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1 The Growth Management Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the Florida Small Cities Community  
7 Development Block Grant Program; amending s. 290.0411,  
8 F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 290.044,  
9 F.S.; revising grant program categories; eliminating the  
10 requirement for distribution of certain categorical funds  
11 to be established by the Legislature; authorizing the  
12 Department of Community Affairs to allocate funds for  
13 emergency and natural disaster related activities;  
14 providing an effective date.

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

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

20 290.0411 Legislative intent and purpose of ss. 290.0401-  
21 290.049.--It is the intent of the Legislature to provide the  
22 necessary means to develop, preserve, redevelop, and revitalize  
23 Florida communities exhibiting signs of decline or distress by

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24 enabling local governments to undertake the necessary community  
 25 development programs. The overall objective is to create viable  
 26 communities by eliminating slum and blight, fortifying  
 27 communities in urgent need, providing decent housing and  
 28 suitable living environments and expanding economic  
 29 opportunities, principally for persons of low or moderate  
 30 income. The purpose of ss. 290.0401-290.049 is to assist local  
 31 governments in carrying out effective community development and  
 32 project planning and design activities to arrest and reverse  
 33 community decline and restore community vitality. Community  
 34 development and project planning activities to maintain viable  
 35 communities, revitalize existing communities, expand economic  
 36 development and employment opportunities, and improve housing  
 37 conditions and expand housing opportunities, providing direct  
 38 benefit to persons of low or moderate income, are the primary  
 39 purposes of ss. 290.0401-290.049. The Legislature, therefore,  
 40 declares that the development, redevelopment, preservation, and  
 41 revitalization of communities in this state and all the purposes  
 42 of ss. 290.0401-290.049 are public purposes for which public  
 43 money may be borrowed, expended, loaned, pledged to guarantee  
 44 loans, and granted.

45 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 290.044,  
 46 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

47 290.044 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block  
 48 Grant Program Fund; administration; distribution.--

49 (3) The department shall define the broad community  
 50 development objective to be achieved by the activities in each  
 51 of the following grant program categories, and require

52 applicants for grants to compete against each other in these  
53 grant program categories:

- 54 (a) Housing.
- 55 (b) Economic development.
- 56 (c) Neighborhood revitalization.
- 57 (d) Commercial revitalization.
- 58 (e) Project planning and design.

59 ~~(4) The percentage of funds distributed in each of the~~  
60 ~~grant program categories from federal funds for federal fiscal~~  
61 ~~year 1985 shall be established by the Legislature in the~~  
62 ~~appropriation process for the 1984 regular session and shall be~~  
63 ~~established annually thereafter in the same manner. The~~  
64 ~~department shall submit its recommendation on the distribution~~  
65 ~~percentages to the Governor and Legislature as part of its~~  
66 ~~regular budget proposals. The department may shall provide for~~  
67 ~~the set-aside of an amount of up to 5 ~~10~~ percent of the funds~~  
68 ~~annually allocated to the neighborhood revitalization category~~  
69 ~~in its distribution percentages for use in any eligible local~~  
70 ~~government jurisdiction for which an emergency or natural~~  
71 ~~disaster has been declared by executive order. Such funds may~~  
72 ~~only be provided to a local government to fund eligible~~  
73 ~~emergency-related activities for which no other source of~~  
74 ~~federal, state, or local disaster funds is available. The~~  
75 ~~department may ~~shall~~ provide for such set-aside by rule. In the~~  
76 ~~last quarter of the state fiscal year, any funds not allocated~~  
77 ~~under the emergency-related set-aside shall be used to fully~~  
78 ~~fund any applications which were partially funded due to~~  
79 ~~inadequate funds in the most recently completed neighborhood~~

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80 | revitalization category funding cycle, and then any remaining  
81 | funds shall be distributed to the next unfunded applications.

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