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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the community grant program to address
2 juvenile crime and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. COMMUNITY GRANT FUND. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the community grant fund
3 established in section 232.190, for the fiscal year beginning
4 July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, the following amount,
5 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
6 designated:

7 To be used for expansion of existing grants and for new
8 grants in accordance with the provisions of section 232.190,
9 as amended by this Act:

10 \$ 3,500,000

11 Sec. 2. Section 232.190, subsections 1, 3, and 4, Code
12 1997, are amended to read as follows:

13 1. A community grant fund is established in the state
14 treasury under the control of the division of criminal and
15 juvenile justice planning of the department of human rights
16 for the purposes of awarding grants under this section. The
17 criminal and juvenile justice planning advisory council and
18 the juvenile justice advisory council shall assist the
19 division in administering grants awarded under this section.
20 The department of human services shall advise the division on
21 programs which meet the criteria established for grant
22 recipients. Not more than five percent of the moneys
23 appropriated to the fund shall be used for administrative
24 purposes. The purpose of the community grant fund is to
25 empower communities to solve problems associated with juvenile
26 crime.

27 3. Programs awarded moneys from the community grant fund
28 shall involve a collaborative effort by all children and
29 family support service providers to provide services and shall
30 reflect a community-wide consensus in how to remediate
31 community problems and may include programs dealing with
32 truancy which involve school district and community
33 partnerships, and programs involving judicial district
34 community-based corrections programs. Services provided under
35 the programs shall be comprehensive and utilize flexible

1 delivery systems. The department of human services shall
2 establish a point system for determining eligibility for
3 grants from the fund based upon the nature and breadth of the
4 community juvenile crime prevention programs and the extent to
5 which a community has sought to obtain additional public and
6 private funding sources for all or parts of the community's
7 program. An incentive shall be provided to encourage a high
8 degree of collaboration between the entities participating in
9 a grant program. Grants shall be awarded in a manner so that
10 a grant is awarded in each judicial district. The minimum
11 grant amount shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

12 4. This section is repealed effective June 30, 1998 2000.
13 The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning and the
14 department of human services shall submit a report to the
15 general assembly by January 15, 1998, and annually thereafter,
16 regarding the effectiveness of the programs funded under this
17 section in meeting the objectives contained in subsection 3.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill relates to the community grant program for
20 juvenile crime.

21 The bill makes an appropriation to the community grant fund
22 which is under the control of the division of criminal and
23 juvenile justice planning of the department of human rights.
24 The appropriation is to be used for expansion of existing
25 grants and for new grants.

26 The bill amends Code section 232.190 to state that the
27 purpose of the grant program is to empower communities to
28 solve the problems associated with juvenile crime. Grant
29 award provisions are amended to require that an incentive be
30 provided for collaboration, to require at least one grant to
31 be awarded in each judicial district, and to set a minimum
32 grant amount of \$25,000. The bill extends the repeal of the
33 grant program from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 2000. An annual
34 report is required.

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