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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 Community Develop Block Grants for Housing Program, were duly approved and adopted by this department on April 7, 1992, 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 hereunto set my hand at 101 South Webster Street in the City of Madison, this 7th day of April, 1992.

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ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Administration proposes an order to create Chapter Adm 19, relating to Small Cities Community Development Block Grants for Housing.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Administration:

Statutory authority: 16.004(1), Stats.

Statutes Interpreted: 16.358, Stats.

Adoption of these rules will allow the state to make federal community development block grant funds available for housing improvement activities sponsored by local governments.

Wisconsin's housing problems need immediate attention. This is especially true for persons living in substandard housing units or paying more than 30% of their income for housing costs. It is estimated that more than 250,000 households are facing one or both of these conditions, which have an immediate and negative impact on their health and safety. The establishment of these rules will allow the community development block grants for housing program to be put to use immediately on behalf of those persons.

Text of Rule:

SECTION 1: CHAPTER Adm 19 is created to read:

CHAPTER Adm 19

**SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANTS FOR HOUSING**

Adm 19.01 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.

This chapter is promulgated under the authority of ss. 16.004(1) and 227.11, Stats., to implement s. 16.358, Stats.

Adm 19.02 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) "Department" means the department of administration.
- (2) "Eligible applicant" means any unit of general local government in Wisconsin which is a non-entitlement area as defined by 24 CFR part 570.3.
- (3) "LMI household" means a household with an annual income that is at or below 80% of county median income or 80% of state median income, whichever is greater.
- (4) "Program" means the small cities community development block grants for housing program.
- (5) "Program area" means the area of a community which has a greater proportion of LMI households than the community as a whole and that will receive at least 75% of program activity funds. An eligible applicant may choose to designate the entire community as a program area.

Note: Income tables are published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Adm 19.03 CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

The department shall administer the program, including recaptured funds, in accordance with 24 CFR part 570, the federal regulations governing the program.

Adm 19.04 COMMUNITY AND PROGRAM AREA DISTRESS.

The department shall consider the condition of housing and the income levels of households in a community when making grant awards. The department may also consider other factors, including information obtained from the 1990 census, in determining the level of community distress. The eligible applicant shall present evidence in its grant application that describes the condition of housing and the income levels of households in the program area.

Adm 19.05 EVALUATION CRITERIA.

Applicants shall be compared and rated by the department based upon consistency with s. 16.31, Wis. Stats. and 24 CFR part 570 and the following criteria:

(1) Community and program area distress as outlined in s. Adm 19.04.

(2) The percentage of program benefit directed toward households with the lowest income.

(3) The extent to which program funds are directed to areas that are most in need and to communities that can most effectively use the funds.

(4) The extent to which housing needs in the community and in the program area have been adequately documented.

(5) The extent to which the proposed activities are completely and accurately described in the application.

(6) The extent to which the proposed activities relate to and address the identified housing needs.

(7) The extent to which the eligible applicant proposes to promote compliance with applicable state and federal fair housing laws and regulations.

(8) The extent to which other resources will be used in conjunction with program funds.

(9) The extent to which the application is complete and in the format required by the department.

Adm 19.06 APPLICATION PROCESS.

To receive funds under this program, an eligible applicant shall submit an application to the department.

(1) The application shall contain information required by 24 CFR part 570 and s. Adm 19.04.

(2) The department shall make funds available annually as those funds are made available by the federal department of housing and urban development.

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

Dated: April 7, 1992

Agency:



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