

Article - Housing and Community Development

2-102.

(A) The Department shall:

(1) encourage and assist political subdivisions and public and private community organizations to develop mutual and cooperative solutions to their common problems;

(2) serve as a clearinghouse for information and 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 for energy conservation and the use of solar energy in commercial and residential buildings;

(5) provide advisory, consultative, training, and educational services, and technical assistance to any political subdivision, local public agency, or nonprofit organization for community assistance purposes;

(6) contract for and accept a gift, grant, contribution, or loan of money, property, or other aid for community assistance from a governmental unit, the federal government, or another source and comply with the terms and conditions of that aid;

(7) attach terms and conditions to financial assistance as the Secretary determines;

(8) participate with political subdivisions, regional governments, organizations, and the federal government in developing, financing, and implementing a program to build the management capabilities of municipal corporations by supplying needed managerial expertise through circuit riding managers;

(9) administer federal programs to community assistance; ~~and~~

(10) develop and implement a weatherization program in accordance with Title 4 of this article and administer the low-income weatherization component of the electric universal service program in accordance with § 7-512.1 of the Public Utility Companies Article; ~~AND~~.

~~(11) (B) IF NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO FURTHER ANY PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY:~~