

**1977 Senate Bill 134**

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**CHAPTER 2, Laws of 1977**  
**(Vetoed in Part)**

AN ACT to create 20.545 (2) (f) and (3) (d), 22.13 (3) (c), 22.16 (4) (b) 6 and 59.07 (98) of the statutes, relating to energy, drought and natural disaster assistance and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. At the appropriate place in the schedule in section 20.005 of the statutes, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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		1975-76	1976-77
<b>20.545</b>	<b>Local affairs and development, department of</b>		
(2 )	HOUSING ASSISTANCE		
(f )	Energy emergency program	GPR A -0-	100,000
(3 )	EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT SERVICES		
(d )	Energy, drought and natural disaster contingency program	GPR C -0-	75,000

SECTION 2. 20.545 (2) (f) and (3) (d) of the statutes are created to read:

20.545 (2) (f) *Energy emergency program*. The amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 22.13 (3) (c). This paragraph shall expire on June 30, 1977.

(3) (d) *Energy, drought and natural disaster contingency program*. As a contingency appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the purposes of s. 22.16 (4) (b) 6.

SECTION 3. 22.13 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

22.13 (3) (c) *Energy assistance grants*. The department may make grants for energy assistance payments to community action agencies, counties and units of local government to alleviate immediate threats to life or health. Community action agencies and units of local government may use the grants under this paragraph solely to provide financial assistance and loans and may not use the grants for the costs of administration. Assistance provided from the appropriation under s. 20.545 (2) (f) shall be allocated to community action agencies and ~~counties~~ for use in specifically designated counties. The department shall designate the amounts to be used in each county according to a formula including the following factors: the percentage of population having incomes below the poverty level, the number of degree days and the percentage of the population which is both low-income and elderly. The community action agencies and ~~counties~~ may make financial assistance and loans to low-income persons and families who are ineligible for or who are unable to be aided by general relief programs, local voluntary agencies, categorical programs, crisis intervention programs operated by community action agencies and all other assistance programs. The community action agencies and ~~counties~~ shall limit the financial assistance to one episode for each family and may make the financial assistance available only if no other source of financial assistance or loans is available to the family.

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SECTION 4. 22.16 (4) (b) 6 of the statutes is created to read:

22.16 (4) (b) 6. Act to alleviate immediate threats to life or health caused by the unavailability or scarcity of energy, by drought conditions or by natural disasters. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, supporting the operation and use of alternate living arrangements, and transportation to such living arrangements.

SECTION 5. 59.07 (98) of the statutes is created to read:

59.07 (98) EMERGENCY ENERGY RELIEF. Regardless of the type of general relief system used within a county, appropriate money for making payments to individuals or providing grants to community action agencies, ~~counties~~, cities, villages and towns to assist persons and families in the purchase of emergency energy supplies.

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SECTION 6. **Expiration date**. The treatment of section 22.13 (3) (c) of the statutes shall be in effect until June 30, 1977, and after that date is void.