

Chapter Adm 17

WISCONSIN LOCAL HOUSING ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

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Note: Chapter ADM 17 was created as an emergency rule effective 12-12-89.

Adm 17.01 Purpose and authority. This chapter is promulgated under the authority of ss. 16.004 (1) and 227.11, Stats., to implement s. 16.36, Stats.

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Adm 17.02 Definitions. The following terms are used throughout this chapter and s. 16.36, Stats, and are defined as follows:

- (1) "Department" means the department of administration.
- (2) "Homeless" means an individual or family in need of housing assistance as defined by federal law 42 U.S.C. 3535 (d).
Note: The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.
- (3) "Household" means an individual, persons, or a family currently occupying or planning to occupy a residence.
- (4) "Low income" means gross annual household income at or below 50% of county median income adjusted for household size.
- (5) "Moderate income" means gross annual household income of greater than 50% but not more than 80% of county median income adjusted for household size.

Note: County median income tables are published annually by the U.S. department of housing and urban development for metropolitan statistical areas and nonmetropolitan counties.

(6) "Organized primarily to provide housing opportunities" means that the organization has as one of its official major goals the improvement of living conditions for low or moderate income households.

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Adm 17.03 Grant awards. (1) Grant awards shall be provided to assist organizations in improving their capacity to develop housing opportunities for low or moderate income households, with an emphasis on assisting low-income households.

- (2) Grant awards may not be used to pay for any of the following:
 - (a) Capital improvements to housing units.
 - (b) Costs incurred in the preparation of grant applications for these programs.
 - (c) Costs incurred prior to the start date of the contract period.
- (3) An amount not to exceed \$200,000 of the \$800,000 appropriation shall be allocated solely for the purpose of providing housing opportuni-

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ties for the homeless. The balance may be allocated to all eligible organizations, including those serving the homeless.

(4) The maximum grant award under the homeless portion of this program shall be \$10,000. The maximum award for the remaining portion of grant funds under this program shall be \$25,000.

(5) After a grant award is made, a contract agreement shall be executed between the state and the grantee.

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Adm 17.04 Evaluation criteria. Applications shall be reviewed and rated by the department based on criteria found in s. 16.36 (2) Stats. The department shall also use the following criteria to prioritize the applications for funding:

(1) The percentage of project benefit directed toward low-income households.

(2) The extent to which existing or potential residents are involved in the planning, development, or management of the housing activity.

(3) The extent that innovative and cost-effective strategies, financing, or other activities are to be utilized.

(4) The increased capacity of the organization to undertake additional or more sophisticated housing activity as a result of receiving this grant.

(5) The extent to which grants can be awarded throughout Wisconsin, taking into account population density and the quality of applications submitted.

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