

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to grant proposals for multiuse  
3           community facilities; authorizing the  
4           Department of Community Affairs to administer a  
5           grant program for funding the acquisition or  
6           renovation of multiuse community facilities;  
7           authorizing counties, municipalities, and  
8           certain nonprofit corporations to apply for  
9           such grants; requiring that the recipient  
10          provide certain matching funds; providing for a  
11          review panel to review grant applications;  
12          providing for membership of the review panel  
13          and terms of office; requiring the review panel  
14          to annually recommend grant recipients to the  
15          Secretary of Community Affairs; providing that  
16          the department may not allocate a project grant  
17          unless the project is approved by the  
18          Legislature; authorizing the Department of  
19          Community Affairs to adopt rules; providing an  
20          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. Multiuse facilities; grants for  
25 acquisition, renovation, or construction; funding; approval;  
26 allocation.--

27           (1) The Department of Community Affairs may accept and  
28 administer moneys appropriated to it for providing grants to  
29 counties, municipalities, and qualifying nonprofit  
30 corporations for the acquisition, renovation, or construction

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1 of multiuse facilities, including, but not limited to, senior  
2 centers, community centers, and city or town halls.

3 (2) A county, municipality, or qualified corporation  
4 may apply for a grant of state funds for the acquisition,  
5 renovation, or construction of a multiuse facility. As used in  
6 this section, the term "qualified corporation" means a  
7 corporation that is designated as a not-for-profit corporation  
8 pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code  
9 of 1954; is described in, and allowed to receive contributions  
10 pursuant to, s. 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; and  
11 is a corporation not for profit incorporated under chapter  
12 617, Florida Statutes. The state grant must be matched by a  
13 contribution from the county, municipality, or nonprofit  
14 corporation in the amount required by rule of the department  
15 or as otherwise specified by law.

16 (3)(a) A review panel shall review each application  
17 for a grant to acquire, renovate, or construct a multiuse  
18 facility which is submitted under subsection (2). The  
19 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
20 House of Representatives shall each appoint two members to  
21 serve on the review panel, and those six members shall jointly  
22 appoint a seventh member to the panel. Members of the panel  
23 shall be appointed to 3-year terms and may not be reappointed  
24 to the panel within 1 year after completing a 3-year term. In  
25 order to provide for staggered terms, the Governor, the  
26 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
27 Representatives shall each initially appoint one member to a  
28 1-year term. A vacancy on the panel shall be filled for the  
29 unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the  
30 original appointment. The review panel shall elect a

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1 chairperson from among its members to serve a 1-year term and  
2 the chairperson may be reelected.

3 (b) The review panel shall annually submit to the  
4 Secretary of Community Affairs for approval a list of all  
5 applications that the panel recommends be included by the  
6 Department of Community Affairs in its legislative budget  
7 request for an award of grants, arranged in order of priority.  
8 The department may allocate grants only for projects for which  
9 the Legislature has appropriated funds. Any project that is  
10 approved and recommended by the Secretary of Community Affairs  
11 but which is not funded by the Legislature shall be retained  
12 on the project list for the subsequent grant cycle.

13 Thereafter, the grant applicant must submit the information  
14 required by the department in compliance with the established  
15 deadline date of the latest grant cycle in order to adequately  
16 indicate the current status of the project.

17 (4) The Department of Community Affairs shall adopt by  
18 rule criteria to be applied by the review panel in  
19 recommending applications for the award of grants and shall  
20 adopt rules for administering this section.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
22 law.

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25 SENATE SUMMARY

26 Provides for the Department of Community Affairs to  
27 administer a grant program to fund the acquisition,  
28 renovation, and construction of multiuse community  
29 facilities. Provides for grants to be awarded to  
30 counties, municipalities, and nonprofit corporations.  
31 Establishes a panel to review grant proposals and make  
recommendations to the Secretary of Community Affairs for  
awarding grants. Provides rulemaking authority to the  
Department of Community Affairs.