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1 AN ACT Relating to the housing trust fund; and amending RCW
2 43.185.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185.050 and 2006 c 371 s 236 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall use moneys from the housing trust fund and
7 other legislative appropriations to finance in whole or in part any
8 loans or grant projects that will provide housing for persons and
9 families with special housing needs and with incomes at or below fifty
10 percent of the median family income for the county or standard
11 metropolitan statistical area where the project is located. At least
12 thirty percent of these moneys used in any given funding cycle shall be
13 for the benefit of projects located in rural areas of the state as
14 defined by the department. If the department determines that it has
15 not received an adequate number of suitable applications for rural
16 projects during any given funding cycle, the department may allocate
17 unused moneys for projects in nonrural areas of the state.

18 (2) Activities eligible for assistance from the housing trust fund
19 and other legislative appropriations include, but are not limited to:

- 1 (a) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of low and
2 very low-income housing units, including mobile homes and manufactured
3 housing;
- 4 (b) Rent subsidies;
- 5 (c) Matching funds for social services directly related to
6 providing housing for special-need tenants in assisted projects;
- 7 (d) Technical assistance, design and finance services and
8 consultation, and administrative costs for eligible nonprofit community
9 or neighborhood-based organizations;
- 10 (e) Administrative costs for housing assistance groups or
11 organizations when such grant or loan will substantially increase the
12 recipient's access to housing funds other than those available under
13 this chapter;
- 14 (f) Shelters and related services for the homeless, including
15 emergency shelters and overnight youth shelters;
- 16 (g) Mortgage subsidies, including temporary rental and mortgage
17 payment subsidies to prevent homelessness;
- 18 (h) Mortgage insurance guarantee or payments for eligible projects;
- 19 (i) Down payment or closing cost assistance for eligible first-time
20 home buyers;
- 21 (j) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of preservation as
22 low-income or very low-income housing;
- 23 (k) Projects making housing more accessible to families with
24 members who have disabilities; and
- 25 (l) During the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, a manufactured/mobile
26 home landlord-tenant ombudsman conflict resolution and park
27 registration program.
- 28 (3) During the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, revenues generated under
29 RCW 36.22.178 may be used for the development of affordable housing
30 projects and other activities funded in section 108, chapter 371, Laws
31 of 2006.
- 32 (4) Legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds may be
33 used only for the costs of projects authorized under subsection (2)(a),
34 (i), and (j) of this section, and not for the administrative costs of
35 the department.
- 36 (5) Moneys from repayment of loans from appropriations from capital
37 bond proceeds may be used for all activities necessary for the proper

1 functioning of the housing assistance program except for activities
2 authorized under subsection (2)(b) and (c) of this section.

3 (6) Administrative costs of the department shall not exceed five
4 percent of the annual funds available for the housing assistance
5 program.

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