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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to preventive health
3 collaborative grants; establishing a program
4 for the award of preventive health and social
5 services collaborative grants; providing for
6 administration by the health and human services
7 boards of the Department of Children and Family
8 Services and the Department of Health;
9 providing objectives; providing criteria for
10 award of grants; providing grant application
11 procedures; providing timeframes for initial
12 grant proposals, notifications of approval, and
13 proposals for continuation funding; authorizing
14 use of a portion of new grant awards for
15 nonrecurring start-up costs; specifying
16 conditions for use of grants for facility
17 construction or renovation; requiring
18 evaluation reports from entities awarded
19 grants; providing for audits; providing for
20 rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24 Section 1. Preventive health collaborative grants.--In
25 order to encourage the further development of successful
26 programs which enhance the well-being and health status of
27 Floridians, the preventive health collaborative grant program
28 is created. Separate preventive health collaborative grant
29 programs shall be administered by the Department of Children
30 and Family Services, through the local health and human
31 service boards, and by the Department of Health. The first

1 objective of these grant programs is to allow for the
2 creation, enhancement, or replication of programs which will
3 demonstrate an ability to improve prevention and intervention
4 services, to strengthen the integrity and functionality of
5 families, and to improve the overall health status of
6 low-income Floridians. The second objective is to promote
7 interagency coordination, collaboration, and cooperation among
8 programs of the Department of Children and Family Services,
9 the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice,
10 county health departments, local law enforcement, school
11 authorities, hospitals, community health centers, churches,
12 not-for-profit organizations, and other local health and
13 social service agencies, to facilitate better health and
14 social service outcomes for Floridians.

15 (1) MINIMUM CRITERIA.--The departments shall consider
16 grant applications which, at a minimum, provide for the
17 following:

18 (a) Demonstrable participation at a community level
19 with not-for-profit service agencies, health care providers,
20 local governments, education programs, and providers and local
21 programs of the Department of Children and Family Services,
22 the Department of Health, and the Department of Juvenile
23 Justice. This participation shall be demonstrated through
24 written interagency agreements. Such agreements must specify
25 how community entities will cooperate, finance, collaborate,
26 and share information in furtherance of any of the following
27 goals:

28 1. Improved health status for minorities and
29 immigrants.

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1 2. Improved health care services, including, but not
2 limited to, reduction of chronic diseases, treatment services
3 for substance abuse, and mental health services.

4 3. Improved therapeutic services to children.

5 4. Improved prenatal and infant care.

6 5. Reduction of communicable diseases.

7 6. Improved school readiness.

8 7. Improved health and social service facilities
9 infrastructure.

10 (b) In addition, the departments may consider the
11 following criteria in awarding grants, including, but not
12 limited to:

13 1. The degree to which the proposal will achieve or
14 help agencies achieve outcomes as specified in agency
15 strategic plans or performance-based program budgeting,
16 especially those which strengthen the integrity,
17 functionality, and health of families.

18 2. The number of community partners who will be
19 actively involved in the funding and operation of the grant
20 program.

21 3. The number of children and youths from birth
22 through 18 years of age within the geographic area to be
23 served by the program. Those geographic areas with the highest
24 percentage of children and youths from this age range who are
25 at risk of abuse and neglect or have severe social or
26 physiological disabilities or mental disorders have priority
27 for selection.

28 4. The extent to which the program targets minorities
29 and neighborhoods which can demonstrate higher incident rates
30 of poverty and adverse social and health outcomes than the
31 statewide average.

