

AMENDMENTS TO LB887

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act.

5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant
6 Program Act:

7 (1) Agency means the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency;

8 (2) Equipment means security equipment installed on real property,
9 including any building or improvement, that is owned or leased by the
10 nonprofit organization, including reinforced doors and gates, perimeter
11 lighting, exterior and interior door locking systems, alarm systems,
12 camera-based security systems, access-control systems, blast-resistant
13 film for windows or shatter-resistant glass, lock-down systems, public-
14 address systems, high-intensity lighting and alarms, and inspection and
15 screening systems;

16 (3) Planning means those activities that are related to protecting a
17 facility, the people within the facility, and the people with access to
18 the facility and providing for their functional needs. The term includes
19 developing and enhancing a nonprofit organization's security plans and
20 protocols, emergency contingency plans, and evacuation or shelter-in-
21 place plans and the materials that are required to conduct planning
22 activities;

23 (4) Program means the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program
24 created in section 3 of this act;

25 (5)(a) Qualified nonprofit organization means an organization that:

26 (i) Is exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of
27 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including any nonprofit organization

1 created exclusively for religious purposes;

2 (ii) Is at high risk of a terrorist attack or at risk for hate
3 crimes or attacks because of the nonprofit organization's ideology,
4 beliefs, or mission; and

5 (iii)(A) Has applied for a federal nonprofit security grant and has
6 not received funding for the same year the applicant is applying for a
7 state grant under the program;

8 (B) Has been unable to apply for a federal nonprofit security grant;
9 or

10 (C) Has a documented barrier or hardship related to the application
11 for a federal nonprofit security grant; and

12 (b) Qualified nonprofit organization does not include:

13 (i) A hospital as defined in section 71-419;

14 (ii) A rural emergency hospital as defined in section 71-428.01; or

15 (iii) An institution of postsecondary education;

16 (6) Security personnel includes personnel who are contracted with or
17 employed by the nonprofit organization; and

18 (7) Training means training that addresses a specific security
19 threat or vulnerability. The term includes:

20 (a) Attendance and travel fees for training the nonprofit
21 organization's staff or members;

22 (b) Security training and exercises or drills, including active
23 shooter and shelter-in-place training, for the nonprofit organization's
24 staff, members, and visitors; and

25 (c) Training-related expenses, including supplies, materials, and
26 training equipment.

27 Sec. 3. (1) The Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program is
28 created. The program shall be administered by the Nebraska Emergency
29 Management Agency.

30 (2) In order to receive a grant under the program, a qualified
31 nonprofit organization shall submit an application to the agency on a

1 form prescribed by the agency. The agency may accept an application
2 submitted to the federal government for a federal nonprofit security
3 grant instead of the state application prescribed by the agency.

4 (3) Grants may be issued to qualified nonprofit organizations to
5 reimburse such organizations for the costs of target hardening and other
6 safety and security projects intended to mitigate vulnerabilities
7 identified in a vulnerability assessment completed by the qualified
8 nonprofit organization or by a vendor with whom the qualified nonprofit
9 organization has contracted, including projects involving:

10 (a) Planning;

11 (b) Equipment;

12 (c) Training; or

13 (d) Security personnel.

14 (4) The agency may prescribe requirements for vulnerability
15 assessments and may allow other target hardening and safety and security
16 projects to qualify for grant funding in addition to those activities
17 described in subsection (3) of this section.

18 (5) The agency may begin issuing grants under the program on January
19 1, 2025.

20 (6) The agency shall establish a working group of stakeholders to
21 review and evaluate applications. The working group shall make
22 recommendations on funding decisions and shall provide such
23 recommendations to the agency.

24 (7) The agency may award up to five hundred thousand dollars in
25 grants per year. A qualified nonprofit organization shall not receive
26 more than fifty thousand dollars in grants in any one year.

27 (8) A qualified nonprofit organization shall not be eligible for a
28 grant under the program if:

29 (a) The qualified nonprofit organization applied for a grant under
30 the program and received the full amount of its funding request in the
31 previous year; or

1 (b) The qualified nonprofit organization received a federal
2 nonprofit security grant within the previous five years.

3 Sec. 4. A qualified nonprofit organization shall not use grant
4 funds to purchase equipment for security personnel.

5 Sec. 5. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five
6 hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for each of fiscal years
7 2024-25 through 2028-29 to carry out the Nebraska Nonprofit Security
8 Grant Program Act.

9 Sec. 6. The agency may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
10 to carry out the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act.