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1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Housing, Agriculture &		
2	Tourism Subcommittee		
3	Representative Stark offered the following:		
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5	Amendment (with title amendment)		
6	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:		
7	Section 1. Subparagraph 3. of paragraph (7)(b) of section		
8	420.9072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:		
9	3. Lot rental assistance to mobile homes as defined in s.		
10	723.003, not to exceed 6 months' rent.		
11	4. <del>3.</del> A rent subsidy program for very-low-income households		
12	with at least one adult who is a person with special needs as		
13	defined in s. 420.0004 or homeless as defined in s. 420.621. The		
14	period of rental assistance may not exceed 12 months for any		
15	eligible household.		
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Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (3) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (d) through (g) are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (h), respectively, new paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) is amended to read:

420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.(3)

(c) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan that addresses the needs of persons who are deprived of affordable housing due to the closure of a mobile home park or the conversion of affordable rental units to condominiums.

(d) <u>Each county and each eligible municipality shall</u> develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan that addresses the needs of persons who are deprived of affordable housing due to the closure of a mobile home park.

33 <u>(e) (d)</u> Each county and each eligible municipality shall 34 describe initiatives in the local housing assistance plan to 35 encourage or require innovative design, green building 36 principles, storm-resistant construction, or other elements that 37 reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or 38 insurance.

(f) (e) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing 617623 - h0701-strikeall.docx

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41 assistance plan which provides program funds for the42 preservation of assisted housing.

(g) (f) Each county and each eligible municipality is encouraged to develop a strategy within its local housing assistance plan which provides program funds for reducing homelessness.

(h) (g) Local governments may create regional partnerships across jurisdictional boundaries through the pooling of appropriated funds to address homeless housing needs identified in local housing assistance plans.

51 (i) Each county and each eligible municipality shall 52 include in its local housing assistance plan a strategy for 53 providing program funds to mobile home owners as defined in s. 54 723.003, which must include lot rental assistance.

(5) The following criteria apply to awards made to eligible sponsors or eligible persons for the purpose of providing eligible housing:

(a) At least 65 percent of the funds made available in
each county and eligible municipality from the local housing
distribution must be reserved for home ownership for eligible
persons. For purposes of this paragraph, lot rental assistance
for eligible mobile home owners as defined in s. 723.003 is an
approved home ownership activity.

(b) Up to 25 percent of the funds made available in each
 county and eligible municipality from the local housing

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distribution may be reserved for rental housing for eligiblepersons or for the purposes enumerated in s. 420.9072(7)(b).

(c) At least 75 percent of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution must be reserved for construction, rehabilitation, or emergency repair of affordable, eligible housing. <u>Funds may</u> <u>be provided to mobile home owners as defined in s. 723.003 for</u> <u>rehabilitation and emergency repairs under this paragraph.</u>

74 Each local government must use a minimum of 20 percent (d) 75 of its local housing distribution to serve persons with special 76 needs as defined in s. 420.0004. A local government must certify 77 that it will meet this requirement through existing approved 78 strategies in the local housing assistance plan or submit a new 79 local housing assistance plan strategy for this purpose to the 80 corporation for approval to ensure that the plan meets this requirement. The first priority of these special needs funds 81 82 must be to serve persons with developmental disabilities as 83 defined in s. 393.063, with an emphasis on home modifications, 84 including technological enhancements and devices, which will 85 allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and 86 maintain their homeownership.

87 (e) Not more than 20 percent of the funds made available
88 in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing
89 distribution may be used for manufactured housing.

90 <del>(f)</del> The sales price or value of new or existing eligible 617623 - h0701-strikeall.docx

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91 housing may not exceed 90 percent of the average area purchase 92 price in the statistical area in which the eligible housing is 93 located. Such average area purchase price may be that calculated 94 for any 12-month period beginning not earlier than the fourth 95 calendar year prior to the year in which the award occurs or as 96 otherwise established by the United States Department of the 97 Treasury.

98 <u>(f)1.(g)1.</u> All units constructed, rehabilitated, or 99 otherwise assisted with the funds provided from the local 100 housing assistance trust fund must be occupied by very-low-101 income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons 102 except as otherwise provided in this section.

2.a. At least 30 percent of the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards to very-low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve very-low-income persons, and at least an additional 30 percent of the funds deposited into the local housing assistance trust fund must be reserved for awards to low-income persons or eligible sponsors who will serve low-income persons.

b. This subparagraph does not apply to a county or an eligible municipality that includes or has included within the previous 5 years an area of critical state concern designated by the Legislature for which the Legislature has declared its intent to provide affordable housing. This sub-subparagraph expires on July 1, 2029, and applies retroactively.

