



HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL AMENDMENT  
HB5001

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Representative(s): **Diamond**  
offered the following amendment:

**In Section: 98      On Page: 407      Specific Appropriation:**

**Explanation:**

Provides \$1,750,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to create the Florida Heroes Fund Grant Program and reduces funding by the same amount for the Deferred Building Maintenance Program. This appropriation is contingent upon the Department of Financial Services receiving and depositing into the General Revenue Fund at least half of the state's allocation of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Public Law 117-2).

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In Section 98    On Page 407

DELETE the following:

DEFERRED BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The nonrecurring sum of \$3,500,000,000 is appropriated to Administered Funds to address negative economic impacts to the state resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic by investing in deferred maintenance needs in state and school facilities. The funds shall be held in reserve. State agencies and the judicial branch are authorized to develop and submit to the Executive Office of the Governor a list of maintenance, repair, and renovation projects that will improve the health and safety of state and school facilities and that can be completed no later than December 31, 2024. Eligible projects include those which improve air quality to reduce the risk of viral and environmental health hazards; correct critical life safety issues; improve water and sewer infrastructure;

mitigate environmental deficiencies; ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; or ensure compliance with building codes. The Executive Office of the Governor shall review the submitted project lists and develop a statewide funding plan that covers the period October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024. The funding plan shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission no later than September 1, 2021, for approval. After the funding plan is approved by the Commission, 20 percent of the funds shall be released immediately. Budget amendments may be submitted for the additional release of funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

and insert in lieu thereof:

#### FLORIDA HEROES FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The nonrecurring sum of \$1,750,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Economic Opportunity to create and administer the Florida Heroes Fund Grant Program. Employers that are located and operating in the state and that employ individuals who are identified as essential critical infrastructure workers by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency may apply for funding through the program. Funds shall be used to provide grants to direct full-time and part-time essential critical infrastructure workers who are employed in Florida and earning less than \$30 per hour or the equivalent for salaried employees, excluding fringe benefits and overtime. Applicants may apply for up to \$1,000 per eligible full-time equivalent employee. Applicants may apply for grants for up to 500 eligible full-time equivalent employees per location. Grants shall not exceed \$600,000 per location. No applicant shall receive more than \$3,000,000 in funding under the program. Employers shall not use grants to supplant any current employee compensation or any scheduled increases to current compensation. The department shall establish evaluation criteria for applicants, including but not limited to risk of exposure to COVID-19 by industry and average hourly wage paid by employer. Preference shall be given to low-wage frontline employees.

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Line item amendments are accepted as part of the amendatory process. However, due to the necessity of using computerized systems this may entail a different placement within a budget entity or the renumbering of the specific appropriation items.