

REFERENCE TITLE: veteran housing; reintegration; appropriation

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# HB 2607

Introduced by  
Representative Blackman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-3958; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 37, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-3958, to read:

4 41-3958. Arizona veteran housing and reintegration grant  
5 program; fund; administration

6 A. THE ARIZONA VETERAN HOUSING AND REINTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM IS  
7 ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN THIS  
8 STATE TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 9 1. FAST-TRACK ZONING APPROVALS.
- 10 2. MANAGE LAND OR SITES RELATED TO HOUSING FOR VETERANS.
- 11 3. SUPPORT PHILANTHROPIC OR NONPROFIT EFFORTS.
- 12 4. AID IN BUILDING HOUSING FOR VETERANS.
- 13 5. REDUCE JAIL, CRISIS RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COSTS.
- 14 6. INCREASE ACCESS TO FEDERAL HOUSING MONIES.
- 15 7. EXPAND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE LOCAL TAX BASE.
- 16 8. PRODUCE LONG-TERM SAVINGS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND  
17 PUBLIC SAFETY.

18 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND MAY ADOPT  
19 RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.  
20 AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED  
21 BY THE DEPARTMENT.

22 C. COUNTIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS THAT RECEIVE MONIES PURSUANT TO  
23 THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT  
24 FOR RURAL COUNTIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND FIFTY PERCENT FOR URBAN OR  
25 SUBURBAN COUNTIES.

26 D. THE ARIZONA VETERAN HOUSING AND REINTEGRATION FUND IS  
27 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS, FEDERAL GRANTS AND  
28 PRIVATE DONATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE  
29 FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND MAY BE USED TO PAY THE  
30 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION AND TO ESTABLISH THE  
31 ARIZONA VETERAN HOUSING AND REINTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS  
32 SECTION.

33 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACTIVELY PURSUE AND APPLY FOR ANY FEDERAL  
34 MONIES FOR THE ARIZONA VETERAN HOUSING AND REINTEGRATION FUND FROM ALL OF  
35 THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

- 36 1. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
37 VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM.
- 38 2. THE TRIBAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-VETERANS AFFAIRS  
39 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM.
- 40 3. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT AND PER  
41 DIEM PROGRAM.
- 42 4. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOME LOAN  
43 PROGRAM.
- 44 5. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
45 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

