

~~(L)~~ (K) "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT" MEANS A GRANT AWARDED BY THE PROGRAM, WHICH ENABLES A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OWNER-BUILDERS AND SELF-HELP REHABILITATORS.

2-1503.

(A) THERE IS A SELF-HELP HOMEOWNERSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO MAKE GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EXPAND:

(1) THE PRODUCTION OF DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES OF LIMITED INCOME THROUGH THE USE OF SELF-HELP METHODS OF REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION;

(2) THE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE TO WHOM IT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE COST SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE SELF-HELP METHOD; AND

(3) SELF-RELIANCE, PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP, AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.

~~(C) FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

2-1504.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

(2) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS; AND

(3) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE SELF-HELP HOMEOWNERSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2-1505.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE PROGRAM, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

(1) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS SERVES THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF FAMILIES OF LIMITED INCOME; AND

(2) FACTORS FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(I) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE APPLICANT USES AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT;

(II) THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY OF THE APPLICANT TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT;