**HOME HOMEBUYER AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM (HHR)**

**Fact Sheet**

**BACKGROUND**

The Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) has identified homeownership and the conservation of quality owner-occupied as top priorities for allocating federal resources. A program was established to provide essential home purchase assistance and necessary home rehabilitation, and other vital improvements for single family housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households.

The source of funds is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources awards these funds to local units of government and local housing organizations through a biennial funding cycle.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

The program is designed to provide funding for two HOME-eligible activities:

* Homebuyer assistance: Direct assistance may be provided to eligible homebuyers for acquisition

(down payment and closing costs), acquisition and rehabilitation, or new construction. Grantees may utilize the funds to construct housing for sale to low- and moderate-income (LMI) homebuyers (household income at or below 80% County Median Income).

* Owner-occupied rehabilitation: Funds are provided for making essential improvements to single- family homes serving as the principal residence of LMI owners. Eligible costs include energy- related improvements, accessibility improvements, lead-based paint hazard reduction, and repair of code violations.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Eligible applicants for grants under the HHR program include:

  The governing body of a village, city, town, or county;

  The governing body of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or band in the State

 Wisconsin;

* A public agency or nonprofit organization; and
* A Faith-based or religious organizations, as long as the funds are not used to support

 inherently religious activities.

HOME funds may not be provided for activities in other HOME Participating Jurisdictions:

 Cities of Eau Claire, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, and Racine;

 Counties of Dane, Milwaukee, and Rock; and

 The Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha County Consortium.

**FUNDING**

Applications for grants are for two years. Grants to eligible applicants will be awarded only in an amount commensurate with the scope of the proposed program and the applicant’s capacity. Available funding is dependent upon legislative approval.

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