

Subject Mighty Ducks grant program

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Overview

This bill increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities.

The bill also authorizes the sale of \$4 million of state bonds, and a \$1 million cash appropriation to fund grants and reimbursements under the program.

The Mighty Ducks grant program, which is formally titled in the law as the “James Metzen Mighty Ducks Ice Center Development Act,” was first enacted in 1995. When funds are made available for the program, it provides grants to support improvements to public ice areas in the state, and to support increased access to ice facilities for women and girls. Funds were not available for this program in the 2017-18 biennium.

The law requires prioritization of rehabilitation and renovation projects that improve indoor air quality and eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Plan development; criteria.</p> <p>Increases the maximum grant that may be provided for the elimination of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities. Under current law, the cap on a grant for an indirect cooling system is \$50,000 and the cap on a grant for a direct cooling system is \$400,000. Those amounts are increased to \$250,000 and \$500,000, respectively.</p>
2	<p>Mighty Ducks.</p> <p>Authorizes the sale of \$4,000,000 of state bonds to fund the Mighty Ducks grant program, along with an additional \$1 million from the general fund to reimburse projects completed since January 1, 2017, that otherwise would have been eligible for the grant program.</p>

Section	Description
	These funds are available to fund all qualifying grants under the program, including those grants for which the cap was increased under section 1.



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