

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Hargrett

316-1949-00

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.

12
13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

14
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 seven members
19 who represent different areas of the state, who are appointed
20 by the Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
21 Development, and who are qualified, through the demonstration
22 of special interest, experience, or education, in the
23 redevelopment of the state's inner-city areas, as follows:

24 (a) One member must be affiliated with the Black
25 Business Investment Board;

26 (b) One member must be affiliated with the Institute
27 on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural and
28 Mechanical University;

29 (c) One member must be affiliated with the Office of
30 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;

31

1 (d) One member must be the president of Enterprise
2 Florida, Inc., or the president's designee;

3 (e) One member must be the Secretary of Community
4 Affairs or the secretary's designee;

5 (f) One member must be affiliated with Better
6 Jobs/Better Wages of Workforce Florida, Inc., if such body is
7 created. Otherwise, one member must be the president and chief
8 operating officer of the Florida Workforce Development Board;
9 and

10 (g) One member must be affiliated with the First
11 Job/First Wages Council of Workforce Florida, Inc., if such
12 body is created. Otherwise, one member must be the Secretary
13 of Labor and Employment Security or the secretary's designee.

14 (2) The importance of minority and gender
15 representation must be considered when making appointments to
16 the panel, and the geographic representation of panel members
17 must also be considered.

18 (3) Members of the review panel shall be appointed for
19 4-year terms. A person may not serve more than two consecutive
20 terms on the panel.

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

23 (5) All action taken by the review panel shall be by
24 majority vote of those present. The Director of the Office of
25 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or the director's
26 designee shall serve without voting rights as secretary to the
27 panel. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
28 shall provide necessary staff assistance to the panel.

29 (6) It is the responsibility of the panel to evaluate
30 proposals for awards of inner city redevelopment grants
31 administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic

1 Development. The panel shall review and evaluate all proposals
2 for grants and shall make recommendations, including a
3 priority ranking, reflecting such evaluation.

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

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

9

10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12 SB 2258

13 The CS differs from the bill as filed in that it changes the
14 membership of the newly created Inner City Redevelopment
15 Review Panel.

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31