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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(1) ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE EFFORTS OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP MUTUAL AND COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS;

(2) SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION, DATA, AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT MAY BE PERTINENT TO SOUND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

(3) IMPLEMENT MODEL OR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE;

(4) PROVIDE GRANTS AND LOANS FACILITATING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS;

(5) PROVIDE ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, TRAINING, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY, LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PURPOSES;

(6) CONTRACT FOR AND ACCEPT ANY GIFT, GRANT, CONTRIBUTION, OR LOAN OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR OTHER AID IN ANY FORM FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FROM ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF;

(7) ATTACH SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY;

(8) PARTICIPATE WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, COUNTIES, REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, 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 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; AND

(9) ADMINISTER PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATING TO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE.