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(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING MONTHLY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS DIRECTLY OR THROUGH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, THEIR LOCAL HOUSING AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) IN ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAMS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH, AS APPROPRIATE:

- (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
- (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES; OR
- (3) ANY OTHER UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

- (1) INCOME LIMITS FOR ELIGIBILITY OF HOUSEHOLDS;
- (2) TIME FRAMES FOR ASSISTANCE;
- (3) MONTHLY ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS;
- (4) STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBLE DWELLING UNITS, INCLUDING TYPES OF UNITS, INSPECTION STANDARDS, AND RENT LIMITS;
- (5) ELIGIBLE USES OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS WHICH MAY INCLUDE SECURITY DEPOSITS, UTILITIES, AND OTHER HOUSING RELATED EXPENSES; AND
- (6) ANY OTHER CRITERIA THE SECRETARY ~~DEEMS~~ CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(D) IN ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM CRITERIA, THE SECRETARY MAY CONSIDER FACTORS THAT INCLUDE:

- (1) HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND EXPECTED AVERAGE INCOME;