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**AS AMENDED**

By: Hilbert, Burns, Cantrell,  
and Archer of the House

Hall of the Senate

[ roads and bridges - revolving fund - budgeting and  
expenditure - Grant Program - references - purpose -  
grant awards - codification - effective date -  
emergency ]

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 508 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to be designated the "Evacuation Vehicle Access Corridor Revolving Fund" or "EVAC Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal

1 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies directed for  
2 deposit to the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of  
3 said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended  
4 by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in accordance with the  
5 provisions provided in Section C of this act. Expenditures from  
6 said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
7 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
8 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
9 payment.

10 C. 1. There is hereby established the Evacuation Vehicle  
11 Access Corridor Grant Program, which may also be cited as the "EVAC  
12 Grant Program";

13 2. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall establish  
14 and administer the EVAC Grant Program to support the state purpose  
15 of ensuring the health and safety of the residents of Oklahoma  
16 living in geographically landlocked basins by creating evacuation  
17 corridors. Such program shall embody the following procedures and  
18 criteria:

- 19 a. the Department shall create and make available to  
20 counties of the state a standardized Evacuation  
21 Vehicle Access Corridor grant application;
- 22 b. to be eligible for a grant from the EVAC Grant  
23 Program, a county must demonstrate a material need to  
24 construct a county road in a qualified area;

1           c.    grant amounts awarded under the provisions of this act  
2                   shall not exceed the cumulative total of funds  
3                   directed for deposit to the EVAC Fund created in  
4                   subsection B of this act.

5           D.   As used in the Evacuation Vehicle Access Corridor Act:

6           1.   "Landlocked" means almost or entirely surrounded by land,  
7 which lacks practical entry and egress by motor vehicles;

8           2.   "Qualified area" means a landlocked basin in this state with  
9 no fewer than two thousand (2,000) residents, and that has one or  
10 fewer roads of entry or egress maintained by a state, county, town  
11 or municipality road system or systems.

12          SECTION 2.   This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

13          SECTION 3.   It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
18 April 23, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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