

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3829

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma Urban and Innovative Agriculture Advancement Act; creating the Urban Gardens Grant Revolving Fund; directing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to administer the act; directing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to promulgate rules and adopt certain guidelines; stating guidelines; providing for grants; identifying eligible entities; providing purpose of conferring benefits; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-131 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Urban and Innovative Agriculture Advancement Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-132 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the

1 "Oklahoma Urban and Innovative Agriculture Advancement Act Revolving
2 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
3 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
4 Oklahoma Conservation Commission from state-appropriated funds,
5 federal funds, donations, grants, and contributions from any public
6 or private source and designated for the purpose set forth in this
7 section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
8 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
9 Conservation Commission for the purpose of administering the Urban
10 Gardens Grant Act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
11 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
12 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
13 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-133 of Title 2, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall establish and
18 administer a grant program to support urban farming, community
19 gardens, and innovative agriculture projects in urban and suburban
20 areas.

21 B. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules
22 and adopt eligibility guidelines necessary to enforce and administer
23 the Oklahoma Urban and Innovative Agriculture Advancement Act,
24 including an application process for grants. The applicants must
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1 demonstrate a plan for sustainable urban agriculture practices and
2 community engagement in order to receive a grant. Priority will be
3 given to projects that involve educational components and benefit
4 underserved communities.

5 C. Grants may be used for the following:

- 6 1. Equipment;
- 7 2. Supplies;
- 8 3. Training;
- 9 4. Educational outreach; and
- 10 5. Research in sustainable agriculture methods.

11 D. Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports to the
12 Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

13 E. Entities eligible to apply for the grants are nonprofit
14 organizations, educational institutions, and local government
15 entities in Oklahoma.

16 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-134 of Title 2, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The expenditures from the Oklahoma Urban and Innovative
20 Agriculture Advancement Act Revolving Fund and other expenditures
21 governed by this act, if made in accordance with the requirements of
22 this act, shall be construed as an expenditure of public funds in
23 furtherance of governmental functions and for the purpose of
24 conferring general and uniform benefits resulting from the
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1 expenditures upon the residents and other legal entities located in
2 areas subject to the jurisdiction of the entities described in
3 Section 2 of this act.

4 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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