

Housing for ALL Floridians 2010

SUPPORT 2010 HOMELESSNESS BILL

Bill Sponsors: Representative Betty Reed and Senator Victor Crist

1) Create a Local Homelessness Prevention Grant

Makes state dollars available through the state designated lead agency of the homeless continuum planning to enhance and support local programs to help keep families in their homes and apartments.

Builds upon the successful models of the Challenge and Homeless Housing Assistance grants to channel state aid to the local continuums of care.

Focuses prevention resources at the local level – where most federal and state homeless funding is allocated – which increases efficient and effective coordination of services.

No new funding needed. Grant would replace state's emergency financial assistance for housing program and would utilize the EFHAP funding to the new local grant.

Provides all communities an equal opportunity to access prevention funding for their residents in need.

Supported by DCF's Office on Homelessness, Council on Homelessness, the Governor's office and local coalitions.

2) Create a Voluntary Contribution to Relieve Homelessness Option on DMV Forms

Adds an option on the application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration, and on application form for a driver's license, duplicate and renewal of license for people to make a \$1 voluntary contribution for homeless services.

Creates an easy way for Floridians to help their homeless neighbors.

Establishes a new revenue source to help fund services for homeless and near homeless citizens at levels needed to meet the demand for assistance.

Contributions would be deposited into Grants and Donations Trust Fund of DCFS & used by State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants, provide information to public, and provide literature to homeless persons seeking assistance.

Combined voluntary contributions option generates \$1.5 million annually – with individual causes generating between \$18,000 and \$500,000.

For more information contact: The Florida Coalition for the Homeless at 877.205.0021 or your Local Homeless Coalition.

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