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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Bennett) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 484 and 485  
insert:

Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 420.622, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on Homelessness.—

(5) The State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may administer moneys appropriated to it to provide homeless housing assistance grants



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12 annually to lead agencies for local homeless assistance  
13 continuum of care, as recognized by the State Office on  
14 Homelessness, to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate  
15 transitional or permanent housing units for homeless persons.  
16 These moneys shall consist of any sums that the state may  
17 appropriate, as well as money received from donations, gifts,  
18 bequests, or otherwise from any public or private source, which  
19 ~~are money is~~ intended to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate  
20 transitional or permanent housing units for homeless persons.

21 (a) Grant applicants shall be ranked competitively.  
22 Preference must be given to applicants who leverage additional  
23 private funds and public funds, particularly federal funds  
24 designated for the acquisition, construction, or and  
25 rehabilitation of transitional or permanent housing for homeless  
26 persons; ~~r~~ who acquire, build, or rehabilitate the greatest  
27 number of units, and who acquire, build, or rehabilitate in  
28 catchment areas having the greatest need for housing for the  
29 homeless relative to the population of the catchment area.

30 (b) Funding for any particular project may not exceed  
31 \$750,000.

32 (c) Projects must reserve, for a minimum of 10 years, the  
33 number of units acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated through  
34 homeless housing assistance grant funding to serve persons who  
35 are homeless at the time they assume tenancy.

36 (d) No more than two grants may be awarded annually in any  
37 given local homeless assistance continuum of care catchment  
38 area.

39 (e) A project may not be funded which is not included in  
40 the local homeless assistance continuum of care plan, as



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41 recognized by the State Office on Homelessness, for the  
42 catchment area in which the project is located.

43 (f) The maximum percentage of funds that the State Office  
44 on Homelessness and each applicant may spend on administrative  
45 costs is 5 percent.

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47 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Between lines 46 and 47

50 insert:

51 amending s. 420.622, F.S.; authorizing the agencies that provide  
52 a local homeless assistance continuum of care to use homeless  
53 housing assistance grants, provided by the State Office of  
54 Homelessness within the Department of Children and Family  
55 Services, to acquire transitional or permanent housing units for  
56 homeless persons;