

**16.57C Eviction prevention program.**

1. *a.* “*Eligible renter*” means a renter whose income meets the qualifications of the program, who is at risk of eviction, and who resides in a county that is the subject of a state of disaster emergency proclamation by the governor that authorizes the eviction prevention program.

*b.* “*Eviction prevention partner*” means a qualified local organization or governmental entity as determined by rule by the authority.

2. The authority shall establish and administer an eviction prevention program. Under the eviction prevention program, the authority shall award grants to eligible renters and to eviction prevention partners for purposes of [this section](#). Grants may be awarded upon a state of disaster emergency proclamation by the governor that authorizes the eviction prevention program. Eviction prevention assistance shall be paid out of the fund established in [section 16.57B](#).

3. *a.* Grants awarded to eligible renters pursuant to [this section](#) shall be used for short-term financial rent assistance to keep eligible renters in the current residences of such renters.

*b.* Grants awarded to eviction prevention partners pursuant to [this section](#) shall be used to pay for rent or services provided to eligible renters for the purpose of preventing the eviction of eligible renters.

4. The authority may enter into an agreement with one or more local program administrators to administer the program.

[2021 Acts, ch 177, §48, 51](#)

Referred to in [§16.57B](#)