STATE OF OKLAHOMA 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2407 By: Fetgatter

7 <u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>

An Act relating to state government; creating the Oklahoma Main Street Grant Program Revolving Fund; designating program to be under the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; directing Department of Commerce to prescribe form; providing requirements to qualify for grant; directing certain available funds; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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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 5013.4 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the "Oklahoma Main Street Grant Program Revolving Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated, transferred, or otherwise designated to the fund by law. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall be under the administration of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. All monies

- accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and
 shall be budgeted and expended in accordance with the provisions of
 subsection B of this section for the purpose of preserving and
 developing Oklahoma main streets.
 - B. In order to be considered for a grant, a Main Street shall apply to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Department of Commerce and shall contain such information as may be required by the Department of Commerce to determine if the applicant is qualified.
 - C. Except as otherwise provided by this section, in order to qualify for the grant, the Main Street applying shall be required to:
 - 1. Be a designated and qualified Main Street by the Oklahoma Main Street Program; and
 - 2. Upon receiving the grant, the Main Street shall contract with the Department of Commerce which will require a submission of proof that the Main Street is still a designated Main Street and an invoice to the Department of Commerce to be paid no earlier than June 1 of any fiscal year in which there are funds to award the grant.
 - D. If an awarded Main Street is no longer a designated Main Street, they will be removed from the grant program and shall be ineligible to receive grant funds. Any funds that are available because of the applicants that were preapproved but are no longer

designated Main Streets will be reallocated evenly to the other
qualified grant awardees.

E. No Main Street that applies for the grant will depend upon
future awarded funds for operations, but in any year awarded, funds

may go towards any cost associated with their operations.

- SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma

 Department of Commerce from any monies not otherwise appropriated

 from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal

 year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of Two Million Dollars

 (\$2,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to supplement

 the funding for the Oklahoma Main Street Grant Program.
- 12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.
 - SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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