

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 674

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

FUNDS/FUNDING: Dedicates funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the Faith-Based Communities Outreach Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart V of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.171, relative to the
4 dedication of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; to create the Faith-
5 Based Communities Outreach Fund; to provide for the deposit of federal monies into
6 the fund; to provide for uses of the monies in the fund; to provide for effectiveness;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart V of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the
10 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.171, is hereby enacted to read
11 as follows:

12 SUBPART V. FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES OUTREACH FUND

13 §100.171. Faith-Based Communities Outreach Fund

14 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Faith-
15 Based Communities Outreach Fund, referred to in this Section as the "fund".

16 B. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit in and
17 credit to the fund fifty million dollars of the federal monies allocated to Louisiana
18 pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue
19 Plan Act of 2021.

1 C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the
2 state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be
3 deposited in and credited to the fund.

4 D. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grant funding for Louisiana
5 faith-based organizations impacted by COVID-19. The office of the governor shall
6 administer the grants.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
11 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Faith-Based Communities Outreach Fund to provide American Rescue Plan Act funds to faith-based organizations.

Proposed law creates the Faith-Based Communities Outreach Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit \$50 million of federal monies allocated to La. pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into the fund.

Proposed law provides that monies in the fund shall be used to provide grant funding for La. faith-based organizations impacted by COVID-19.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.171)