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A bill to be entitled An act relating to local housing assistance plans; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; revising the list of persons with special housing needs for purposes of a certain program to include persons who own mobile homes placed in mobile home parks; including lot rental assistance in the strategies for the provision of affordable housing for which a local housing assistance plan may allocate funds; requiring each county and eligible municipality to include in its local housing assistance plan the provision of funds to certain persons for a specified purpose; requiring that certain funds reserved for home ownership be used to provide lot rental assistance to certain eligible persons; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to use certain funds for the construction, rehabilitation, or emergency repair of certain mobile homes; prohibiting a county or an eligible municipality from distinguishing or discriminating between types of housing when awarding certain funds; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) Section 1.

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of subsection (5) of section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (h) is added to subsection (3) of that section, to read:

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420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.-(1)(a) Each county or eligible municipality participating in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program shall develop and implement a local housing assistance plan created to make affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons who have special housing needs, including, but not limited to, homeless people, the elderly, migrant farmworkers, and persons with disabilities, and persons who own mobile homes placed in mobile home parks as defined in s. 723.003. Counties or eligible municipalities may include strategies to assist persons and households having annual incomes of not more than 140 percent of area median income. The plans are intended to increase the availability of affordable residential units by combining local resources and cost-saving measures into a local housing partnership and using private and public funds to reduce the cost of housing.

- (b) Local housing assistance plans may allocate funds to:
- 1. Implement local housing assistance strategies for the provision of affordable housing, including lot rental assistance for persons who own mobile homes placed in mobile home parks as defined in s. 723.003.

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2. Supplement funds available to the corporation to provide enhanced funding of state housing programs within the county or the eligible municipality.

- 3. Provide the local matching share of federal affordable housing grants or programs.
- 4. Fund emergency repairs, including, but not limited to, repairs performed by existing service providers under weatherization assistance programs under ss. 409.509-409.5093.
- 5. Further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to s. 163.3184, specific to affordable housing.

(3)

- (h) Each county and each eligible municipality shall include in its local housing assistance plan the provision of funds for lot rental assistance to persons who own mobile homes placed in mobile home parks as defined in s. 723.003.
- (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 eligible persons who own mobile homes placed in mobile home parks as defined in s. 723.003, such funds must be used to provide lot rental assistance.

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(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, including, but not limited to, mobile homes placed in mobile home parks as defined in s. 723.003.

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- (e) A county or an eligible municipality may not distinguish or discriminate between types of housing when awarding funds from the local housing distribution under this section Not more than 20 percent of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution may be used for manufactured housing.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.