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By Representative Goodman

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1 AN ACT Relating to supportive housing; and amending RCW
2 43.185C.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the (~~homeless~~
7 ~~housing~~) home security fund account are available for use by the
8 department for the homeless housing grant program, the department shall
9 announce to all Washington counties, participating cities, and through
10 major media throughout the state, a grant application period of at
11 least ninety days' duration. This announcement will be made as often
12 as the director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources.
13 The department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
14 utilize available funds, less appropriate administrative costs of the
15 department as described in RCW 36.22.179.

16 (2) The department will develop, with advice and input from the
17 affordable housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020,
18 criteria to evaluate grant applications.

1 (3) The department may approve applications only if they are
2 consistent with the local and state homeless housing program strategic
3 plans. The department may give preference to applications based on
4 some or all of the following criteria:

5 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
6 service area, as reported by the most recent annual Washington homeless
7 census;

8 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
9 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
10 RCW 43.185C.005;

11 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
12 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
13 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
14 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
15 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
16 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
17 sources such as professional, craft and trade services, and lender
18 interest rate subsidies;

19 (d) Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve
20 homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty-five
21 years;

22 (e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with
23 the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs
24 populations;

25 (f) Geographically dispersed projects that will serve individuals
26 in supportive housing facilities. "Supportive housing," for purposes
27 of this section, means housing that is available for lease to, and
28 intended for, homeless individuals with mental illness, chemical
29 dependency, or other disabling or chronic health conditions.
30 Supportive housing facilities must have supportive services provided
31 on-site that are designed to assist tenants in achieving and sustaining
32 housing stability. Supportive housing providers must actively seek to
33 engage tenants in on-site supportive services, but participation in
34 such services may not be a condition of ongoing tenancy;

35 (g) The degree to which the applicant project represents a
36 collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based
37 organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector,

1 especially through its integration with the coordinated and
2 comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under
3 RCW 43.63A.650;

4 ~~((g))~~ (h) The cooperation of the local government in the annual
5 Washington homeless census project;

6 ~~((h))~~ (i) The commitment of the local government and any
7 subcontracting local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-
8 profit entities to employ a diverse workforce;

9 ~~((i))~~ (j) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population
10 is disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and
11 RCW 36.22.178 and 36.22.179; and

12 ~~((j))~~ (k) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly
13 related to the goal and the department's state strategic plan.

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