

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting a package of bills filed or similar legislation related to addressing homelessness that would (i) protect certain information collected about homeless persons from public records disclosure; (ii) authorize the governing body of a County to levy a discretionary sales surtax to fund homeless services and facilities within the County, subject to referendum approval; and (iii) provide a dedicated funding source through the local government housing trust fund to provide operating and other support as well as training and technical assistance to lead agencies of homeless assistance continuums of care
Resolution No. R-261-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-261-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PACKAGE OF BILLS FILED OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION RELATED TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS THAT WOULD (I) PROTECT CERTAIN INFORMATION COLLECTED ABOUT HOMELESS PERSONS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE; (II) AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO LEVY A DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAX TO FUND HOMELESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM APPROVAL; AND (III) PROVIDE A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE OPERATING AND OTHER SUPPORT AS WELL AS TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEAD AGENCIES OF HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CONTINUUMS OF CARE

WHEREAS, three bills were filed recently by Senator Jack Latvala (R – Clearwater) that would provide potential funding for homeless housing and services, as well as protections for certain personal information collected about homeless persons (Senate Bill (SB) 516, SB 786 and SB 1090); and

WHEREAS, SB 516 would protect individual identifying information collected about homeless persons from public records disclosure; and

WHEREAS, SB 786 would allow the governing body of a County to levy a discretionary sales surtax that, if approved in a referendum by a majority of electors, could be used to fund homeless services and facilities within the County; and

WHEREAS, SB 1090 specifies criteria to determine award levels for Challenge Grants and would provide training, technical assistance, and a dedicated source of funding for operating and other support for lead agencies of homeless assistance continuums of care using Local Government Housing Trust Fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, SB 516, SB 786 and SB 1090 each have a House companion bill: HB 399 by Representative Bobby Powell (D – West Palm Beach), HB 723 by Representative Patrick Rooney (R – Palm Beach Gardens) and HB 979 by Representative Kathleen Peters (R – St. Petersburg), respectively; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2014, this Board in Resolution No. R-71-14 approved departmental state legislative requests for the 2014 session; and

WHEREAS, among the departmental state legislative requests was a request for funding Challenge Grants and a request for funding support for the State’s Local Homeless Coalitions submitted by the Homeless Trust; and

WHEREAS, SB 1090 provides a dedicated funding source for homeless assistance by distributing the first four percent (4%) of the amount distributed each year to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund (“the 4 % Distribution”); and

WHEREAS, of the 4% Distribution, SB 1090 provides that 95 percent will go to the Florida Department of Children and Families to provide operating and other support to designated lead agencies for homeless continuums of care and the remaining 5 percent will go to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to provide lead agencies with training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013, this Board in Resolution No. R-952-13 urged the Florida Legislature to use Florida’s Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund revenues solely for affordable housing programs, and not to sweep documentary stamp tax/affordable housing trust fund revenues to the state general revenue fund for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013, this Board included the Affordable Housing issue as one its Critical Priorities for the 2014 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust has requested that the Board support the package of bills related to addressing homelessness that is currently pending before the Legislature for the 2014 session,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Supports the package of bills related to addressing homelessness that are currently pending before the Legislature for the 2014 session, consisting of SB 516, SB 786, SB 1090, HB 399, HB 723 and HB 979, or similar legislation.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Jack Latvala, Representative Kathleen Peters, Representative Bobby Powell, Representative Patrick Rooney, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

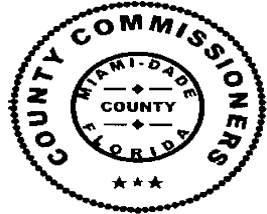
Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the bills set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 state legislative package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

absent	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	absent
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa

Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Estephanie Resnik

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; creating s.
3 420.6231, F.S.; creating a public records exemption
4 for individual identifying information of a person
5 contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data
6 in a Homeless Management Information System; defining
7 the term "individual identifying information";
8 providing for retroactive application of the
9 exemption; specifying that the exemption does not
10 preclude the release of aggregate information;
11 providing for future review and repeal under the Open
12 Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of
13 public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 420.6231, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 420.6231 Individual identifying information in specified
20 homelessness surveys and databases; public records exemption.-

21 (1) As used in this section, "individual identifying
22 information" means information that directly or indirectly
23 identifies a specific person, can be manipulated to identify a
24 specific person, or can be linked with other available
25 information to identify a specific person.

