

† (14) - (16) - (i) - Participate - - - - - with - - - - - municipal governments, counties, regional governmental organizations, and the federal government in the development, financing, and implementation of a program designed to build the management capabilities of municipal governments by supplying needed managerial expertise through circuit-riding managers to municipalities which meet the following requirements:

1. - An inability to afford full-time qualified staff;

2. - A willingness and ability to contribute pro-rata shares of the cash and in-kind matching requirements of the specific project.

(ii) - The Department COMMISSION shall coordinate the administration of each circuit-rider project, train the circuit riders, convene meetings for purposes of identifying needs and receiving recommendations, and develop and coordinate training of local government staffs. Financial participation in such projects and the program in its entirety shall be subject and subsequent to annual budget appropriations by the General Assembly. The Department COMMISSION shall do those things necessary to insure that available federal grant funds and cash contributions from participating municipalities, counties, and regional governmental organizations are combined to offset the cost to the State of operating the program. Services provided by the circuit riders shall include all aspects of public management, with particular emphasis on assistance, coaching and training in fiscal management practices, personnel systems, grantsmanship and grant management, and economic and community development.

† (15) - (17) - The Administration COMMISSION may issue securities backed by mortgage loans for community development projects and guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association. Issuance of these securities and their terms and conditions may be as the Administration COMMISSION determines necessary or desirable for guaranty by the Government National Mortgage Association, notwithstanding inconsistent provisions of this subheading relating to bonds or notes issued by the Administration COMMISSION. Except as so determined, the provisions of this subheading relating to bonds or notes issued by the Administration COMMISSION apply to these securities.

† (16) - (18) - (a) - Administer a program of financial assistance for energy conservation projects and solar energy projects. Financial assistance shall be provided with funds and other moneys made available to the Administration COMMISSION for such projects from sources including, but not limited to, payments of financial assistance made to the Administration COMMISSION pursuant to Title V of the Energy Security Act (P.L. 96-294), bonds or notes issued by the Administration COMMISSION pursuant to this subheading, or any bonds or notes issued by the