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AN ACT relating to tourism; creating the Nevada Main Street Program within the Office of Economic Development in the Office of the Governor; setting forth the requirements for the operation of the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor. (NRS 231.043) The Office of Economic Development is responsible for carrying out various economic development programs within the State. (NRS 231.020-231.1597) **Section 5** of this bill creates the Nevada Main Street Program within the Office of Economic Development. The Program is designed to provide state-level coordination with the National Main Street Center, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization working to preserve historic places through programs such as the National Main Street Center.

Section 6 of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development to adopt regulations setting forth the requirements to apply for and receive approval as a designated local Main Street program or to apply for grants. **Section 6** also requires the Executive Director or his or her designee to coordinate the Program and approve or deny applications for designation under the Program or for grants to designated local Main Street programs. **Section 7** of this bill creates the Account for the Nevada Main Street Program in the State General Fund to accept donations, grants and other types of funding for the award of grants and operation of the Program. **Section 9** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$350,000 from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the Office of Economic Development for the operation of the Program and to provide grants to designated local Main Street programs.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *“Account” means the Account for the Nevada Main Street Program created by section 7 of this act.*



Sec. 4. *“Program” means the Nevada Main Street Program created by section 5 of this act.*

Sec. 5. *The Nevada Main Street Program is hereby created within the Office. The Program must:*

1. Be administered in accordance with the standards developed by the National Main Street Center, Inc., a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

2. Designate local Main Street programs in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act;

3. Coordinate those designated local Main Street programs;

4. Provide training and technical assistance to those designated local Main Street programs; and

5. Award grants from the Account to those designated local Main Street programs to further the community and economic revitalization and development of aging business districts and neighborhoods in this State.

Sec. 6. *1. The Executive Director shall adopt regulations setting forth:*

(a) The requirements to apply for and receive approval as a designated local Main Street program, including, without limitation, a requirement that each designated local Main Street program be administered by a county, city or nonprofit entity; and

(b) The requirements for applying for a grant from the Account.

2. The Executive Director or his or her designee shall coordinate the Program in accordance with the standards developed by the National Main Street Center, Inc., to further the requirements set forth in section 5 of this act and to approve or deny applications for designation as a local Main Street program or for grants from the Account which are submitted in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 7. *1. The Account for the Nevada Main Street Program is hereby created in the State General Fund.*

2. The Executive Director or his or her designee shall administer the Account and may apply for and accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest or other source of money for deposit in the Account.

3. The money in the Account must be used to:

(a) Provide technical assistance and training to local Main Street programs;

(b) Award grants to designated local Main Street programs approved pursuant to the regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act; and



(c) Pay any reasonable administrative expenses incurred by the Executive Director or his or her designee to carry out the Program.

4. Any money appropriated from the State General Fund for the Program must be deposited in the Account.

5. The interest and income earned on money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

6. Any claims against the Account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

7. Any money in the Account remaining at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$350,000 for allocation to the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor for the operation of the Nevada Main Street Program created by section 5 of this act, including, without limitation, administrative expenses, and the award of grants of money to designated local Main Street programs.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Sec. 10. The appropriation made by section 9 of this act is not intended to finance ongoing expenditures of state agencies, and the expenditures financed with that appropriation must not be included as base budget expenditures in the proposed budget for the Executive Department of the State Government for the 2019-2021 biennium.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

