

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 2462

INTRODUCER: Senator Fasano

SUBJECT: Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs

DATE: February 25, 2010 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Noble	Noble	TA	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 2462 creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs. The Federal Grants Trust Fund is established as a depository for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources. Funds shall be expended only pursuant to legislative appropriation or an approved amendment to the department's operating budget pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2010.

The trust fund is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2014.

II. Present Situation:

Article III, Section 19(f) of the Florida Constitution requires the termination of all state trust funds within 4 years of their initial creation, unless exempt by the Constitution or operation of law. The Legislature has placed agency funds on a staggered review cycle to facilitate the review process associated with trust fund termination, modification, or recreation. Included in the review of the department's existing trust funds is the creation of additional trust funds pursuant to s. 215.32, F.S. The section requires agencies, to the extent possible, to use the following trust funds for their day-to-day operations:

- Operating Trust Fund
- Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund
- Administrative Trust Fund
- Grants and Donations Trust Fund

Agency Working Capital Trust Fund
Clearing Funds Trust Fund
Federal Grant Trust Fund

The Department of Community Affairs receives a variety of grants and funding from the federal government. These funds are deposited and expended out of numerous trust funds.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Community Affairs effective July 1, 2010. The fund is established as a depository for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources. Funds shall be expended only pursuant to legislative appropriation or an approved amendment to the department's operating budget pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes. The trust fund is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2014.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

Article III, section 19(f)(1), of the Florida Constitution, provides no trust fund of the state or other public body may be created without three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for that purpose only.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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