

(IV) ARE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENT LIVING QUARTERS; OR

(2) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS WITH CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY HOUSING NEEDS THAT CANNOT BE SERVED BY A FEDERAL OR MORE COST EFFECTIVE STATE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2-605.

RENTAL ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS MAY ONLY BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF RENT OR THE PAYMENT OF A REQUIRED SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE HOUSING UNIT.

2-606.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 2-607(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM:

(1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR THROUGH THEIR HOUSING AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS; AND

(2) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

2-607.

(A) RENTAL ALLOWANCE GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

(1) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS IN A JURISDICTION;

(2) THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE HOUSING STOCK IN THE JURISDICTION FOR THE TARGET POPULATION THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROPOSES TO SERVE;

(3) THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND

(4) OTHER FACTORS THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS RELEVANT.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP TO 25 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR RENTAL ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS ON A STATEWIDE BASIS INCLUDING PAYMENTS FOR CRITICAL EMERGENCY HOUSING NEEDS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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