

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Small Cities Community  
3           Development Block Grants; amending s. 290.0411,  
4           F.S.; stating legislative intent regarding the  
5           Small Cities Community Development Block Grant  
6           Program; amending s. 290.044, F.S.; removing  
7           requirement that the Department of Community  
8           Affairs provide recommendations to the  
9           Legislature as to distribution of federal funds  
10          relating to Small Cities Community Development  
11          Block Grant Program Fund; authorizing the  
12          department to set aside federal funds for a  
13          local government for disaster relief; removing  
14          provisions limiting a set-aside to certain  
15          federal funds; providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Section 290.0411, Florida Statutes, is  
20 amended to read:

21           290.0411 Legislative intent and purpose of ss.  
22 290.0401-290.049.--It is The intent of the Legislature intends  
23 to provide the necessary means to develop, preserve,  
24 redevelop, and revitalize Florida communities exhibiting signs  
25 of decline or distress by enabling local governments to  
26 undertake the necessary community development programs. The  
27 overall objective is to create viable communities by  
28 eliminating slums and blight; fortifying communities in urgent  
29 need; and by providing decent housing and suitable living  
30 environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally  
31 for persons of low or moderate income. The purpose of ss.

1 290.0401-290.049 is to assist local governments in carrying  
2 out effective community development and project planning  
3 activities to arrest and reverse community decline and restore  
4 community vitality. Community development activities to  
5 maintain viable communities, revitalize existing communities,  
6 expand economic development and employment opportunities, and  
7 improve housing conditions and expand housing opportunities,  
8 providing direct benefit to persons of low or moderate income,  
9 are the primary purposes of ss. 290.0401-290.049. The  
10 Legislature, therefore, declares that the development,  
11 redevelopment, preservation, and revitalization of communities  
12 in this state and all the purposes of ss. 290.0401-290.049 are  
13 public purposes for which public money may be borrowed,  
14 expended, loaned, pledged to guarantee loans, and granted.

15 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 290.044, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 290.044 Florida Small Cities Community Development  
18 Block Grant Program Fund; administration; distribution.--

19 (4) ~~The percentage of funds distributed in each of the~~  
20 ~~grant program categories from federal funds for federal fiscal~~  
21 ~~year 1985 shall be established by the Legislature in the~~  
22 ~~appropriation process for the 1984 regular session and shall~~  
23 ~~be established annually thereafter in the same manner. The~~  
24 ~~department shall submit its recommendation on the distribution~~  
25 ~~percentages to the Governor and Legislature as part of its~~  
26 ~~regular budget proposals. The department may set aside shall~~  
27 ~~provide for the set aside of an amount of up to 5 ~~10~~ percent~~  
28 ~~of the federal funds for each fiscal year allocated to the~~  
29 ~~neighborhood revitalization category in its distribution~~  
30 ~~percentages~~ for use in any eligible local government  
31 jurisdiction for which an emergency or natural disaster has

1 | been declared by executive order. Such funds may ~~only~~ be  
2 | provided only to a local government to fund eligible  
3 | emergency-related activities for which no other source of  
4 | federal, state, or local disaster funds is available. The  
5 | department shall provide for such set-aside by rule. In the  
6 | last quarter of the state fiscal year, any funds not allocated  
7 | under the emergency-related set-aside must ~~shall~~ be used to  
8 | fully fund any applications that ~~which~~ were partially funded  
9 | due to inadequate funds in the most recently completed  
10 | neighborhood revitalization category funding cycle, and ~~then~~  
11 | any remaining funds must ~~shall~~ be distributed to the next  
12 | unfunded applications.

13 |           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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16 |                           SENATE SUMMARY

17 | States legislative intent regarding the Small Cities  
18 | Community Development Block Grant Program. Removes  
19 | requirement that the Department of Community Affairs  
20 | provide recommendations to the Legislature as to  
21 | distribution of federal funds relating to that program.  
22 | Authorizes the set-aside of federal funds for a local  
23 | government for disaster relief and deletes provisions  
24 | limiting the set-aside to certain federal funds.  
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