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# SENATE BILL 1581

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-3956; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

(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 41-3956, to read:

4 41-3956. Arizona department of housing; grant programs for  
5 sanctioned camping sites and multidisciplinary  
6 homeless outreach teams; immunity

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE GRANTS TO A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY  
8 OR TO A CONSORTIUM OF MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SANCTIONED  
9 CAMPING SITES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT,  
10 A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY AND THE SANCTIONED CAMPING SITES MUST COMPLY WITH  
11 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

12 1. PROVIDE SANITARY FACILITIES, POTABLE WATER AND ON-SITE SECURITY  
13 AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRESSIVE ENGAGEMENT CASE MANAGEMENT MODEL.

14 2. BE INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR  
15 HOMELESS SERVICES.

16 3. SET LOW BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING  
17 HOMELESSNESS.

18 4. ALLOW HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO CAMP AND STORE PERSONAL PROPERTY  
19 IN AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE OPERATOR OF THE SANCTIONED CAMPING SITE.

20 5. ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS. AN INDIVIDUAL  
21 WHO VIOLATES A RULE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE SANCTIONED CAMPING SITE.

22 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

23 1. ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING SITE CONSIDERATIONS AND OTHER  
24 OPERATING POLICIES.

25 2. PRIORITIZE SAFE CAMPING SITES, BUT MAY ALSO FUND INDOOR  
26 ENCAMPMENT STRUCTURES, TINY HOMES OR SIMILAR LOW-COST STRUCTURES THAT CAN  
27 BE ASSEMBLED QUICKLY.

28 C. ANY GRANT THAT IS DISBURSED TO A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY PURSUANT  
29 TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONTINUED IF THE MUNICIPALITY  
30 OR COUNTY REFUSES TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES IN PLACE THAT PROHIBIT SLEEPING  
31 AND CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES THAT ARE NOT DESIGNATED AS SANCTIONED CAMPING  
32 SITES.

33 D. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE GRANTS TO A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY OR  
34 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH OR SUPPORT MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOMELESS  
35 OUTREACH TEAMS. A MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM SHALL:

36 1. BE COMPOSED OF AT LEAST ONE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
37 SUBDIVISIONS:

38 (a) PEER PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR MENTAL HEALTH  
39 PROVIDERS.

40 (b) SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
41 OFFICERS OR CONTRACTED SECURITY OFFICERS.

42 2. WORK TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAMPING AND SLEEPING IN PUBLIC  
43 OR PRIVATE PLACES NOT FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION INTO HOMELESS SERVICES,  
44 HOUSING, SHELTERS OR SANCTIONED CAMPING SITES.

1 E. THE MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, OR THE DESIGNATED OPERATOR OF THE  
2 SANCTIONED CAMPING SITE, IS NOT LIABLE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION THAT ARISES OUT  
3 OF THE OPERATION OF THE SANCTIONED CAMPING SITE UNLESS THE CLAIM INVOLVES  
4 INTENTIONAL OR GROSSLY NEGLIGENT CONDUCT.

5 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona department of housing;  
6 exemption

7 A. The sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the monies allocated  
8 to this state from the American rescue plan act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) in  
9 fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Arizona department of housing. The Arizona  
10 department of housing shall allocate the monies as follows:

11 1. \$30,000,000 to municipalities or counties or to a consortium of  
12 municipalities and counties to establish sanctioned camping sites for  
13 homeless individuals pursuant to section 41-3956, subsection A, Arizona  
14 Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

15 2. \$20,000,000 to municipalities, counties or nonprofit  
16 organizations to establish or support multidisciplinary homeless outreach  
17 teams pursuant to section 41-3956, subsection D, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
18 as added by this act.

19 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
20 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
21 to lapsing of appropriations.