## As Introduced

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## A BILL

To enact section 122.631 of the Revised Code to	1
create the Home Accessibility Grant Program to	2
be administered by the Director of Development	3
Services, and to make an appropriation.	4

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 122.631 of the Revised Code be	5
enacted to read as follows:	6
Sec. 122.631. (A) The director of development services	7
shall administer the home accessibility grant program. Under the	8
program, the director shall make grants to applicants as	9
<u>follows:</u>	10
(1) An applicant that renovates the applicant's existing	11
residence, if the renovation is designed to improve	12
accessibility and provide universal visitability under	13
guidelines established by the director. The amount of such a	14
grant shall equal fifty per cent of the total cost of the	15
renovation, not to exceed five thousand dollars for the	16
renovation of each existing residence.	17
(2) An applicant that purchases or constructs a new	18
residence or a contractor that incurs costs in constructing a	19

new residential structure, if the new residence or residential	20
structure includes designs that will provide accessibility and	21
universal visitability under guidelines established by the	22
director. The amount of such a grant shall equal the purchase	23
price of the new residence or the costs incurred in constructing	24
the new residence or new residential structure, not to exceed	25
five thousand dollars for the purchase or construction of each	26
new residence or new residential structure. An applicant	27
purchases a new residence for purposes of a grant if the	28
transaction involves the first sale of the new residence to the	29
purchaser, and the purchaser intends to reside in the residence.	30
(D) In applicant is not aligible for a grant under the	31
(B) An applicant is not eligible for a grant under the	-
home accessibility grant program for the purchase, construction,	32
or renovation of residential rental property.	33
(C) In each calendar year, the total amount of grants that	34
may be awarded under the home accessibility grant program is one	35
million dollars. Of that amount, the total amount of grants that	36
may be awarded under division (A)(1) of this section in each	37
calendar year is six hundred thousand dollars, and the total	38
amount of grants that may be awarded under division (A)(2) of	39
this section in each calendar year is four hundred thousand	40
dollars.	41
(D) An eligible applicant shall apply for a grant under_	42
the home accessibility grant program by submitting an	43
application to the director of development services. The	44
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director shall prescribe the form of the application. Upon	45
receipt of an application, the director shall approve the	
application if each of the following apply:	47
(1) The application includes or is accompanied by	48
sufficient documentation of the applicant's eligibility for a	49

grant;	50
(2) The total amounts prescribed in division (C) of this	51
section have not been reached with regard to the grant for which	52
the applicant is applying in the calendar year in which the	53
application is received;	54
(3) The agency has not previously approved a grant	55
application relating to the same residence or residential	56
structure; and	57
(4) The grant application does not relate to a transaction	58
between an applicant and a member of the applicant's family, as	59
defined in section 5747.011 of the Revised Code, or between a	60
pass-through entity and a person that holds, directly or	61
indirectly, an ownership interest in the entity.	62
(E) The director of development services, by rule adopted	63
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall establish	64
guidelines for designs that provide or improve accessibility and	65
universal visitability in residences and residential structures	66
for purposes of the home accessibility grant program. In	67
establishing the guidelines, the director may consult engineers,	68
contractors, and other individuals having expertise or	69
experience in accessible and visitable design.	70
Section 2. All items in this section are hereby	71
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state	72
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all	73
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are	74

for fiscal year 2016 and those in the second column are for75fiscal year 2017. The appropriations made in this act are in76addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2016-FY772017 biennium.78

1d and take immediate effect.

DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY 79 General Revenue Fund 80 GRF 195XXX Home Accessibility Grant Program \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 81 Total GRF General Revenue Fund \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 82 TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 83 HOME ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM 84 The foregoing appropriation item 195XXX, Home 85 Accessibility Grant Program, shall be used for the Home 86 Accessibility Grant Program as described in section 122.631 of 87 the Revised Code. 88 Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 89 Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 90 indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 91 made in this act and shall determine the form and manner in 92 which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 93 from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 94 as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 95 131st General Assembly. 96 The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 97 provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 131st 98 General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 99 appropriations. 100 Section 4. Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this act are exempt 101 from the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 102

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