

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 2148
 SPONSOR: Senator Miller
 SUBJECT: Transportation Grants
 DATE: March 1, 2002 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McAuliffe	Meyer	TR	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	CA	_____
3.	_____	_____	AGG	_____
4.	_____	_____	AP	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This bill amends s. 339.2817, F.S., to provide when a municipality approaches a county to apply for a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) grant, and the proposed project is determined by the county to meet the requirements of the program, the county will apply to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on behalf of the municipality. If the proposed project is approved for a grant, the county may retain project oversight authority and responsibility for the project on behalf of the municipality.

This bill substantially amends section 339.2817 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 339.2817, F.S., provides for the CIGP. To be eligible for the program, projects must be located on the State Highway System or must relieve congestion on the State Highway System. For projects in the Florida Intrastate Highway System, FDOT provides 60% of project costs. For projects in the State Highway System, FDOT provides 50% of project costs. For local projects, which are demonstrated to relieve traffic congestion on the State Highway System, FDOT provides 35% of project costs.

The section provides a city may apply to the county in which the city is located for consideration by the county for funding through the CIGP. If a city's proposed project is rejected by the county for funding, or if the county's proposed project adversely affects a city within the county, the city may request mediation to resolve any concerns.

About \$490 million was anticipated for CIGP over the next 10 years. In its first two years, it has received \$100 million a year in general revenue. According to FDOT, 117 CIGP projects in 57

counties and one city (Green Cove Springs) have been approved and added to the Work Program. Eighty-six of those approved projects were on local roads that relieve congestion on the State Highway System. There are no funds dedicated to CIGP in FDOT's 2002-2003 tentative work program.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 339.2817, F.S., is amended to provide when a municipality approaches a county to apply for a County Incentive Grant Program grant, and the proposed project is determined by the county to meet the requirements of the program, the county will apply to FDOT on behalf of the municipality. If the proposed project is approved for a grant, the county may retain project oversight authority and responsibility for the project on behalf of the municipality.

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:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

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