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SUMMARY

- Establish the Veterans Organization Grant Program within the Department of Development.
- Authorizes annual \$1,000 grants to eligible organizations.
- Appropriates \$225,000 each year for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to fund the grants.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Veterans Organization Grant Program

The bill establishes the Veterans Organization Grant Program within the Department of Development. Under the program, the Director of Development, upon request from an organization eligible to receive money, may annually provide a \$1,000 grant to the organization for the purpose of financing celebrations honoring veterans or for providing veterans with basic necessities, including food.¹ Under the bill, an eligible organization is:

. . . each garrison or naval branch of the Army and Navy Union, U.S.A. and to each chartered post, garrison, or naval branch of any organization of veterans recognized and chartered by the congress.²

The bill requires the Director of Development to establish the procedures by which eligible organizations may apply for a grant, and must adopt rules, under the Administrative

¹ R.C. 122.381(A).

² R.C. 307.66, not in the bill.

Procedure Act,³ for the administration of the program. The rules must require that each organization that receives a grant annually file a sworn statement with the Director accounting for the complete expenditure of the funds. The annual sworn statement must be provided until the funds from the grant have been exhausted.⁴

Appropriation

The bill appropriates, to the Department of Development, \$225,000 for FY 2026 and \$225,000 for FY 2027, to be used to issue grants to qualifying veterans organizations.⁵

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-25-26

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³ Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 122.381(B).

⁵ Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the bill.