
AN ACT to create 234.66 of the statutes; relating to: providing housing vouchers to individuals and families on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to develop and administer a program that provides housing vouchers to individuals and families that are on a waiting list for a voucher under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The bill requires that vouchers provided under the program must have the same terms and conditions that apply to federal housing choice vouchers. A person who receives a federal housing choice voucher is prohibited from receiving a voucher under the program. The bill specifies that the vouchers must be distributed among the waiting lists maintained by WHEDA, public housing agencies that contract with WHEDA, and local housing authorities in proportion to the number of applicants on each waiting list maintained by those entities.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 234.66 of the statutes is created to read:

234.66 State housing voucher program. (1) VOUCHERS. (a) The authority shall develop policies and procedures for and administer a state housing voucher
program to provide housing vouchers to individuals and families that are on a
waiting list that the authority or a public housing agency that contracts with the
authority maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher
Program.

   (am) The authority shall make grants directly to housing authorities under s.
59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or 66.1213 for the purpose of funding vouchers under this
section, subject to the policies and procedures developed under par. (a) and the
requirements of this section.

   (b) Vouchers provided under this section shall be distributed in proportion to
the number of vouchers distributed by the authority, public housing agencies that
contract with the authority to provide vouchers under the federal Housing Choice
Voucher Program, and housing authorities under s. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or
66.1213 that provide vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

   (c) The authority shall issue its negotiable bonds in such principal amount and
length of maturity as to provide sufficient funds, not to exceed $2,750,000, to fund
the voucher program under par. (a).

   (2) CONDITIONS. (a) The housing vouchers provided under this section shall be
provided to recipients under the same terms and conditions as vouchers under the
federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

   (b) A person who receives a federal Housing Choice Voucher may not receive
a voucher under this section.