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 27 | providing that funding for the pilot program is  
 28 | awarded on a first-come, first-served basis;  
 29 | authorizing the corporation to suspend the acceptance  
 30 | of applications under certain circumstances; requiring  
 31 | specified notice; requiring the corporation to adopt  
 32 | rules; providing an effective date.  
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34 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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36 | **Section 1. Section 83.684, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
 37 | **read:**

38 | 83.684 Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive  
 39 | Pilot Program.—

40 | (1) This section may be cited as the "Homes for Veterans  
 41 | Property Management Incentive Pilot Program."

42 | (2) As used in this section, the term:

43 | (a) "Corporation" means the Florida Housing Finance  
 44 | Corporation.

45 | (b) "HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program"  
 46 | means a program that combines the United States Department of  
 47 | Housing and Urban Development's housing choice voucher rental  
 48 | assistance for homeless veterans with case management and  
 49 | clinical services provided by the United States Department of  
 50 | Veterans Affairs.

51 (c) "Pilot program" means the Homes for Veterans Property  
52 Management Incentive Pilot Program.

53 (d) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

54 (3) The Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive  
55 Pilot Program is established in Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough,  
56 and Santa Rosa Counties to provide eligible landlords with  
57 incentives to lease eligible dwelling units to veterans who are  
58 participating in the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing  
59 program. Implementation of this pilot program is subject to  
60 annual legislative appropriation. The corporation, in  
61 consultation with the local public housing authority and case  
62 managers assigned to veterans by the United States Department of  
63 Veterans' Affairs, shall establish and oversee the Vacancy  
64 Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund, the applications for such  
65 trust fund, the document requirements, and all processes of the  
66 pilot program. The corporation's responsibilities under this  
67 section are limited to program administration, including  
68 rulemaking, oversight, and establishing and executing contracts  
69 with one or more local public housing authorities, contracted  
70 program administrators, or other public or nonprofit entities  
71 that have experience administering the HUD-Veterans Affairs  
72 Supportive Housing program, supportive housing, or landlord  
73 mitigation programs to perform intake, documentation review, and  
74 claim verification functions to locally administer the funds in  
75 the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund and to

76 distribute funding to the contracted program administrator for  
77 payment of approved reimbursement requests. The corporation is  
78 not responsible for maintaining eligibility files, tenancy  
79 records, or other case-level documentation for the HUD-Veterans  
80 Affairs Supportive Housing program. Such functions must be  
81 maintained by the contracted program administrator.

82 (4) (a) A landlord who enters into a rental agreement with  
83 an eligible veteran may apply to a contracted program  
84 administrator to request funding from the Vacancy Relief and  
85 Risk Mitigation Trust Fund for the purpose of allowing a  
86 landlord to hold a dwelling unit for a period of time, and still  
87 be compensated for the time that the dwelling unit is vacant,  
88 until the veteran is able to move into the dwelling unit. Such  
89 trust fund provides proportional rent to eligible landlords for  
90 a period of up to 45 days after the date the dwelling unit  
91 becomes available or until the actual date that the veteran  
92 moves into the dwelling unit, whichever is sooner.

93 (b) To apply for funding under paragraph (a), a landlord  
94 must submit all required documentation to the contracted program  
95 administrator within 60 days after the veteran moves into the  
96 dwelling unit. The case manager assigned to the veteran must  
97 assist the contracted program administrator by facilitating  
98 trust fund requests from landlords and documentation compliance.  
99 The contracted program administrator must maintain all  
100 documentation required under this subsection and provide the

101 corporation with a certification of eligibility, tenancy dates,  
102 and verified costs within the timeframe established by the  
103 corporation by rule. At a minimum, a landlord must submit  
104 documentation to the contracted program administrator in the  
105 form and manner established by the corporation. Required  
106 supporting documentation necessary to confirm eligibility for  
107 reimbursement and oversight must be maintained by the entity  
108 responsible for case management or rental assistance  
109 administration in the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing  
110 program.

111 (c) The corporation may rely on certifications,  
112 determinations, and documentation provided by public housing  
113 authorities, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,  
114 providers of Supportive Services for Veteran Families,  
115 continuums of care, or other entities responsible for  
116 administering or supporting the functions of the HUD-Veterans  
117 Affairs Supportive Housing program. The corporation's reliance  
118 on such certifications, determinations, and documentation  
119 satisfies the corporation's oversight and evaluation  
120 responsibilities of the functions, activities, and outcomes for  
121 the pilot program.

122 (5) (a) If a veteran moves out of the dwelling unit during  
123 the first 12 months of a year-to-year rental agreement or after  
124 the expiration of a rental agreement for any duration, the  
125 landlord may apply to the contracted program administrator for

126 funding from the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund  
127 to cover property loss at the dwelling unit caused by the  
128 veteran which extends beyond the amount of the deposit money.  
129 The landlord may apply for up to \$2,000 beyond the deposit  
130 money.

131 (b) To apply for funding under paragraph (a), a landlord  
132 must submit all required documentation to the contracted program  
133 administrator within 60 days after the veteran moves out of the  
134 dwelling unit. The case manager assigned to the veteran must  
135 assist the contracted program administrator by facilitating  
136 trust fund requests from landlords and documentation compliance.  
137 The contracted program administrator must maintain all  
138 documentation required under this subsection and provide the  
139 corporation, within the timeframe established by rule, a  
140 certification of eligibility, tenancy dates, verified damage  
141 amounts, and verified costs. Required supporting documentation  
142 necessary to confirm eligibility for reimbursement and oversight  
143 must be maintained by the entity responsible for case management  
144 or rental assistance administration in the HUD-Veterans Affairs  
145 Supportive Housing program.

146 (c) After the veteran vacates the dwelling unit, the  
147 landlord must provide a copy of the move-out checklist with  
148 current photos of the dwelling unit and a copy of the written  
149 notice provided to the veteran by the landlord in accordance  
150 with s. 83.49(3)(a).

151 (d) A landlord may apply for funding under paragraph (a)  
152 only if the landlord previously applied for funding under  
153 paragraph (4) (a).

154 (6) Funding for the pilot program is limited, and the  
155 corporation shall award funds on a first-come, first-served  
156 basis. The corporation may suspend acceptance of applications  
157 when available appropriations are fully obligated. The  
158 corporation must notify contracted program administrators if  
159 intake of applications is suspended and when intake of  
160 applications is resumed.

161 (7) The corporation shall adopt rules to implement this  
162 section.

163 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.