26 (2) Individual identifying information of a person
27 contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a
28 Homeless Management Information System collected pursuant to 42
29 U.S.C. chapter 119, subchapter IV, and related regulations

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30 provided in 24 C.F.R. part 91, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
31 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption
32 applies to such information held before, on, or after the
33 effective date of this section.

34 (3) This section does not preclude the release in the
35 aggregate of information from a Point-In-Time Count and Survey
36 or data in a Homeless Management Information System which does
37 not disclose individual identifying information of a person.

38 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
39 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
40 on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
41 through reenactment by the Legislature.

42 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
43 necessity that individual identifying information of a person
44 contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a
45 Homeless Management Information System collected pursuant to 42
46 U.S.C. chapter 119, subchapter IV, and related regulations
47 provided in 24 C.F.R. part 91, be made exempt from public
48 records requirements. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 11363, the
49 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is required to
50 instruct service providers not to disclose personally
51 identifying information about any client for purposes of the
52 Homeless Management Information System, which includes Point-In-
53 Time Count and Survey information. The public release of such
54 sensitive information could lead to discrimination against or
55 ridicule of such individuals and could make them reluctant to
56 seek assistance for themselves or their family members. The
57 public release of such information may put affected individuals
58 at greater risk of injury as a significant proportion of such

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59 individuals are survivors of domestic violence or suffer from
60 mental illness or substance abuse. Additionally, public access
61 to such information may put affected individuals at a heightened
62 risk for fraud and identity theft. The harm from disclosing such
63 information outweighs any public benefit that can be derived
64 from widespread and unfettered access to such information. This
65 exemption is narrowly drawn so that aggregate information that
66 does not disclose individual identifying information of a person
67 from the Point-In-Time Count and Survey and data in a Homeless
68 Management Information System collected pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
69 chapter 119, subchapter IV, and related regulations provided in
70 24 C.F.R. part 91, may be disclosed.

71 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to discretionary sales surtaxes;
3 amending s. 212.055, F.S.; revising the uses of the
4 proceeds of the local government infrastructure surtax
5 to include the maintenance of transportation
6 infrastructure; authorizing a county to levy a
7 homeless services and facilities surtax; defining
8 "homeless services" and "homeless facilities";
9 requiring an ordinance, referendum, and voter
10 approval; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (h) of subsection (2) of
15 section 212.055, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection
16 (9) is added to that section, to read:

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18 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
19 authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent
20 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales
21 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a
22 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the
23 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties
24 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the
25 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the
26 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if
27 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;
28 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.

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29 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as
provided in s. 212.054.

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(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.-

(d) The proceeds of the surtax authorized by this subsection and any accrued interest shall be expended by the school district, within the county and municipalities within the county, or, in the case of a negotiated joint county agreement, within another county, to finance, plan, and construct infrastructure; to acquire land for public recreation, conservation, or protection of natural resources; to provide loans, grants, or rebates to residential or commercial property owners who make energy efficiency improvements to their residential or commercial property, if a local government ordinance authorizing such use is approved by referendum; or to finance the closure of county-owned or municipally owned solid waste landfills that have been closed or are required to be closed by order of the Department of Environmental Protection. Any use of the proceeds or interest for purposes of landfill closure before July 1, 1993, is ratified. The proceeds and any interest may not be used for the operational expenses of infrastructure, except that a county may use the proceeds or interest for the maintenance of transportation infrastructure if the local government ordinance authorizing such use is approved by referendum as provided in this subsection, and a county that has a population of fewer than 75,000 and that is required to close a landfill may use the proceeds or interest for long-term maintenance costs associated with landfill closure. Counties, as defined in s. 125.011, and charter counties may, in addition, use the proceeds or interest to retire or service indebtedness incurred for bonds issued before July 1, 1987, for infrastructure purposes, and for bonds subsequently issued to

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59 refund such bonds. Any use of the proceeds or interest for
60 purposes of retiring or servicing indebtedness incurred for
61 refunding bonds before July 1, 1999, is ratified.

