

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 999

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 605 HCS 1

TITLE AN ACT relating to economic relief for local communities of the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.

SPONSOR Representative Josh Bray

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED:

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
NET EFFECT			

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: 2025 Regular Session BR 999 HB 605 House Committee Substitute 1 makes various changes to the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program, or GRANT program. It expands the definition of a “qualifying federal entity” and what qualifies as an “eligible project applicant.” It amends the timeline for Cabinet for Economic Development (CED) to approve or deny an application. It also allows reallocation of available funds when certain criteria are met. The measure repeals the statute establishing the GRANT Commission.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: There is no fiscal impact for this measure. Expanding eligibility for GRANT applicants and federal entities does not have a fiscal impact but could increase applications for matching assistance, thus expending the already appropriated funds at a greater rate.

The GRANT program received an appropriation from the General Assembly. As of the latest CED report, approximately \$107 million of the \$200 million appropriated in the 2024 Regular

Session Senate Bill 91 has been committed, leaving approximately \$94 million available. The program is expected to sunset on December 31, 2026.

DATA SOURCE(S): Cabinet for Economic Development website, LRC Staff

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