

265—29.2(16) Local program administrators.

29.2(1) *Additional qualified organizations.* In addition to the organizations identified in Iowa Code section 16.57B(1) “d,” nonprofit organizations or government entities that provide the following disaster recovery or housing stability services may serve as local program administrators:

- a. Housing counseling;
- b. Legal services related to eviction proceedings and maintaining housing stability; or
- c. Housing navigation services.

29.2(2) *Agreements with local government administrators.* The authority may enter into agreements with local program administrators working in disaster-affected counties for the purpose of implementing the program at the local level.

29.2(3) *Review of requests for assistance.* Homeowners and renters will submit applications in the manner prescribed by the authority, including homeowners and renters who are referred by disaster case advocates as described in Iowa Code section 16.57B(4). Local program administrators or the authority shall accept and review each application. The authority may award financial assistance after a local program administrator or the authority has determined the following:

- a. Whether the applicant is eligible for assistance.
- b. Whether the requested funds are being requested for a use permitted under the program, including verification that disaster-affected homes to be repaired or rehabilitated or replacement housing to be purchased with financial assistance are not located in a 100-year floodplain.
- c. The amount of financial assistance to be awarded to the homeowner or renter.

29.2(4) *Administrative fees.* The authority may share all or a portion of the moneys reserved for its administrative costs pursuant to Iowa Code section 16.57B(2) “c” with local program administrators to reimburse their administrative costs. Interest credited to the fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 16.57B(2) “a”(2) may be used by the authority for additional unreimbursed administrative costs related to the program or administrative costs incurred by the Iowa economic development authority to assist in administering the program.

29.2(5) *Proceeds of repayments.* All loan amounts repaid to the authority by an eligible homeowner pursuant to this chapter shall be returned to the fund.

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