

A bill for an act

relating to disaster relief; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12A.07, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Assistance.** Criteria and requirements must be locally established with the approval of the commissioner. Local plans must specify the type of assistance to be provided to eligible organizations. Within the limits of the available grant amounts, assistance may be provided as loans with or without interest and as forgivable loans. The criteria must, at a minimum, specify that an organization receiving a forgivable loan must remain in the local community a minimum of ten years after the date of the loan. Loans made under this section must not be used to refinance debt that existed on the date of the disaster. Repayment of loan amounts is made to the local community. Criteria must require that an estimate be made of the physical and economic damages suffered by each disaster aid applicant, and must not allow for aid to any applicant who had no damages.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment, and applies to any local plans created after that date.