

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 7061

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

SPONSOR(S): Appropriations Committee and
McKeel

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**COMPANION
BILLS:** SB 688

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 7061 passed the House on April 1, 2014, as SB 688. Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created. This provision also requires that trust funds be created or re-created by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating or re-creating that trust fund. The Federal Grants Trust Fund was created in the Executive Office of the Governor effective July 1, 2011 in Ch. 2011-65, Laws of Florida, and is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2015.

This legislation re-creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund in the Executive Office of the Governor without modification.

The bill was approved by the Governor in June 2, 2014, ch. 2014-48, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2014.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created. This provision also requires that trust funds be created or re-created by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating or re-creating that trust fund.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund was created within the Executive Office of the Governor effective July 1, 2011 by chapter 2011-65, Laws of Florida in s. 14.235, F.S. and is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2015. The trust fund is used to disburse Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for disasters. Funds can be used for preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities and projects. Funds credited to the trust fund consist of grants and funding from the Federal Government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds. The total projected receipts into this fund for the current year are \$137,720,852 and current year appropriations from the fund are \$134,655,216.

The bill re-creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor without modification, effective July 1, 2014 and repeals the scheduled termination of the trust fund.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:
None.
2. Expenditures:
None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:
None.
2. Expenditures:
None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.