

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to community redevelopment plans;  
 3           amending s. 163.360, F.S.; authorizing a community  
 4           redevelopment agency to use a specified percentage of  
 5           tax increment financing funds for certain business  
 6           support services in carrying out approved community  
 7           redevelopment plans; 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. Subsection (9) of section 163.360, Florida**  
 12 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

13           163.360 Community redevelopment plans.—

14           (9) (a) Upon the approval by the governing body of a  
 15 community redevelopment plan or of any modification thereof,  
 16 such plan or modification is ~~shall be~~ deemed to be in full force  
 17 and effect for the respective community redevelopment area, and  
 18 the county or municipality may then cause the community  
 19 redevelopment agency to carry out such plan or modification in  
 20 accordance with its terms.

21           (b) In carrying out such plan or modification, a community  
 22 redevelopment agency may use up to 20 percent of tax increment  
 23 financing funds for business support services, including, but  
 24 not limited to:

25           1. Payment of rent for a period of 6 months or less for

26 small businesses.

27 2. Professional training and workshops.

28 3. Recruitment and retention.

29 4. Direct loans.

30 5. Program development to attract new businesses.

31 6. Emergency grants and assistance to small businesses

32 during an emergency as defined by s. 252.34(4).

33 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.