

Governor's Budget Recommendation Conforming Bill
Department of Economic Opportunity -
Terminate the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block
Grant Program Fund

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds of the Department of
3 Economic Opportunity; terminating the Florida Small
4 Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Fund;
5 amending s. 290.044, F.S.; providing an effective
6 date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. (1) The Florida Small Cities Community
11 Development Block Grant Trust Fund, FLAIR number 40-2-109,
12 within the Department of Economic Opportunity is terminated.

13 (2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues
14 of, the trust fund, shall be transferred to the Federal Grants
15 Trust Fund, FLAIR number 40-2-261.

16 (3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall pay any
17 outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as
18 soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall
19 close out and remove the terminated fund from the various
20 state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting
21 principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and
22 liabilities.

23 Section 2. Section 290.044, Florida Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 290.044 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant
26 Program Fund; administration; distribution. -

27 ~~(1) The Florida Small Cities Community Development Block~~
28 ~~Grant Program Fund is created. All revenue designated for~~

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29 ~~deposit in such fund shall be deposited fund by the~~
30 ~~appropriate agency.~~ The department shall administer this fund
31 program as a grant and loan guarantee program for carrying out
32 the purposes of ss. 290.0401-290.048.

33 (2) The department shall distribute ~~such~~ program funds as
34 loan guarantees and grants to eligible local governments on
35 the basis of a competitive selection process established by
36 rule.

37 (3) The department shall require applicants for grants to
38 compete against each other in categories that may include one
39 or more of the following:

40 (a) Housing rehabilitation.

41 (b) Economic development.

42 (c) Neighborhood revitalization.

43 (d) Commercial revitalization.

44 (e) Any other activity authorized by the Housing and
45 Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and applicable
46 federal regulations.

47 (4) The department shall define broad community
48 development objectives to be achieved by the activities in the
49 grant program categories ~~with the use of funds from the~~
50 ~~Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program~~
51 ~~Fund~~. Such objectives shall be designed to meet at least one
52 of the national objectives provided in the Housing and
53 Community Development Act of 1974.

54 (5) The department may set aside an amount of up to 15
55 percent of the program funds annually for use in any eligible
56 local government jurisdiction for which an emergency or

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57 natural disaster has been declared by executive order. Such
58 funds may only be provided to a local government to fund
59 eligible emergency-related activities for which no other
60 source of federal, state, or local disaster funds is
61 available. The department may provide for such set-aside by
62 rule. In the last quarter of the state fiscal year, any funds
63 not allocated under the emergency-related set-aside shall be
64 distributed to unfunded applications.

65 (6) The department shall establish a system of monitoring
66 grants, including site visits, to ensure the proper
67 expenditure of funds and compliance with the conditions of the
68 recipient's contract. The department shall establish criteria
69 for implementation of internal control, to include, but not be
70 limited to, the following measures:

71 (a) Ensuring that subrecipient audits performed by a
72 certified public accountant are received and responded to in a
73 timely manner.

74 (b) Establishing a uniform system of monitoring that
75 documents appropriate followup as needed.

76 (c) Providing specific justification for contract
77 amendments that takes into account any change in contracted
78 activities and the resultant cost adjustments which shall be
79 reflected in the amount of the grant.

80 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.