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Senator Gibson moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 381.7354, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

381.7354 Eligibility.—

(1) Any person, entity, or organization within a county may
apply for a Closing the Gap grant and may serve as the lead
agency to administer and coordinate project activities within
the county and develop community partnerships necessary to



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12 implement the grant.

13 (2) Persons, entities, or organizations within adjoining
14 counties with populations of less than 100,000, based on the
15 annual estimates produced by the Population Program of the
16 University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research,
17 may jointly submit a multicounty Closing the Gap grant proposal.
18 However, the proposal must clearly identify a single lead agency
19 with respect to program accountability and administration.

20 ~~(3) In addition to the grants awarded under subsections (1)~~
21 ~~and (2), up to 20 percent of the funding for the Reducing Racial~~
22 ~~and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap grant program~~
23 ~~shall be dedicated to projects that address improving racial and~~
24 ~~ethnic health status within specific Front Porch Florida~~
25 ~~Communities.~~

26 (3)~~(4)~~ Nothing in ss. 381.7351-381.7356 shall prevent a
27 person, entity, or organization within a county or group of
28 counties from separately contracting for the provision of racial
29 and ethnic health promotion, health awareness, and disease
30 prevention services.

31 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.7355, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 381.7355 Project requirements; review criteria.—

34 (2) A proposal must include each of the following elements:

35 (a) The purpose and objectives of the proposal, including
36 identification of the particular racial or ethnic disparity the
37 project will address. The proposal must address one or more of
38 the following priority areas:

39 1. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and
40 infant mortality rates.



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- 41 2. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
42 and mortality rates relating to cancer.
- 43 3. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
44 and mortality rates relating to HIV/AIDS.
- 45 4. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
46 and mortality rates relating to cardiovascular disease.
- 47 5. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
48 and mortality rates relating to diabetes.
- 49 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in certain
50 racial and ethnic populations.
- 51 7. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in oral health
52 care.
- 53 8. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
54 and mortality rates relating to sickle cell disease.
- 55 9. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
56 and mortality rates relating to Lupus.
- 57 10. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
58 and mortality rates relating to Alzheimer's disease and
59 dementia.
- 60 11.10. Improving ~~Improve~~ neighborhood social determinants
61 of health, such as transportation, safety, and food access, as
62 outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
63 "Tools for Putting Social Determinants of Health into Action."
64 (b) Identification and relevance of the target population.
65 (c) Methods for obtaining baseline health status data and
66 assessment of community health needs.
67 (d) Mechanisms for mobilizing community resources and
68 gaining local commitment.
69 (e) Development and implementation of health promotion and



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70 disease prevention interventions.

71 (f) Mechanisms and strategies for evaluating the project's
72 objectives, procedures, and outcomes.

73 (g) A proposed work plan, including a timeline for
74 implementing the project.

75 (h) Likelihood that project activities will occur and
76 continue in the absence of funding.

77 Section 3. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section
78 381.7356, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)
79 and (6), respectively, new subsections (4) and (5) are added to
80 that section, and subsection (1) of that section is amended, to
81 read:

82 381.7356 Local matching funds; grant awards.—

83 (1) One or more Closing the Gap grants may be awarded in a
84 county, or in a group of adjoining counties from which a
85 multicounty application is submitted. ~~Front Porch Florida~~
86 ~~Communities grants may also be awarded in a county or group of~~
87 ~~adjoining counties that are also receiving a grant award.~~

88 (4) The department may not establish a minimum amount or a
89 maximum amount for grants and shall determine the amount of each
90 award based on the merits of the application. The department
91 shall ensure that grants are awarded to applicants in various
92 regions of this state.

93 (5) In addition to the requirements provided in s.
94 381.7353, and subject to the availability of state and federal
95 funds in the HIV/AIDS program, the department shall promote
96 synergistic initiatives between the Closing the Gap grant
97 program and the HIV/AIDS program to leverage the expertise of
98 the Closing the Gap grant program. These initiatives may include



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99 the establishment of a supplemental grant program whereby
100 persons, entities, or organizations eligible for a Closing the
101 Gap grant under s. 381.7354 may submit to the department a grant
102 proposal, pursuant to the application process established under
103 s. 381.7355, for funding to further the purposes listed in s.
104 381.7355(2) (a) and to promote innovative prevention, treatment,
105 and awareness initiatives for minority populations in
106 metropolitan areas which have a higher prevalence of HIV/AIDS
107 for the purposes of reducing the incidence of the HIV infection
108 in such communities and prioritizing the identification of
109 individuals, in a manner consistent with the clinical guidelines
110 of the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, who
111 are not yet aware of their HIV status.

112 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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

115 And the title is amended as follows:

116 Delete everything before the enacting clause
117 and insert:

118 A bill to be entitled
119 An act relating to Closing the Gap grant proposals;
120 amending s. 381.7354, F.S.; removing provisions
121 related to Front Porch Florida Communities; amending
122 s. 381.7355, F.S.; adding a priority area that may be
123 addressed in a Closing the Gap grant proposal;
124 amending s. 381.7356, F.S.; removing provisions
125 related to Front Porch Florida Communities;
126 prohibiting the Department of Health from establishing
127 a minimum amount or a maximum amount for Closing the



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128 Gap grants; requiring the department to base the
129 amount of each award on the merits of each application
130 and to award grants to applicants in various regions
131 of the state; authorizing the Closing the Gap program
132 and the HIV/AIDS program to promote synergistic
133 initiatives that reduce HIV incidence in minority
134 populations in certain metropolitan areas; providing
135 an effective date.