62 1. As used in ~~For the purposes of~~ this paragraph, the term
63 "infrastructure" means:

64 a. A Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay
65 associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement
66 of public facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more
67 years and ~~any~~ related land acquisition, land improvement,
68 design, and engineering costs.

69 b. A fire department vehicle, an emergency medical services
70 ~~service~~ vehicle, a sheriff's office vehicle, a police department
71 vehicle, or ~~any~~ other vehicle, and the equipment necessary to
72 outfit the vehicle for its official use or equipment that has a
73 life expectancy of at least 5 years.

74 c. An Any expenditure for the construction, lease, or
75 maintenance of, or provision of utilities or security for,
76 facilities, as defined in s. 29.008.

77 d. A Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay
78 associated with the improvement of private facilities that have
79 a life expectancy of 5 or more years and that the owner agrees
80 to make available for use on a temporary basis as needed by a
81 local government as a public emergency shelter or a staging area
82 for emergency response equipment during an emergency officially
83 declared by the state or by the local government under s.
84 252.38. Such improvements are limited to those necessary to
85 comply with current standards for public emergency evacuation
86 shelters. The owner must enter into a written contract with the
87 local government providing the improvement funding to make the

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88 private facility available to the public for purposes of
89 emergency shelter at no cost to the local government for a
90 minimum of 10 years after completion of the improvement, which
91 includes a ~~with the~~ provision that the obligation will transfer
92 to a ~~any~~ subsequent owner until the end of the minimum period.

93 e. A ~~Any~~ land acquisition expenditure for a residential
94 housing project in which at least 30 percent of the units are
95 affordable to individuals or families whose total annual
96 household income does not exceed 120 percent of the area median
97 income adjusted for household size, if the land is owned by a
98 local government or by a special district that enters into a
99 written agreement with the local government to provide such
100 housing. The local government or special district may enter into
101 a ground lease with a public or private person or entity for
102 nominal or other consideration for the construction of the
103 residential housing project on land acquired pursuant to this
104 sub-subparagraph.

105 2. As used in ~~For the purposes of~~ this paragraph, the term
106 "energy efficiency improvement" means an ~~any~~ ~~energy conservation~~
107 ~~and efficiency~~ improvement that reduces energy consumption
108 through conservation or a more efficient use of electricity,
109 natural gas, propane, or other forms of energy on the property,
110 including, but not limited to, air sealing; installation of
111 insulation; installation of energy-efficient heating, cooling,
112 or ventilation systems; installation of solar panels; building
113 modifications to increase the use of daylight or shade;
114 replacement of windows; installation of energy controls or
115 energy recovery systems; installation of electric vehicle
116 charging equipment; installation of systems for natural gas fuel

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117 as defined in s. 206.9951; and installation of efficient
 118 lighting equipment.

119 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
 120 a local government infrastructure surtax imposed or extended
 121 after July 1, 1998, may allocate up to 15 percent of the surtax
 122 proceeds for deposit into a trust fund within the county's
 123 accounts created for the purpose of funding economic development
 124 projects having a general public purpose of improving local
 125 economies, including the funding of operational costs and
 126 incentives related to economic development. The ballot statement
 127 must indicate the intention to make an allocation under the
 128 authority of this subparagraph.

129 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
 130 county may ~~shall~~ not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized
 131 under ~~in~~ this subsection and subsections (3), (4), and (5), and
 132 (9) in excess of a combined rate of 1 percent.

133 (9) HOMELESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES SURTAX.—The governing
 134 authority of a county may, by ordinance, levy a discretionary
 135 sales surtax of up to 0.5 percent for homeless services and
 136 facilities within the county as provided in this subsection.

137 (a) As used in this subsection, the term:

138 1. "Homeless facilities" includes, but is not limited to,
 139 the purchase and construction or renovation of sites to serve as
 140 central points of access, homeless housing, emergency housing,
 141 and supportive housing.

142 2. "Homeless services" includes, but is not limited to,
 143 outreach, intake, assessment, case management, homeless
 144 prevention, emergency and supportive housing, temporary medical
 145 respite, housing vouchers, transportation assistance, job

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146 readiness, job coaching, job development and placement, and
147 homeless data management.

