

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5028**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegates Toney, Cooper, and Roop

[Introduced February 02, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,  
 2 designated §5B-2P-1, instituting the "Small Town Main Street Recovery Act," requiring the  
 3 Department of Economic Development to provide municipalities with fewer than 25,000  
 4 people with specific development and improvement grants, and providing an application  
 5 process.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2P. SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET RECOVERY ACT.**

**§5B-2P-1. Small Town Main Street Recovery Program.**

1 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall provide grants for facade  
 2 improvements, small business assistance, and broadband upgrades in municipalities under  
 3 25,000 population.  
 4 (b) Applications supported by municipal governments in coordination with county  
 5 commissions or regional development authorities shall receive priority consideration.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Small Town Main Street Recovery Act.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.