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2 An act relating to the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund;  
3 amending s. 16.555, F.S.; authorizing a county that is  
4 awarded a grant from the trust fund to use such funds  
5 for the purchase and distribution of promotional  
6 items; making technical changes; providing an  
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 16.555, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 16.555 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; rulemaking.—

14 (5) (a) The department shall be the disbursing authority  
15 for the distribution of funding to units of local government  
16 which apply, ~~upon their application~~ to the department for  
17 funding assistance.

18 (b) Funds deposited in the trust fund pursuant to  
19 paragraph (4) (b) shall be disbursed as provided in this  
20 paragraph. A ~~Any~~ county may apply to the department under s.  
21 938.06 for a grant from the funds collected in the judicial  
22 circuit in which the county is located ~~under s. 938.06~~. A grant  
23 may be awarded only to counties that ~~which~~ are served by an  
24 official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers and  
25 may ~~only~~ be used only to support Crime Stoppers and its ~~their~~  
26 crime fighting programs. Only one such official member is ~~shall~~

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27 | ~~be~~ eligible for support within any county. ~~In order~~ To aid the  
28 | department in determining eligibility, the secretary of the  
29 | Florida Association of Crime Stoppers shall furnish the  
30 | department with a schedule of authorized crime stoppers programs  
31 | and shall update the schedule as necessary. The department shall  
32 | award grants to eligible counties from available funds and shall  
33 | distribute funds as equitably as possible, based on amounts  
34 | collected within each county, if ~~when~~ more than one county is  
35 | eligible within a judicial circuit.

36 |       (c) A county that is awarded a grant under this section  
37 | may use such funds to purchase and distribute promotional items  
38 | to increase public awareness of, and to educate the public  
39 | about, Crime Stoppers.

40 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.