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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

I, P. Nicholas Hurtgen, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Administration and custodian of the official records, certify that the annexed rules, relating to the Wisconsin Housing Organization Grant Program, were duly approved and adopted by this department on April 7, 1992.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that it is a true copy of the original, and of the whole of the original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
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ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Wisconsin Department of Administration proposes an order to repeal Adm 17.02(2) and Adm 17.03(3) and (4); to renumber Adm 17.02(3), (4), (5) and (6) and Adm 17.03(5); to amend Adm 17.03(1) and (2)(b), Adm 17.04 (intro.) and Adm 17.04(2) and (5); and to create Adm 17.04(6), relating to the Wisconsin Local Housing Organization Grant Program.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Administration:

Statutory authority: 16.004(1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: 16.36, Stats.

The Wisconsin Local Housing Organization Grant Program was created in 1989, through the passage of Wisconsin Act 31. The program was reinstituted with the passage of 1991 Wisconsin Act 39, which was enacted on August 8, 1991, and published on August 14, 1991. The purpose of this order is to amend Chapter Adm 17, to comply with revised program statutes.

In order to implement the program to comply with current statutes, there is a need to clarify certain terms, expound on certain concepts and clarify the parameters of grant awards. The proposed amendments to Chapter Adm 17 will allow eligible local housing providers to prepare for housing grant opportunities which will become available in the first quarter of 1992 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOME Program. The rule amendments also clarify that the needs identified in the State Housing Strategy Plan, as set forth in s. 16.31, Stats., will be considered when rating applications.

More specifically, the proposed amendments to the Local Housing Organization Grants Program will accomplish the following:

1. Delete the obsolete and unnecessary definition of "homeless."
2. Clarify rules to reflect that grants can be used to improve housing opportunities as well as create housing opportunities.
3. Delete language relating to homeless set-aside. With new state transitional housing funds and an emphasis on counseling, a separate homeless competition is unnecessary and dilutes effectiveness of the grant program by dividing it into more sections. All portions of the program are potentially available to support homeless activities.

4. Clarify that needs identified in the State Housing Strategy Plan will be considered when rating grant applications.
5. Expand resident participation to include evaluation of housing activities.
6. Clarify that the program encourages partnerships with other organizations and programs by making that a review criteria.

Text of Rule:

SECTION 1. Adm 17.02(2), the footnote and Adm 17.03(3) and (4) are repealed.

SECTION 2. Adm 17.02(3), (4), (5) and (6) are renumbered (2), (3), (4) and (5).

SECTION 3. Adm 17.03(5) is renumbered (3).

SECTION 4. Adm 17.03(1) and (2)(b) are amended to read:

Adm 17.03(1) Grant awards. (1) Grant awards shall be provided to assist organizations in improving their capacity to develop or improve housing opportunities for low or moderate income households, with an emphasis on assisting low-income households.

Adm 17.03(2)(b) Costs incurred in the preparation of grant applications ~~for these programs~~ under this chapter.

SECTION 5. Adm 17.04 (intro.), Adm 17.04(2) and (5) are amended to read:

Adm 17.04 Evaluation criteria. Applications shall be reviewed and rated by the department based on criteria found in s. 16.36(2), Stats., or in the state housing strategy plan, as required by s. 16.31, Stats. The department shall also use the following criteria to prioritize the applications for funding:

Adm 17.04(2) The extent to which existing or potential residents are involved in the planning, development, evaluation or management of the housing activity.

Adm 17.04(5) The extent to which a geographic balance ~~grants~~ can be achieved ~~throughout Wisconsin~~, taking into account ~~population density and~~ the quality of applications submitted.

SECTION 6. Adm 17.04(6) is created to read:

Adm 17.04(6) The extent to which the proposal involves partnerships and establishes formal and informal linkages with other programs.

This rule shall take effect as provided in s. 227.22(2), (intro.), Stats.

Dated: April 7, 1992 Agency:

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