

16.16 Rent supplements.

1. The authority may establish and administer through local public or private agencies an eighteen month demonstration program of rent supplements designed for very low income and lower income families, to provide for payment of a maximum of the difference between twenty-five percent of an eligible family's income and the fair market rental of a unit of housing, as established by the authority. Eligibility of a housing unit for participation in the demonstration rent supplement program is subject to approval by the authority based on compliance with the definition of adequate housing in this chapter, and agreement by the owner to comply with authority rules pertaining to equal housing opportunity, maintenance, occupancy, and other authority policies. The authority shall, by rule, establish criteria for participation in the demonstration project, based upon the provisions of this section and section 16.4, including but not limited to the selection of target groups, determined by geographical location or special needs, to receive the benefits of the program under the demonstration project. It shall then receive applications for participation in the demonstration project from agencies or organizations described in subsection 2, prepare a detailed plan for the total demonstration project including a statement of funding needs, and submit the plan to the general assembly with its budget request.

2. A governing body of a city or county, a public housing agency, or a private, nonprofit organization which provides or wishes to provide housing to lower income families, is eligible to apply for participation in the rent supplement program. Funds available for the rent supplement program, whether from appropriations or from other sources, shall be made available by the authority to cities, counties, public housing agencies, or private, nonprofit organizations on a one-to-one matching basis with funds supplied by the cities, counties, public housing agencies, or private, nonprofit organizations that participate.

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