148 (b) The ordinance adopted by the governing authority
149 providing for the imposition of the surtax must also include a
150 plan for providing services to qualified homeless residents.

151 (c) Upon the adoption of the ordinance, the levy of the
152 surtax shall be placed on the ballot of a regularly scheduled
153 election by the governing authority enacting the ordinance. A
154 statement that includes a brief description of the purposes to
155 be funded by the surtax and conforms to the requirements of s.
156 101.161 must be included in the ballot. The ordinance shall take
157 effect if approved by a majority of the electors of the county
158 voting in a referendum held for such purpose.

159 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to homelessness; amending s. 420.606,
3 F.S.; revising legislative findings; requiring the
4 Department of Economic Opportunity to provide training
5 and technical assistance to certain designated lead
6 agencies of homeless assistance continuums of care;
7 requiring that the provision of such training and
8 assistance be delegated to certain nonprofit entities;
9 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
10 amending s. 420.622, F.S.; requiring the department to
11 establish award levels for "Challenge Grants";
12 specifying criteria to determine award levels;
13 requiring the department, after consultation with the
14 Council on Homelessness, to specify a grant award
15 level in the notice of solicitation of grant
16 applications; revising qualifications for the grant;
17 specifying authorized uses of grant funds; requiring a
18 lead agency that receives a grant to submit a report
19 to the department; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.;
20 requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to
21 distribute to the department and the Department of
22 Children and Families certain funds from the Local
23 Government Housing Trust Fund for the purpose of
24 providing support, training, and technical assistance
25 to designated lead agencies of continuums of care;
26 providing an effective date.

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30 Section 1. Subsections (1) through (3) of section 420.606,
31 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 420.606 Training and technical assistance program.—

33 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.—In addition to the legislative
34 findings set forth in s. 420.6015, the Legislature finds and
35 declares that:

36 (a) Housing in economically declining or distressed areas
37 is frequently substandard and is often unaffordable or
38 unavailable to homeless persons, very-low-income persons, and
39 low-income persons;

40 (b) Community-based organizations often have limited
41 experience in development of quality housing for homeless
42 persons, very-low-income persons, and low-income persons in
43 economically declining or distressed areas; and

44 (c) The staffs and board members of community-based
45 organizations need additional training in housing development as
46 well as technical support to assist them in gaining the
47 experience they need to better serve their communities; and.

48 (d) The staffs of state agencies and local governments,
49 whether directly involved in the production of affordable or
50 available housing or acting in a supportive role, can better
51 serve the goals of state and local governments if their
52 expertise in housing development is expanded.

53 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide
54 community-based organizations, and staff of state and local
55 governments, and designated lead agencies of homeless assistance
56 continuum of care with the necessary training and technical
57 assistance to meet the needs of homeless persons, very-low-
58 income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons

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59 for standard, affordable housing.

60 (3) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
61 Department of Economic Opportunity shall be responsible for
62 securing the necessary expertise to provide training and
63 technical assistance to:

64 (a) Staff of local governments, to staff of state agencies,
65 as appropriate, and to community-based organizations, and to
66 persons forming such organizations, which are formed for the
67 purpose of developing new housing and rehabilitating existing
68 housing that ~~which~~ is affordable for very-low-income persons,
69 low-income persons, and moderate-income persons.

70 1.~~(a)~~ The training component of the program shall be
71 designed to build the housing development capacity of community-
72 based organizations and local governments as a permanent
73 resource for the benefit of communities in this state.

74 a.1. The scope of training must ~~shall~~ include, but need not
75 be limited to, real estate development skills related to
76 affordable housing, including the construction process and
77 property management and disposition, the development of public-
78 private partnerships to reduce housing costs, model housing
79 projects, and management and board responsibilities of
80 community-based organizations.

81 b.2. Training activities may include, but are not limited
82 to, materials for self-instruction, workshops, seminars,
83 internships, coursework, and special programs developed in
84 conjunction with state universities and community colleges.

