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1            AN ACT Relating to housing assistance grants and loans; and  
2 amending RCW 43.185.070.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

1           (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for  
2 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing  
3 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit  
4 public development authorities and public housing authorities as  
5 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately  
6 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal  
7 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such  
8 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this  
9 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects  
10 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and  
11 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under  
12 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities  
13 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities for  
4 disadvantaged youth under a youthbuild or youthbuild-type program as  
5 defined in RCW 50.72.020; (~~and~~)

6 (m) Project location and access to available public transportation  
7 services; and

8 (n) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities in  
9 Washington state certified apprenticeship programs.

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

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