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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to economic development;
3 creating an inner city redevelopment assistance
4 grants program; providing duties of the Office
5 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;
6 prescribing eligibility requirements for
7 grants; providing expected outcomes from
8 grants; creating the Inner City Redevelopment
9 Review Panel and providing its membership and
10 duties; providing an appropriation; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. There is created an Inner City
16 Redevelopment Assistance Grants Program to be administered by
17 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The
18 office shall develop criteria for awarding these grants which
19 give weighted consideration to urban high-crime areas as
20 identified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. These
21 criteria shall also be weighted to immediate creation of jobs
22 for residents in the targeted areas.

23 Section 2. Eligibility requirements for grant
24 proposals are as follows:

25 (1) An eligible grant recipient must serve within one
26 of the 13 urban high-crime job tax credit areas and be:

27 (a) A community-based organization;

28 (b) A community development corporation;

29 (c) A faith-based organization;

30 (d) A nonprofit community development organization;

31 (e) A nonprofit economic development organization; or

1 (f) Another nonprofit organization serving the
2 nominated area.

3 (2) Each applicant must submit a letter of support
4 from the local government serving the targeted urban area.

5 (3) Each applicant must submit a proposal response
6 outlining the work plan proposed using the grant funding, as
7 well as proposed performance measures and expected, measurable
8 outcomes.

9 (4) Eligible uses of grant funding must result in the
10 creation of job opportunities for residents of targeted areas.

11 (5) Applicants are urged to leverage grant funds with
12 other existing resources.

13 Section 3. In order to enhance public participation
14 and involvement in the redevelopment of inner city areas,
15 there is created within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
16 Economic Development the Inner City Redevelopment Review
17 Panel.

18 (1) The review panel shall consist of 12 members who
19 represent different areas of the state, are appointed by the
20 Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
21 Development, and are qualified, through the demonstration of
22 special interest, experience, or education, in the
23 redevelopment of the state's inner city areas, as follows:

24 (a) At least three members shall be affiliated with
25 the Florida Institute for Inner City Economic Development;

26 (b) At least three members shall be affiliated with
27 the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems;

28 (c) At least three members shall be affiliated with
29 Workforce Florida, Inc.;

30 (d) One member shall be the President of Enterprise
31 Florida, Inc. or the president's designee;

1 (e) One member shall be the Secretary of the
2 Department of Community Affairs or the secretary's designee;
3 and

4 (f) One member shall be affiliated with the Florida
5 League of Cities.

6 (2) The importance of minority and gender
7 representation must be considered when making appointments to
8 the panel, and the geographic representation of panel members
9 must also be considered.

10 (3) Members of the review panel shall be appointed for
11 4-year terms. A person may not serve more than two consecutive
12 terms on the panel.

13 (4) Members shall elect a chairperson annually. A
14 member may not be elected to consecutive terms as chairperson.

15 (5) All action taken by the review panel shall be by
16 majority vote of those present. The Director of the Office of
17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or the director's
18 designee shall serve without voting rights as secretary to the
19 panel. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
20 shall provide necessary staff assistance to the panel.

21 (6) It is the responsibility of the panel to evaluate
22 proposals for awards of inner city redevelopment grants
23 administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
24 Development. The panel shall review and evaluate all proposals
25 for grants and shall make recommendations, including a
26 priority ranking, reflecting such evaluation.

27 Section 4. The sum of \$5.7 million is appropriated to
28 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development from
29 the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2000-2001 to
30 administer the provisions of this bill.

31 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Inner City Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program, to be administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, to provide grants to eligible recipients in high-crime areas with the chief goal being that of job creation. Creates the Inner City Redevelopment Review Panel to evaluate proposals for awards of inner city redevelopment grants.