1 5. The validity and cost-effectiveness of the program.
2 6. The degree to which the program is located in and
3 managed by local leaders of the target neighborhoods.
4 7. The criteria by which the grant program will be
5 evaluated; and, if deemed successful, the feasibility of
6 implementation in other communities.
7 8. The local match contribution.
8 (c) The departments shall further develop the specific
9 grant criteria and appropriate applications and make
10 available, to anyone wishing to apply for such a grant,
11 information on all of the criteria to be used in the selection
12 of the proposals for funding pursuant to the provisions of
13 this subsection. The departments shall review and evaluate all
14 program proposals submitted.
15 (2) GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES.--
16 (a) Each entity wishing to apply for an initial
17 preventive health collaborative grant shall submit a grant
18 proposal for funding to the Department of Children and Family
19 Services and the Department of Health by September 1, 1998. In
20 subsequent years, each entity wishing to apply for a
21 preventive health collaborative grant shall submit a grant
22 proposal, in the prescribed format, for funding or continued
23 funding by May 1 of each year.
24 (b) In order to be considered for funding, the grant
25 proposal shall include the following assurances and
26 information:
27 1. A rationale and description of the program and the
28 services to be provided, including goals and objectives.
29 2. A method for identification of the persons who will
30 be involved in or served by the program.
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1 3. Provisions for the meaningful participation of
2 parents or guardians in the program.

3 4. Coordination with other community-based and social
4 service efforts that serve the targeted population or
5 neighborhood.

6 5. An evaluation component to measure the
7 effectiveness of the program and the degree to which program
8 objectives are attained.

9 6. A detailed program budget, including the amount and
10 sources of local cash and in-kind resources committed to the
11 budget. The proposal must establish to the satisfaction of the
12 departments that the applicant will make a cash or in-kind
13 contribution to the program of a value that is at least equal
14 to 25 percent of the amount of the state grant for the first
15 year. Subsequent applications for renewal must demonstrate an
16 increasing level of community support and financial commitment
17 for program continuance.

18 7. The necessary program staff and qualifications and
19 a listing of current licenses or certifications held by the
20 applicant agencies or providers.

21 (3) AWARDING OF GRANTS; NOTIFICATION.--Entities
22 submitting proposals for the 1998-1999 fiscal year shall be
23 notified of approval not later than November 1, 1998. Entities
24 submitting proposals for subsequent fiscal years shall be
25 notified of approval not later than June 15 for any award for
26 the fiscal year beginning the following July 1. Proposals for
27 continuation funding shall be accepted during the 2 years
28 following notification of approval of initial funding. In no
29 instance shall state funding continue after a maximum of 3
30 consecutive years, unless good cause to continue funding can
31 be documented and the performance rating exceeds program

1 goals. A determination of good cause for partial continuation
2 funding may be granted if the program can demonstrate that a
3 good faith and realistic contingency plan has been made to
4 continue the project subsequent to a decrease in the grant
5 award or total elimination of the grant award. Applications
6 failing to provide evidence of such a contingency plan shall
7 not be considered.

8 (4) START-UP FUNDS.--For programs receiving new grant
9 awards, a portion of the first-year funding may be spent on
10 nonrecurring start-up costs, as long as there is no
11 annualization funding impact in subsequent years.

12 (5) FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.--Grants are
13 allowable for facility construction or renovation, provided
14 local match requirements are met and the state is granted a
15 security interest at least equal to the amount of state funds
16 provided, for at least 10 years after the date of purchase or
17 the completion of the improvements.

18 (6) EVALUATIONS; AUDITS.--Each entity awarded a grant
19 as provided for in this section shall submit, by March 1 of
20 each year, an evaluation report to the departments, which
21 documents the extent to which the program objectives have been
22 met, and the extent to which community partnerships are being
23 utilized to achieve program goals and objectives. Each entity
24 is also subject to an independent financial audit and a
25 performance audit by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
26 Governmental Accountability.

27 (7) RULEMAKING.--The departments may adopt rules to
28 implement the provisions of this section.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Establishes a program for award of grants to local entities for the collaborative provision of preventive health and social services to low-income families. Provides for administration of the program by the health and human services boards of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health. Provides criteria for award of grants, provides grant application procedures, and provides timeframes for initial proposals, notifications of approval, and proposals for continuation grants. Authorizes a portion of new grant awards for nonrecurring start-up costs. Specifies conditions for use of grants for facility construction or renovation. Requires evaluation reports from and audits of the entities awarded grants.