

427—23.1(PL100-77) Purposes. The purposes of the program authorized by PL100-77, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, are: (1) to use public resources and programs in a more coordinated manner to meet the critically urgent needs of the homeless of the nation; and (2) to provide funds for programs to assist the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons, families with children, native Americans, and veterans.

The Iowa emergency community services homeless grant program (EHP) is designed recognizing the following elements: (1) the unique role defined for EHP funds within PL100-77, (2) the availability of resources from PL100-77 for other programs serving the homeless, (3) the unique skills and abilities of Iowa's community action agencies, and (4) the differing nature of homeless problems and resources in different parts of Iowa and among homeless individuals and families in Iowa.