

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY[265]

Adopted and Filed Emergency

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3(1)“b,” 16.5(1)“r,” and 16.40, the Iowa Finance Authority hereby amends Chapter 29, “Jump-Start Housing Assistance Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of these amendments is to provide for the allocation of program funds made available by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376 and 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 64.

The Authority does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of any of these rules, other than as may be allowed under the Authority’s general rules concerning waivers.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4(3), the Authority finds that notice and public participation are impracticable and contrary to the public interest, in that assistance to the victims of the natural disasters is needed immediately, and the normal notice and public participation process would delay implementation of the changes. The Authority is also simultaneously publishing a Notice of Intended Action as **ARC _____** herein.

The Authority finds that these amendments confer a benefit on those persons adversely affected by the natural disasters, in that the amendments ease and speed the administration of an important program benefiting such persons. For this reason, these amendments should be implemented as soon as feasible in order to facilitate the provision of assistance under the program and to avoid confusion. Therefore, these amendments are filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(2), and the normal effective date of these amendments is waived.

The Authority adopted these amendments on June 10, 2009.

These amendments became effective June 10, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 16.5(1)“r” and 16.40, 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, and 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 64.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 29.3(1) as follows:

29.3(1)(a) Initial allocation, loans to local government participants. The authority shall make an initial allocation of the funds made available for the program to the local government participants pro rata based on the funds awarded by FEMA under its housing assistance program to each local government participant’s jurisdiction as a percentage of the total amount of funds awarded as a result of the natural disasters of 2008. The authority shall enter into a grant agreement with each local government participant, pursuant to which the authority may disburse funds to the local government participant for the purposes described in this chapter. The grant agreement shall be prepared by the authority and may contain such terms and conditions, in addition to those specified in this chapter, as the executive director may deem to be necessary and convenient to the administration of the program and to the efficient and responsible use of the granted funds.

(b) Funds made available pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376. The authority shall allocate program funds made available under 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, creating Iowa Code section 16.186, the Disaster Damage Housing Assistance Grant Fund, by inviting local government participants to submit an application for funding. The authority shall award program funding made available under this subrule based upon priority criteria to be specified in the application form including, but not limited to, the following: the applicant’s demonstrated maximum use and leverage of other disaster recovery resources and provision of program assistance to the maximum number of potential eligible residents with priority given to eligible residents who have not received any moneys under the program, who are in need of an interim mortgage assistance extension meeting the conditions specified in subrule 29.5(2), and who are not eligible for assistance under the requirements of other available disaster recovery assistance programs.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 29.5(1) as follows:

29.5(1) Forgivable loans. Local government participants may make forgivable loans, pursuant to the conditions set forth in rule 265—29.7(16), to eligible residents for the following eligible uses:

b. Housing repair or rehabilitation. An eligible resident whose disaster-affected home is not proposed, or located in an area proposed, by a municipality or county to the Iowa homeland security and emergency management division for property acquisition under the hazard mitigation grant program set forth in Iowa Code chapter 29C (or under any other comparable program implemented in whole or in part to assist in recovery from the natural disasters of 2008) may receive financial assistance to pay for eligible repair expenses up to an amount not to exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 60 percent of the latest available assessed value of the disaster-affected home, not including the assessed value of the land on which it is situated, dated prior to the natural disasters of 2008; provided, however, that for application purposes under subrule 29.3(1)(b) allocating program funds under 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, the local government participant may elect to establish its own measure of housing repair or rehabilitation financial feasibility in lieu of 60 percent of the latest available assessed value of the disaster-affected home, not including the assessed value of the land on which it is situated, dated prior to the natural disasters of 2008. The eligible resident shall establish the necessity and reasonable cost of the repairs or rehabilitation to the reasonable satisfaction of the local government participant.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new rule 265 --- 29.8(16):

265—29.8(16) Funds allocated pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 64. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following additional restrictions shall apply to loans made pursuant to program funding allocated under 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 64:

29.8(1) Income. An eligible resident must have a family income equal to or less than 150 percent of the area median family income.

29.8(2) Application deadline. An eligible resident must submit an application for assistance by September 1, 2009.

29.8(3) Priorities. Forgivable loans awarded under this section shall be awarded pursuant to the following priorities:

a. First priority. First priority shall be given to eligible residents who have not received any moneys under the program.

b. Second priority. Second priority shall be given to eligible residents who have received less than \$24,999 under the program.

c. Third priority. Third priority shall be given to eligible residents who have received \$24,999 under the program and who continue to have unmet needs for down payment assistance, emergency housing repair or rehabilitation, interim mortgage assistance, or energy efficiency assistance. An eligible resident shall not receive more than an additional \$24,999 under this paragraph.

29.8(4) Maximum assistance. Except as provided in subparagraph 29.8(3) “c,” an eligible resident who meets the area median family income requirement shall not receive more than \$24,999 under the program.

Respectfully submitted,

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By Authority of the Board of the Iowa Finance Authority

June 10, 2009

Date