

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 40-719,
3 IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
4 PROGRAM FUND, TO ESTABLISH A STRATEGIC INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM AND
5 FUND FOR LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;
6 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 40-719, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 40-719. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
11 GRANT PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho transportation department shall establish and
12 maintain a strategic initiatives program. The purpose of the program is to
13 fund transportation projects that are proposed by the department's six (6)
14 districts and local units of government. Proposed projects shall compete
15 for strategic initiative program selection and funding on a statewide basis
16 based on an analysis of their return on investment in the following cate-
17 gories:

18 (a) Safety, including the projected reduction of crashes, injuries and
19 fatalities;

20 (b) Mobility, including projected traffic-flow improvements for
21 freight and passenger cars;

22 (c) Economic opportunity, including the projected cost-benefit ratio
23 for users and businesses;

24 (d) The repair and maintenance of bridges;

25 (e) The purchase of public rights-of-way; and

26 (f) ~~Children~~ Child pedestrian safety on the state and local system.

27 (2) (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the strategic
28 initiatives program fund, to which shall be deposited:

29 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, the~~
30 ~~provisions of this paragraph shall only be in effect from the effective~~
31 ~~date of this act through May 31, 2019. After the close of the fiscal~~
32 ~~year, the state controller shall determine any excess cash balance in~~
33 ~~the general fund. When calculating any excess cash balance the state~~
34 ~~controller shall first provide for the ending balance as determined by~~
35 ~~the legislative record to be carried over into the next fiscal year,~~
36 ~~plus an amount sufficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the di-~~
37 ~~vision of financial management, and an amount sufficient to cover any~~
38 ~~reappropriation as authorized by the legislature. On July 1, or as soon~~
39 ~~thereafter as is practicable, the state controller shall transfer fifty~~
40 ~~percent (50%) of any general fund excess to the strategic initiatives~~
41 ~~fund.~~

1 ~~(b) Any other any~~ appropriated moneys for funding of the strategic ini-
 2 tiatives program.

3 ~~(e) (b)~~ Unless otherwise specified, moneys transferred into the
 4 strategic initiatives program fund after May 30, 2017, shall be appor-
 5 tioned as follows:

6 (i) Sixty percent (60%) to projects proposed by the Idaho trans-
 7 portation department's six (6) districts; and

8 (ii) Forty percent (40%) to local units of government for the pur-
 9 pose of operating a strategic initiatives program administered
 10 by the local highway technical assistance council established in
 11 section 40-2401, Idaho Code.

12 ~~(d) (c)~~ The strategic initiatives program for local units of government
 13 shall be exempt from the requirements contained in subsection (1) (c) of
 14 this section.

15 (3) (a) The Idaho transportation department shall establish and main-
 16 tain a strategic initiatives grant program, which shall be separate
 17 from the strategic initiatives program described in subsections (1)
 18 and (2) of this section. The strategic initiatives grant program shall
 19 be for the purpose of assisting local units of government to mitigate
 20 the impact of state highway projects on local roads or for economically
 21 significant local transportation projects that require the assistance
 22 of the Idaho transportation department to facilitate.

23 (b) There is hereby established in the state treasury the strategic
 24 initiatives grant program fund, to which shall be deposited any appro-
 25 priated moneys for funding of the strategic initiatives grant program.

26 (c) Fifty percent (50%) of the funds appropriated to the strategic ini-
 27 tiatives grant program described in this subsection shall be awarded
 28 to large urban areas that have a population greater than fifty thou-
 29 sand (50,000), and fifty percent (50%) of such funds shall be awarded
 30 to rural areas or to small urban areas with a population that is less
 31 than fifty thousand (50,000). For fiscal year 2024 only, the first
 32 thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) appropriated to the strategic
 33 initiatives grant program shall be used by the Idaho transportation de-
 34 partment on local roads to mitigate the impact of adding new connections
 35 of state highways to interstate highways. The Idaho transportation
 36 department shall report annually to the transportation and defense com-
 37 mittee of the house of representatives and the transportation committee
 38 of the senate of the legislature regarding the strategic initiatives
 39 grant program.

40 ~~(3) (4)~~ Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the funds
 41 established pursuant to this section shall be paid to ~~the fund~~ such funds.
 42 All moneys in the strategic initiatives program fund shall be used for fund-
 43 ing the strategic initiatives program. All moneys in the strategic initia-
 44 tives grant program fund shall be used for funding the strategic initiatives
 45 grant program. All moneys in the funds established pursuant to this sec-
 46 tion are hereby continuously appropriated to the Idaho transportation de-
 47 partment.

48 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
 49 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
 50 July 1, 2023.