loan fund that promotes  
4 economic development and entrepreneurial start-ups in a rural county served by the  
5 eligible organization or in rural counties served by the consortium.

6 (d) In determining whether a county economic development organization  
7 serving a rural county or regional economic development organization serving a  
8 rural county is eligible for a grant under par. (c), the corporation shall consider all  
9 of the following:

10 1. Whether the organization has appropriate fiscal and administrative policies  
11 and procedures in place.

12 2. Whether the organization's staff is sufficient and qualified by education or  
13 experience to administer a revolving loan fund.

14 3. Whether the organization can provide at least 2 examples of projects  
15 financed with public funding that the organization has taken from grant application  
16 to project completion.

17 4. Whether the organization has experience or a history of serving the  
18 community with economic development projects.

19 **(3r)** GRANTS FOR PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MARKETING. (a) From the  
20 appropriation under s. 20.192 (1) (bm), the corporation shall award a onetime grant  
21 of \$50,000 to each eligible organization, or shall grant a smaller amount if the eligible  
22 organization so elects, subject to all of the following:

23 1. The eligible organization shall expend all grant moneys received under this  
24 paragraph only for the purpose of program operations and marketing within a rural  
25 county served by the eligible organization.

