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By Senators Fraser, Berkey, Fairley and Kline; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the administrative cap on the housing
2 assistance program and the affordable housing program; and amending RCW
3 43.185.050 and 43.185A.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185.050 and 2002 c 294 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department shall use moneys from the housing trust fund and
8 other legislative appropriations to finance in whole or in part any
9 loans or grant projects that will provide housing for persons and
10 families with special housing needs and with incomes at or below fifty
11 percent of the median family income for the county or standard
12 metropolitan statistical area where the project is located. At least
13 thirty percent of these moneys used in any given funding cycle shall be
14 for the benefit of projects located in rural areas of the state as
15 defined by the department. If the department determines that it has
16 not received an adequate number of suitable applications for rural
17 projects during any given funding cycle, the department may allocate
18 unused moneys for projects in nonrural areas of the state.

1 (2) Activities eligible for assistance from the housing trust fund
2 and other legislative appropriations include, but are not limited to:

3 (a) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of low and
4 very low-income housing units;

5 (b) Rent subsidies;

6 (c) Matching funds for social services directly related to
7 providing housing for special-need tenants in assisted projects;

8 (d) Technical assistance, design and finance services and
9 consultation, and administrative costs for eligible nonprofit community
10 or neighborhood-based organizations;

11 (e) Administrative costs for housing assistance groups or
12 organizations when such grant or loan will substantially increase the
13 recipient's access to housing funds other than those available under
14 this chapter;

15 (f) Shelters and related services for the homeless, including
16 emergency shelters and overnight youth shelters;

17 (g) Mortgage subsidies, including temporary rental and mortgage
18 payment subsidies to prevent homelessness;

19 (h) Mortgage insurance guarantee or payments for eligible projects;

20 (i) Down payment or closing cost assistance for eligible first-time
21 home buyers;

22 (j) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of preservation as
23 low-income or very low-income housing; and

24 (k) Projects making housing more accessible to families with
25 members who have disabilities.

26 (3) Legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds may be
27 used only for the costs of projects authorized under subsection (2)(a),
28 (i), and (j) of this section, and not for the administrative costs of
29 the department.

30 (4) Moneys from repayment of loans from appropriations from capital
31 bond proceeds may be used for all activities necessary for the proper
32 functioning of the housing assistance program except for activities
33 authorized under subsection (2)(b) and (c) of this section.

34 (5) Administrative costs of the department shall not exceed
35 (~~four~~) five percent of the annual funds available for the housing
36 assistance program.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185A.030 and 1994 c 160 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Using moneys specifically appropriated for such purpose, the
4 department shall finance in whole or in part projects that will provide
5 housing for low-income households.

6 (2) Activities eligible for assistance include, but are not limited
7 to:

8 (a) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of housing for
9 low-income households;

10 (b) Rent subsidies in new construction or rehabilitated multifamily
11 units;

12 (c) Down payment or closing costs assistance for first-time home
13 buyers;

14 (d) Mortgage subsidies for new construction or rehabilitation of
15 eligible multifamily units; and

16 (e) Mortgage insurance guarantee or payments for eligible projects.

17 (3) Legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds may be
18 used only for the costs of projects authorized under subsection (2)
19 (a), (c), (d), and (e) of this section, and not for the administrative
20 costs of the department.

21 (4) Moneys from repayment of loans from appropriations from capital
22 bond proceeds may be used for all activities necessary for the proper
23 functioning of the affordable housing program except for activities
24 authorized under subsection (2)(b) of this section.

25 (5) Administrative costs of the department shall not exceed
26 (~~four~~) five percent of the annual funds available for the affordable
27 housing program.

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