

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 1214

SPONSOR: Senator Hargrett

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation

DATE: March 21, 1999                      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Maclure</u>	<u>CM</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>Hadi</u>	<u>FP</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill makes a \$500,000 supplemental appropriation to the Executive Office of the Governor, from general revenue funds in the current fiscal year (1998-1999). The bill provides that the funds must be used to fully implement inner-city economic development grants pursuant to Specific Line Item 1738A and related proviso of the 1998-99 General Appropriations Act.

**II. Present Situation:**

As part of the Fiscal Year 1998-99 General Appropriations Act, the Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for an inner-city grant program to be used in urban high crime areas identified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Specific Line Item 1738A provided for \$1 million from the General Revenue Fund and \$500,000 from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. However, the \$500,000 from the trust fund did not specify which funds would be put into the trust fund.

According to a request for clarification of legislative intent dated November 30, 1998, Specific Appropriation 1738A was to transfer \$500,000 from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED). However, SHIP funds are held in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund under s. 420.9079 F.S., and the statutes contain no provision for redirecting funds to other programs or other divisions of state government. Section 420.9079(2), F.S., states that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation “shall administer the fund exclusively for the purpose of implementing the programs described in ss. 420.907-420.9078 and this section.”

Through an application process completed in October 1998, high crime areas in six Florida communities are to receive approximately \$245,000 each for job creation activities. All six non-profit corporations have signed grant agreements and have begun implementing their programs in

the following areas: Jacksonville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Ocala, and two communities in Miami-Dade County. All six non-profit corporations are still awaiting complete funding of their grant proposals.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill creates a supplemental appropriation in order to fulfill the intention of Specific Line Item 1738A of the 1998-99 General Appropriations Act - Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Instead of funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, the bill provides \$500,000 from the current General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 1998-99.

This bill directs OTTED to distribute and fully implement six inner-city economic development grant proposals that were selected through an application process that ended on October 30, 1998.

This bill takes effect upon becoming law.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

### **V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

#### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

Six communities will each receive approximately \$245,000 for job creation activities in high crime neighborhoods.

#### **C. Government Sector Impact:**

Six communities will each receive approximately \$245,000 for job creation activities in high crime neighborhoods.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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