85 2.~~(b)~~ The technical assistance component of the program
86 shall be designed to assist applicants for state-administered
87 programs in developing applications and in expediting project

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88 implementation. Technical assistance activities for the staffs
89 of community-based organizations and local governments who are
90 directly involved in the production of affordable housing may
91 include, but are not limited to, workshops for program
92 applicants, onsite visits, guidance in achieving project
93 completion, and a newsletter to community-based organizations
94 and local governments.

95 (b) Designated lead agencies of homeless assistance
96 continuums of care which receive operating or other support
97 under s. 420.9073(7) from the Department of Children and
98 Families to provide or secure housing, programs, and other
99 services for homeless persons. Such training and technical
100 assistance must be provided by a nonprofit entity that meets the
101 requirements for providing training and technical assistance
102 under s. 420.531.

103 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 420.622, Florida
104 Statutes, is amended to read:

105 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
106 Homelessness.—

107 ~~(4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of this~~
108 ~~act,~~ The State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence of
109 the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
110 appropriated to it to provide annual "Challenge Grants" annually
111 to lead agencies of ~~for~~ homeless assistance continuums of care
112 designated by the State Office on Homelessness pursuant to s.
113 420.624. The department shall establish varying levels of grant
114 awards ~~A lead agency may be a local homeless coalition,~~
115 ~~municipal or county government, or other public agency or~~
116 ~~private, not for-profit corporation. Such grants may be up to~~

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117 \$500,000 per lead agency. Award levels shall be based upon the
118 total population within the continuum of care catchment area and
119 reflect the differing degrees of homelessness in the catchment
120 planning areas. The department, in consultation with the Council
121 on Homelessness, shall specify a grant award level in the notice
122 of the solicitation of grant applications.

123 (a) To qualify for the grant, a lead agency must develop
124 and implement a local homeless assistance continuum of care plan
125 for its designated catchment area. The continuum of care plan
126 must implement a coordinated assessment or central intake system
127 to screen, assess, and refer persons seeking assistance to the
128 appropriate service provider. The lead agency shall also
129 document the commitment of local government and private
130 organizations to provide matching funds in an amount equal to
131 the grant requested.

132 (b) Preference must be given to those lead agencies that
133 have demonstrated the ability of their continuum of care to
134 provide quality services to homeless persons and the ability to
135 leverage federal homeless-assistance funding under the Stewart
136 B. McKinney Act and private funding for the provision of
137 services to homeless persons.

138 (c) Preference must be given to lead agencies in catchment
139 areas with the greatest need for the provision of housing and
140 services to the homeless, relative to the population of the
141 catchment area.

142 (d) The grant may be used to fund any of the housing,
143 program, or service needs included in the local homeless
144 assistance continuum of care plan. The lead agency may allocate
145 the grant to programs, services, or housing providers that

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146 implement the local homeless assistance continuum of care plan.
 147 The lead agency may provide subgrants to a local agency to
 148 implement programs or services or provide housing identified for
 149 funding in the lead agency's application to the department. A
 150 lead agency may spend a maximum of 8 percent of its funding on
 151 administrative costs.

152 (e) The lead agency shall submit a final report to the
 153 department documenting the outcomes achieved by the grant in
 154 enabling persons who are homeless to return to permanent housing
 155 thereby ending such persons' episodes of homelessness.

156 Section 3. Present subsection (7) of section 420.9073,
 157 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), and a new
 158 subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

159 420.9073 Local housing distributions.—

160 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), the corporation
 161 shall first distribute 4 percent of the total amount to be
 162 distributed each fiscal year from the Local Government Housing
 163 Trust Fund to the Department of Children and Families and the
 164 Department of Economic Opportunity as follows:

165 (a) The Department of Children and Families shall receive
 166 95 percent of such amount to provide operating and other support
 167 to the designated lead agency in each continuum of care for the
 168 benefit of the designated catchment area as described in s.
 169 420.624.

170 (b) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall receive 5
 171 percent of such amount to provide training and technical
 172 assistance to lead agencies receiving operating and other
 173 support under paragraph (a) in accordance with s. 420.606(3).
 174 Training and technical assistance funded by this distribution

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175 shall be provided by a nonprofit entity that meets the
176 requirements for providing training and technical assistance
177 under s. 420.531.

178 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.