



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1640/P3

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DOA:.....Bork, BB0368 - Whole-Home Upgrades Pilot Grant Program

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HOUSING

Whole-home upgrade grants

This bill establishes a pilot program under which DOA must award one or more grants to Walnut Way Conservation Corp. for the purpose of funding home improvements in low-income households in a first class city (presently only Milwaukee) that have one or more of the following goals: 1) reducing carbon emissions; 2) reducing energy burdens; 3) creating cost savings; or 4) creating healthier living environments. The bill authorizes DOA to establish eligibility requirements and other program guidelines for the grant program and allows a grant recipient to use grant moneys for administrative costs.

Because this bill may increase or decrease, directly or indirectly, the cost of the development, construction, financing, purchasing, sale, ownership, or availability of housing in this state, the Department of Administration, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.3069 of the statutes is created to read:

16.3069 Whole-home upgrade grants. (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (fr), the department shall award one or more grants to Walnut Way Conservation Corp. for the purpose of funding home improvements in low-income households in a 1st class city that have one or more of the following goals:

(a) Reducing carbon emissions.

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(b) Reducing energy burdens.

(c) Creating cost savings.

(d) Creating healthier living environments.

(2) The department may establish eligibility requirements and other program guidelines for the grant program under this subsection.

(3) A recipient of a grant under this subsection may use the moneys awarded for the recipient's administrative costs, in addition to the purpose described under sub. (1).

SECTION 2. 20.505 (7) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (7) (fr) *Whole-home upgrade grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 16.3069.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

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