
HOUSE BILL 2922

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing housing assistance for certain
2 veterans through the housing trust fund; amending RCW 43.185.050; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

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

7 (1) The department shall use moneys from the housing trust fund and
8 other legislative appropriations to finance in whole or in part any
9 loans or grant projects that will provide housing for persons and
10 families with special housing needs and with incomes at or below fifty
11 percent of the median family income for the county or standard
12 metropolitan statistical area where the project is located, and for
13 veterans of the armed forces of the United States with at least fifty
14 percent service-connected disability as provided in 42 U.S.C. Sec.
15 423(d)(1)(A) as amended prior to January 1, 2010. At least thirty
16 percent of these moneys used in any given funding cycle shall be for
17 the benefit of projects located in rural areas of the state as defined
18 by the department. If the department determines that it has not

1 received an adequate number of suitable applications for rural projects
2 during any given funding cycle, the department may allocate unused
3 moneys for projects in nonrural areas of the state.

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

6 (a) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of low and
7 very low-income housing units;

8 (b) Rent subsidies;

9 (c) Matching funds for social services directly related to
10 providing housing for special-need tenants in assisted projects;

11 (d) Technical assistance, design and finance services and
12 consultation, and administrative costs for eligible nonprofit community
13 or neighborhood-based organizations;

14 (e) Administrative costs for housing assistance groups or
15 organizations when such grant or loan will substantially increase the
16 recipient's access to housing funds other than those available under
17 this chapter;

18 (f) Shelters and related services for the homeless, including
19 emergency shelters and overnight youth shelters;

20 (g) Mortgage subsidies, including temporary rental and mortgage
21 payment subsidies to prevent homelessness;

22 (h) Mortgage insurance guarantee or payments for eligible projects;

23 (i) Down payment or closing cost assistance for eligible first-time
24 home buyers;

25 (j) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of preservation as
26 low-income or very low-income housing;

27 (k) Projects making housing more accessible to families with
28 members who have disabilities; and

29 (l) During the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, a manufactured/mobile
30 home landlord-tenant ombudsman conflict resolution and park
31 registration program.

32 (3) During the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, revenues generated under
33 RCW 36.22.178 may be used for the development of affordable housing
34 projects and other activities funded in section 108, chapter 371, Laws
35 of 2006.

36 (4) Legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds may be
37 used only for the costs of projects authorized under subsection (2)(a),

1 (i), and (j) of this section, and not for the administrative costs of
2 the department.

3 (5) Moneys from repayment of loans from appropriations from capital
4 bond proceeds may be used for all activities necessary for the proper
5 functioning of the housing assistance program except for activities
6 authorized under subsection (2)(b) and (c) of this section.

7 (6) Administrative costs of the department shall not exceed five
8 percent of the annual funds available for the housing assistance
9 program.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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