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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Closing the Gap grant proposals;
3 amending s. 381.7354, F.S.; removing provisions
4 related to Front Porch Florida Communities; amending
5 s. 381.7355, F.S.; adding a priority area that may be
6 addressed in a Closing the Gap grant proposal;
7 providing an 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. Section 381.7354, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 381.7354 Eligibility.—

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

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

26 (3) ~~In addition to the grants awarded under subsections (1)~~
27 ~~and (2), up to 20 percent of the funding for the Reducing Racial~~
28 ~~and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap grant program~~
29 ~~shall be dedicated to projects that address improving racial and~~

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30 ~~ethnic health status within specific Front Porch Florida~~
31 ~~Communities.~~

32 ~~(4)~~ Nothing in ss. 381.7351-381.7356 shall prevent a
33 person, entity, or organization within a county or group of
34 counties from separately contracting for the provision of racial
35 and ethnic health promotion, health awareness, and disease
36 prevention services.

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

39 381.7355 Project requirements; review criteria.-

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

41 (a) The purpose and objectives of the proposal, including
42 identification of the particular racial or ethnic disparity the
43 project will address. The proposal must address one or more of
44 the following priority areas:

45 1. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and
46 infant mortality rates.

47 2. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
48 and mortality rates relating to cancer.

49 3. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
50 and mortality rates relating to HIV/AIDS.

51 4. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
52 and mortality rates relating to cardiovascular disease.

53 5. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
54 and mortality rates relating to diabetes.

55 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in certain
56 racial and ethnic populations.

57 7. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in oral health
58 care.

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59 8. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
60 and mortality rates relating to sickle cell disease.

61 9. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
62 and mortality rates relating to Lupus.

63 10. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
64 and mortality rates relating to Alzheimer's disease and
65 dementia.

66 ~~11.10.~~ Improve neighborhood social determinants of health,
67 such as transportation, safety, and food access, as outlined by
68 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Tools for
69 Putting Social Determinants of Health into Action."

70 (b) Identification and relevance of the target population.

71 (c) Methods for obtaining baseline health status data and
72 assessment of community health needs.

73 (d) Mechanisms for mobilizing community resources and
74 gaining local commitment.

75 (e) Development and implementation of health promotion and
76 disease prevention interventions.

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

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

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

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.