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1 AN ACT Relating to housing assistance programs; reenacting and
2 amending RCW 43.185.070; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are
5 numerous publicly funded housing complexes in the state that are
6 inhabited by high concentrations of low-income, disadvantaged
7 households.

8 The legislature also finds that these households are increasingly
9 plagued by drugs, drug-related crimes, illiteracy, unemployment and
10 underemployment, teenage pregnancy, drug addictions and other health
11 problems, and welfare dependency.

12 The legislature also finds that housing providers are not always
13 aware of the social service needs of their clients. Therefore, it is
14 the intent of the legislature to encourage providers of housing
15 services to evaluate and address the social service needs of their
16 clients, and to work with federal, state, and local social services
17 agencies in the development and implementation of a coordinated
18 delivery system of social services to disadvantaged families living in
19 publicly funded housing.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1991 c 356 s 5 and 1991 c 295 s 2 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust
4 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the
5 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall
6 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media
7 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least
8 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the
9 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The
10 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
11 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the
12 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund
13 may not exceed four percent of annual revenues available for
14 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under
15 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic
16 distribution on a state-wide basis.

17 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for
18 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing
19 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit
20 public development authorities and public housing authorities as
21 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately
22 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal
23 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such
24 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this
25 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects
26 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and
27 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under
28 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities
29 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

30 (3) The department shall give preference for applications based on
31 some or all of the criteria under this subsection, and similar projects
32 and activities shall be evaluated under the same criteria:

33 (a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

34 (b) The degree of commitment from programs to assess and provide
35 ~~((necessary))~~ habilitation and support services when necessary for
36 ~~((projects focusing on special needs populations))~~ persons served by
37 the project;

1 (c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including
2 allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft and
3 trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

4 (d) Local government project contributions in the form of
5 infrastructure improvements, and others;

6 (e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and other
7 project-related responsibility opportunities;

8 (f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of serving the
9 original target group or income level for a period of at least twenty-
10 five years;

11 (g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability and
12 resources to implement the project;

13 (h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;

14 (i) Projects that provide housing for persons and families with the
15 lowest incomes;

16 (j) Projects serving special needs populations which are under
17 statutory mandate to develop community housing;

18 (k) Project location and access to employment centers in the region
19 or area; and

20 (l) Project location and access to available public transportation
21 services.

22 (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for
23 mentally ill persons that are consistent with a regional support
24 network six-year capital and operating plan.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The senate labor and commerce committee
26 shall conduct an interim study of successful models for the seamless
27 delivery of social and health services to individuals and families
28 living on the streets, in shelters, in transitional housing and other
29 publicly subsidized housing units in this state.

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