

conveyances in lieu of foreclosure; convey title to purchasers; obtain and enforce deficiency judgments; permit assumption of mortgages; and contract with private mortgage servicers to perform functions ordinarily performed by such servicers, including foreclosures and the employment of counsel by the servicers, on behalf of the Department. Approval or execution by the Board of Public Works is not required to assign mortgages for value, to release mortgages when paid, [or] to accomplish foreclosures[.], TO ACCEPT DEEDS IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURES, OR TO CONVEY PROPERTY AFTER ACQUISITION.

(2) Require and obtain appraisals, credit information, and other information related to making loans;

(3) Contract for services relating to any aspect of the operation of the program in accordance with the procedures required by law for State contracts;

(4) Charge and collect reasonable application and processing fees, and other charges, fees, or reimbursements incidental to loans;

(5) Adopt, and amend from time to time, in accordance with statutory requirements, regulations governing all aspects of the operation of the program.

[(f)] (G) Every person who knowingly makes or causes to be made any false statement or report for the purpose of influencing the action of the Department upon any application for a grant or loan PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION or any action of the Department affecting a grant or loan already made, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both. Every borrower who knowingly makes or causes to be made such a false statement or report shall, at the option of the Department, and without regard to the commencement or status of criminal prosecution, be subject to immediate acceleration of the loan for which he is liable. The criminal penalties and acceleration provided by this section shall apply to any material misstatement of fact, whether in the nature of an understatement or overstatement of financial condition, or any other fact material to the Department's actions.

[(g)] (H) (1) The program shall operate as a continuing, nonlapsing, special fund, that consists of moneys appropriated by the State to the program.

(2) The Department shall use the fund to make loans and to pay expenses of the program including reserves for anticipated future losses directly related to the program, as provided in the annual budget of the State or other act appropriating moneys.