

## Amendment: D16

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Representative **WHITE** proposes the following amendment:

New:

93.grc. (DOA: Competitive Grants Review Committee) There is created the Competitive Grants Review Committee within the Department of Administration for the purpose of awarding community grants that will benefit the citizens of South Carolina to political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations in the following areas: (1) health; (2) environmental; (3) travel; (4) tourism; (5) economic development; and (6) parks and recreation.

The committee shall consist of five members with one member appointed by each of the following officials: the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The officials shall make initial appointments to the committee and the committee members may organize prior to August 1, 2017. Members shall serve two-year terms coterminous with the appointing official. The committee must adopt rules of procedure and elect a chairman from the membership of the committee.

The committee must meet at least twice annually to review applications for grants submitted by political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations. All applications must conform to and all grants must be awarded pursuant to criteria established by the committee. Grants must be awarded in amounts determined by the committee from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Staff for the committee must be provided by the Department of Administration.

The committee shall establish guidelines, in consultation with staff of the Senate Finance Committee and staff of the House Ways and Means Committee, which shall include but not be limited to:

(1) A signature of sponsorship on each application by the Governor or a member of the General Assembly who represents the county where the grant will be administered;

(2) Political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations must report annually on the expenditure of the funds received until the funds are expended; and

(3) Final financial reports must be received by the committee within ninety days of the completion of the project along with a description of the results achieved in the interest of the community.

Funds for competitive grants shall come from the Litigation Recovery Account as provided for in this act.