

2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 168**AMENDMENT 168C
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 An Act to ~~establish the families first grant program and provide~~ make an
2 appropriation ~~therefor~~ for victim services.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 ~~Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-11:~~

5 ~~The families first grant program is established within the Office of the Attorney General for~~
6 ~~the purpose of providing grants to organizations that assist:~~

7 ~~(1) Children who have been abused or neglected;~~

8 ~~(2) Victims of domestic violence; and~~

9 ~~(3) Victims of sexual assault.~~

10 ~~Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-11:~~

11 ~~The families first grant program, as established in section 1 of this Act, is to be administered~~
12 ~~by the Office of the Attorney General, with the advice and consent of a five member~~
13 ~~committee consisting of:~~

14 ~~(1) Two individuals appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of~~
15 ~~whom must, by training or experience, be familiar with the provision of assistance~~
16 ~~to victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or sexual assault;~~

17 ~~(2) Two individuals appointed by the speaker pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom~~
18 ~~must, by training or experience, be familiar with the provision of assistance to~~
19 ~~victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or sexual assault; and~~

20 ~~(3) One individual appointed by the attorney general.~~

21 ~~The secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or the secretary's designee, shall serve as~~
22 ~~a non-voting member.~~

1 **~~Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-11:~~**

2 ~~The families first grant program fund is established in the state treasury. The fund consists of~~
3 ~~contributions, grants, interest received on moneys in the fund, settlement funds, transfers,~~
4 ~~and any other moneys collected for the purpose of providing grants, as authorized by section~~
5 ~~1 of this Act.~~

6 ~~The state treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the fund balance to the Office of the~~
7 ~~Attorney General, for the purpose of administering, and awarding grants under, the families~~
8 ~~first grant program.~~

9 **~~Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-11:~~**

10 ~~The Office of the Attorney General, together with the committee established under section 2~~
11 ~~of this Act, shall:~~

12 ~~(1) Ensure that the availability of families first grants is made known to all~~
13 ~~organizations in this state that assist victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence,~~
14 ~~or sexual assault;~~

15 ~~(2) Promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish the time and manner in~~
16 ~~which applications for a families first grant may be submitted, considered, and~~
17 ~~awarded; and~~

18 ~~(3) On or before October first of each year, provide to the Legislature a report setting~~
19 ~~forth:~~

20 ~~(a) The name and location of each organization that was awarded a families~~
21 ~~first grant;~~

22 ~~(b) The purpose for which each grant was awarded; and~~

23 ~~(c) The administrative expenses incurred by each grant recipient in providing~~
24 ~~services for which the grant was awarded.~~

25 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of ~~\$1~~ \$5,000,000 to
26 the Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of providing ~~families first grants to~~
27 organizations that assist:

28 (1) Children who have been abused or neglected;

29 (2) victims of domestic violence; and

30 (3) Victims of sexual assault.

1 **Section 2.** The Office of the Attorney General shall annually provide grants in accordance
2 with section 1 of this Act on the basis of applications received during the period beginning
3 July first and ending August thirty-first, of each year.

4 Recipients may use the grants for:

5 (1) The provision of emergency and transitional services, including food, lodging,
6 transportation;

7 (2) The provision of counseling services;

8 (3) The support of a crisis line;

9 (4) Case management and facility staffing needs; and

10 (5) Existing facility needs, including repair and maintenance.

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12 The Office of the Attorney General may award grants for any request not receiving
13 full funding from any other agency of this state. The Office of the Attorney General may
14 expend moneys from the appropriation provided in section 1 of this Act for the
15 administrative costs necessary in providing the grants in this section.

16 **Section 3.** The attorney general shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw
17 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

18 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
19 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.