

560.9806 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(4) **STUDY.** Before July 1, 1993, the department shall submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2). The report shall evaluate the effectiveness of the transitional housing programs that are funded by grants under this section in facilitating the movement of homeless persons to independent living and shall include a recommendation on the continuation of funding to those programs.

History: 1991 a. 39, 269; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16; 2003 a. 33 s. 156; Stats. 2003 s. 560.9806.

Cross Reference: See also ch. Comm 151, Wis. adm. code.

560.9807 Grants to alleviate homelessness.

(1) **GRANTS.** From moneys available under s. 20.143 (2) (h), the department shall make grants to organizations, including organizations operated for profit, that provide shelter or services to homeless individuals or families.

(2) **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.** The department shall ensure that grants awarded under sub. (1) are not used to supplant other state funds available for homelessness prevention or services to homeless individuals or families.

(2m) **REPORT.** Annually, the department shall submit a report to the speaker of the assembly, the president of the senate and to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) that summarizes how much money was received in the previous year and how that money was distributed.

(3) **RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules establishing procedures and eligibility criteria for grants under this section.

History: 1993 a. 33; 1997 a. 27; 2003 a. 33 s. 158; Stats. 2003 s. 560.9807.

Cross Reference: See also ch. Comm 151, Wis. adm. code.

560.9808 Grants for the provision of shelter for homeless individuals and families. (1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) “Current operating budget” means the budget for the calendar or fiscal year during which an application is submitted, including all sources and amounts of revenue and all actual and planned expenditures.

(b) “Eligible applicant” means any of the following:

1. A county or municipal governing body.
2. A county or municipal governmental agency.
3. A community action agency.
4. A private nonprofit organization, as defined under s. 108.02 (19), or a nonstock corporation that is organized under ch. 181 and that is a nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 181.0103 (17).

5. A federally recognized American Indian tribe or band.

6. A housing and community development authority.

7. An organization operated for profit.

(c) “Proposed operating budget” means the budget proposed for the calendar or fiscal year following the year in which an application is submitted, including all anticipated revenue other than the amount sought in the grant application and all planned expenditures.

(d) “Shelter facility” means a temporary place of lodging for homeless individuals or families.

(2) **PURPOSE; ALLOCATION.** (a) From the appropriations under s. 20.143 (2) (fm) and (h), the department shall award grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of supplementing the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities that have or anticipate a need for additional funding because of the renovation or expansion of an existing shelter facility, the development of an existing building into a shelter facility, the expansion of shelter services for homeless persons, or an inability to obtain adequate funding to continue the provision of an existing level of services.

(b) The department shall allocate funds from the appropriations under s. 20.143 (2) (fm) and (h) for temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families as follows:

1. At least \$400,000 in each year to eligible applicants located in Milwaukee County.

2. At least \$66,500 in each year to eligible applicants located in Dane County.

3. At least \$100,000 in each year to eligible applicants not located in Milwaukee County or Dane County.

4. In addition to the amounts under subs. 1. to 3., no more than \$183,500 in each year to eligible applicants without restriction as to the location of the applicants.

(3) **APPLICATION.** (a) An eligible applicant which is not located in Dane County or Milwaukee County may submit an application for one of the following:

1. A grant of not more than 50% of the current or proposed operating budget of a shelter facility operated by the applicant.

2. A grant of not more than 50% of the portion of the applicant’s current or proposed operating budget allocated for providing homeless individuals with vouchers that may be exchanged for temporary shelter.

(am) An eligible applicant located in Dane County or Milwaukee County may submit an application for one of the following:

3. A grant of not more than 50% of the total current or proposed operating budgets of one or more shelter facilities from which the applicant purchases shelter for homeless persons and to which the applicant will distribute the money it receives under conditions described in the application.

4. A grant of not more than 50% of the total current or proposed operating budgets of 2 or more shelter facilities which the applicant represents and to which the applicant will distribute the money received under conditions described in the application.

(b) Applications shall be submitted in the form required by the department and shall be accompanied by the current or proposed operating budget or both, as required by the department, of each shelter facility or agency which will, directly or indirectly, receive any of the grant money, and an explanation of why the shelter facility or agency has or anticipates a need for additional funding.

(3m) **GRANT ELIGIBILITY.** In awarding grants under this section, the department shall consider whether the community in which an eligible applicant provides services has a coordinated system of services for homeless individuals and families.

(4) **RULE MAKING REQUIRED.** The department shall promulgate by rule both of the following:

(a) Criteria for awarding grants.

(b) Criteria for determining whether an agency that operates a shelter facility or program is eligible for a grant.

(5) **PROHIBITED USES.** The department may not provide a grant for any of the following purposes:

(a) The construction of a new shelter facility.

(b) The operation of a shelter care facility licensed under ch. 48.

(c) The operation of a facility or private home providing shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

(d) The operation of an agency that provides only information, referral or relocation services.

History: 1985 a. 29, 276; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39 s. 1378; Stats. 1991 s. 16.352; 1993 a. 16, 374; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 79; 2001 a. 16; 2003 a. 33 s. 159; Stats. 2003 s. 560.9808.

Cross Reference: See also ch. Comm 150, Wis. adm. code.

560.9809 Community development block grant housing programs. (1) The department may administer housing programs, including the housing improvement grant program and the initial rehabilitation grant program, that are funded by a community development block grant, 42 USC 5301 to 5320.

(2) The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

(3) Notwithstanding sub. (2), the department shall promulgate rules that specify that an applicant for funds under a program under this section shall be eligible to receive funds under the pro-