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116 (g) (h) Loans shall be provided for periods not exceeding 117 30 years, except for deferred payment loans or loans that extend 118 beyond 30 years which continue to serve eligible persons.

(h) (i) Loans or grants for eligible rental housing 119 constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted from the local 120 housing assistance trust fund must be subject to recapture 121 122 requirements as provided by the county or eligible municipality 123 in its local housing assistance plan unless reserved for eligible persons for 15 years or the term of the assistance, 124 whichever period is longer. Eligible sponsors that offer rental 125 housing for sale before 15 years or that have remaining 126 127 mortgages funded under this program must give a first right of refusal to eligible nonprofit organizations for purchase at the 128 129 current market value for continued occupancy by eligible 130 persons.

131 <u>(i)(j)</u> Loans or grants for eligible owner-occupied housing 132 constructed, rehabilitated, or otherwise assisted from proceeds 133 provided from the local housing assistance trust fund shall be 134 subject to recapture requirements as provided by the county or 135 eligible municipality in its local housing assistance plan.

136 <u>(j) (k)</u> The total amount of monthly mortgage payments or 137 the amount of monthly rent charged by the eligible sponsor or 138 her or his designee must be made affordable.

139 <u>(k)(1)</u> The maximum sales price or value per unit and the 140 maximum award per unit for eligible housing benefiting from 617623 - h0701-strikeall.docx

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141 awards made pursuant to this section must be established in the 142 local housing assistance plan.

143 <u>(1) (m)</u> The benefit of assistance provided through the 144 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program must accrue to 145 eligible persons occupying eligible housing. This provision 146 shall not be construed to prohibit use of the local housing 147 distribution funds for a mixed income rental development.

148 (m) (n) Funds from the local housing distribution not used 149 to meet the criteria established in paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) or not used for the administration of a local housing 150 assistance plan must be used for housing production and finance 151 152 activities, including, but not limited to, financing 153 preconstruction activities or the purchase of existing units, 154 providing rental housing, and providing home ownership training 155 to prospective home buyers and owners of homes assisted through 156 the local housing assistance plan.

157 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and 158 (c), program income as defined in s. 420.9071(26) may also be 159 used to fund activities described in this paragraph.

2. When preconstruction due-diligence activities conducted as part of a preservation strategy show that preservation of the units is not feasible and will not result in the production of an eligible unit, such costs shall be deemed a program expense rather than an administrative expense if such program expenses do not exceed 3 percent of the annual local housing

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166 distribution.

167 If both an award under the local housing assistance 3. 168 plan and federal low-income housing tax credits are used to 169 assist a project and there is a conflict between the criteria 170 prescribed in this subsection and the requirements of s. 42 of 171 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the county or 172 eligible municipality may resolve the conflict by giving 173 precedence to the requirements of s. 42 of the Internal Revenue 174 Code of 1986, as amended, in lieu of following the criteria prescribed in this subsection with the exception of paragraphs 175 (a) and (f) (g) of this subsection. 176

4. Each county and each eligible municipality may award
funds as a grant for construction, rehabilitation, or repair as
part of disaster recovery or emergency repairs or to remedy
accessibility or health and safety deficiencies. Any other
grants must be approved as part of the local housing assistance
plan.

# 183 Section 3. Subsection (27) of section 420.9071, Florida 184 Statutes, is amended to read:

185 420.9071 Definitions.—As used in ss. 420.907-420.9079, the 186 term:

187 (27) "Recaptured funds" means funds that are recouped by a 188 county or eligible municipality in accordance with the recapture 189 provisions of its local housing assistance plan pursuant to <u>s.</u> 190  $420.9075(5)(i) = \frac{420.9075(5)(j)}{5}$  from eligible persons or

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191	eligible sponsors, which funds were not used for assistance to
192	an eligible household for an eligible activity, when there is a
193	default on the terms of a grant award or loan award.
194	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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197	TITLE AMENDMENT
198	Remove lines 3-9 and insert:
199	amending s. 420.9072, F.S.; providing an exception to
200	a prohibition on providing rent subsidies; amending s.
201	420.9075, F.S.; requiring each
202	Remove lines 18-21 and insert:
203	certain mobile homes; providing an effective date.
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