

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 639

BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE AND SCHEXNAYDER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to infrastructure funding

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart Q-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana  
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.122 and 100.123, relative  
4 to funding for infrastructure investment and construction; to create the Matching  
5 Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund; to provide for uses  
6 of the fund; to create a program for the administration of monies from the fund; to  
7 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart Q-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the  
10 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.122 and 100.123, is hereby  
11 enacted to read as follows:

12 SUBPART Q-1. MATCHING ASSISTANCE AND GRANTS FOR  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

14 §100.122. Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund

15 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
16 "Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund",  
17 hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

18 B. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
19 general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be credited

1        to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the  
2        fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

3                C. Monies in the fund shall be used solely as provided in this Subpart.  
4        §100.123. Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction  
5        Program

6                A. There is hereby created the Matching Assistance and Grants for  
7        Infrastructure and Construction Program to be administered as provided in this  
8        Section.

9                B. The program may provide funding for any of the following purposes:

10               (1) To provide match funds and other required local contributions to local  
11        governments for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with  
12        infrastructure projects.

13               (2) To establish state programs to assist local government with funding for  
14        infrastructure projects, including those for water, sewerage, and broadband projects.

15               (3) To provide funding for coastal infrastructure, including hurricane  
16        protection and mitigation projects related to wetlands in the coastal area.

17               (4) To provide the state share of matching funds for federal grants or other  
18        required contributions for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance  
19        connected with federal funding for infrastructure projects.

20               (5) To finance any infrastructure programs which the federal government  
21        authorizes.

22               (6) To provide for any other expenditure consistent with a federal  
23        infrastructure program.

24        Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
25        signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
26        by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
27        vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
28        effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 639 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund to provide funding for state infrastructure programs and expenditures.

Proposed law creates the Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Fund as a special fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law creates the Matching Assistance and Grants for Infrastructure and Construction Program to administer monies from the fund.

Proposed law provides that the program may provide funding for the following purposes:

- (1) To provide match funds and other required local contributions to local governments for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with infrastructure projects.
- (2) To establish state programs to assist local government with funding for infrastructure projects, including those for water, sewerage, and broadband projects.
- (3) To provide funding for coastal infrastructure, including hurricane protection and mitigation projects related to wetlands in the coastal area.
- (4) To provide the state share of matching funds for federal grants or other required contributions for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with federal funding for infrastructure projects.
- (5) To finance any infrastructure programs which the federal government authorizes.
- (6) To provide for any other expenditure consistent with a federal infrastructure program.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.122 and 100.123)