

By Senator Dockery

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to relocation grants; amending s.
3 420.9072, F.S.; authorizing counties and eligible
4 municipalities to use funds from the State Housing
5 Initiatives Partnership Program to provide relocation
6 grants for persons who are evicted from rental
7 properties that are in foreclosure; providing
8 eligibility requirements for receiving a grant;
9 providing that authorization for the relocation grants
10 expires July 1, 2010; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 420.9072, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 420.9072 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.—The
17 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program is created for the
18 purpose of providing funds to counties and eligible
19 municipalities as an incentive for the creation of local housing
20 partnerships, to expand production of and preserve affordable
21 housing, to further the housing element of the local government
22 comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing, and to
23 increase housing-related employment.

24 (7) A county or an eligible municipality must expend its
25 portion of the local housing distribution only to implement a
26 local housing assistance plan or as provided in this subsection.

27 (a) A county or an eligible municipality may not expend its
28 portion of the local housing distribution to provide rent
29 subsidies; however, this does not prohibit the use of funds for

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30 security and utility deposit assistance.

31 (b) A county or an eligible municipality may expend a
32 portion of the local housing distribution to provide a one-time
33 relocation grant to persons who meet the income requirements of
34 the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and who are
35 subject to eviction from rental property located in the county
36 or eligible municipality due to the foreclosure of the rental
37 property. In order to receive a grant under this paragraph, a
38 person must provide the county or eligible municipality with
39 proof of meeting the income requirements of a very-low-income
40 household, a low-income household, or a moderate-income
41 household; a notice of eviction; and proof that the rent has
42 been paid for at least 3 months before the date of eviction,
43 including the month that the notice of eviction was served.
44 Relocation assistance under this paragraph is limited to a one-
45 time grant of not more than \$5,000 and is not limited to persons
46 who are subject to eviction from projects funded under the State
47 Housing Initiatives Partnership Program. This paragraph expires
48 July 1, 2010.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.