

## Chapter Comm 152

### LOCAL HOUSING ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

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**Comm 152.01 Purpose and authority.** This chapter is promulgated under the authority of ss. 560.02 (4) and 227.11, Stats., to implement s. 560.9805, Stats.

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**Comm 152.02 Definitions.** The following terms are used throughout this chapter and s. 560.9805, Stats., and are defined as follows:

- (1) "Department" means the department of commerce.
- (2) "Household" means an individual, persons, or a family currently occupying or planning to occupy a residence.
- (3) "Low income" means gross annual household income at or below 50% of county median income adjusted for household size.
- (4) "Moderate income" means gross annual household income of greater than 50% but not more than 80% of county median income adjusted for household size.

**Note:** County median income tables are published annually by the U.S. department of housing and urban development for metropolitan statistical areas and nonmetropolitan counties.

(5) "Organized primarily to provide housing opportunities" means that the organization has as one of its official major goals the improvement of living conditions for low or moderate income households.

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**Comm 152.03 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.

- (2) Grant awards may not be used to pay for any of the following:
- (a) Capital improvements to housing units.
  - (b) Costs incurred in the preparation of grant applications under this chapter.
  - (c) Costs incurred prior to the start date of the contract period.
- (3) After a grant award is made, a contract agreement shall be executed between the state and the grantee.

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**Comm 152.04 Evaluation criteria.** Applications shall be reviewed and rated by the department based on criteria found in s. 560.9805 (2), Stats., or in the state housing strategy plan, as required by s. 560.9802, Stats. The department shall also use the following criteria to prioritize the applications for funding:

- (1) The percentage of project benefit directed toward low-income households.
- (2) The extent to which existing or potential residents are involved in the planning, development, evaluation or management of the housing activity.
- (3) The extent that innovative and cost-effective strategies, financing, or other activities are to be utilized.
- (4) The increased capacity of the organization to undertake additional or more sophisticated housing activity as a result of receiving this grant.
- (5) The extent to which a geographic balance can be achieved, taking into account the quality of applications submitted.
- (6) The extent to which the proposal involves partnerships and establishes formal and informal linkages with other programs.

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