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4300.2000 DETERMINATION OF GRANT AWARDS.

Subpart 1. **Funds available for grants.** The amount of funds available for grants shall be equal to the total allocation of federal funds made available to the state under United States Code, title 42, section 5306, after subtracting an amount for costs available to the division for administration of the program, as allowed by that law, plus any money made available by the state legislature. The department is not liable for any grants under this chapter until funds are received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Subp. 2. **Division of funds.** Of the federal funds available in each grant year, 30 percent shall be reserved to fund single purpose grants, 15 percent shall be reserved for economic development grants, and 55 percent shall be reserved by the commissioner to fund comprehensive grants. However, the commissioner may modify the proportions of funds available if the commissioner determines that there is a shortage of fundable applications in any category.

Subp. 3. **Funding list.** Within each grant category, a list of applications shall be prepared in rank order of the scores received after evaluation pursuant to parts 4300.1300 to 4300.1900. Based on these lists, and subject to the availability of funds within each category, applications with the highest rank shall be recommended to the commissioner for funding. In the case of a tie between any two applications within any category, the application with the higher demographic points shall receive the higher ranking on the list.

Subp. 4. **Approval by commissioner.** The list of applications recommended for funding, including recommended grant awards, shall be submitted by the division to the commissioner for approval. A decision by the commissioner not to approve any application recommended for funding must be made in writing to the applicant, giving reasons for disapproval.

Subp. 5. **Reduction in amount requested.** The division may recommend an application for funding in an amount less than requested if, in the opinion of the division, the amount requested is more than is necessary to meet the applicant's need. If the amount of the grant is reduced, the reasons for the reduction shall be given to the applicant.

Subp. 6. **Grant ceilings.** No competitive single purpose grant may be approved for an amount over \$600,000. No comprehensive grant may be approved for an amount over \$1,400,000. No economic development grant may be approved for an amount over \$500,000.

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