

acquired, and that the functions and responsibilities of the Community Development Administration as hereinafter set forth are necessary and proper for the purpose of achieving the ends here recited.

(b) The [Community Development] Administration is hereby created as a division of the [principal] Department [of Economic and Community Development] to coordinate the various activities and programs which may contribute to sound community development, to encourage and facilitate the development of new and existing communities by reducing the costs of development through grants and loans, to encourage and facilitate energy conservation and the utilization of solar energy in housing and commercial buildings by providing grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance, making available land for such development and by assisting the efforts of private enterprise, municipalities, counties, local public agencies and local development corporations. Except for grants which may be awarded to the Administration under federal law, including without limitation Title V of the Energy Security Act, P.L. 96-294, grants of land or money shall be limited to local governments or to organizations which are defined under § [11-303] 2-203(h), (i), (j), and (l) of this subtitle.

[11-302.] 2-202.

(a) The Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint the Director of the [Community Development] Administration who shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. The position of Director [shall] IS not [be] subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code. The Director shall operate and exercise the powers of [this] THE Administration under the direction of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] in accordance with the provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE. The Director shall receive such salary and have such deputies, assistants, employees and professional consultants as provided in the State budget.

(b) (1) [The Governor shall appoint 4 employees of the Department, upon the recommendation of the Secretary, and 3 members of the public to serve as the Housing Finance Review Committee.] THERE IS A HOUSING FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE HOUSING FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE:

(I) 3 EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, ONE OF WHOM MAY BE THE SECRETARY;

(II) 1 EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND