

HB 1074 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Housing

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1 On page 2, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 43.185.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 9 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust
5 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the
6 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall
7 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media
8 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least
9 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the
10 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The
11 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
12 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the
13 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund
14 may not exceed (~~four~~) five percent of annual revenues available for
15 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under
16 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic
17 distribution on a statewide basis.

18 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for
19 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing
20 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit
21 public development authorities and public housing authorities as
22 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately
23 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal
24 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such
25 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this
26 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects
27 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and
28 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under
29 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities
30 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

1 (3) The department shall give preference for applications based on
2 some or all of the criteria under this subsection, and similar projects
3 and activities shall be evaluated under the same criteria:

4 (a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

5 (b) The degree of commitment from programs to provide necessary
6 habilitation and support services for projects focusing on special
7 needs populations;

8 (c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including
9 allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft and
10 trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

11 (d) Local government project contributions in the form of
12 infrastructure improvements, and others;

13 (e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and other
14 project-related responsibility opportunities;

15 (f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of serving the
16 original target group or income level for a period of at least twenty-
17 five years;

18 (g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability and
19 resources to implement the project;

20 (h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;

21 (i) Projects that provide housing for persons and families with the
22 lowest incomes;

23 (j) Projects serving special needs populations which are under
24 statutory mandate to develop community housing;

25 (k) Project location and access to employment centers in the region
26 or area;

27 (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities for
28 disadvantaged youth under a youthbuild or youthbuild-type program as
29 defined in RCW 50.72.020; and

30 (m) Project location and access to available public transportation
31 services.

32 (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for
33 mentally ill persons that are consistent with a regional support
34 network six-year capital and operating plan."

35 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct the title.

EFFECT: Increases administrative cap for the department of

community, trade, and economic development from four percent to five percent of annual revenues available for distribution to housing trust fund projects.

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