

1 Housing Finance Agency

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Training and Housing Program  
4 for Homeless Adults Demonstration Program

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 4900.3420 SCOPE.

8 Parts 4900.3420 to 4900.3424 allow the commissioner of the  
9 Housing Finance Agency to make planning and demonstration grants  
10 to eligible organizations to develop programs to provide  
11 homeownership opportunities, education and training, or services  
12 to homeless adults. The purpose of these programs is to promote  
13 individual stability and responsibility of homeless adults. The  
14 program must include a work experience and training component,  
15 job skills component, and life skills component.

16 4900.3421 DEFINITIONS.

17 Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 4900.3420 to  
18 4900.3424 have the meanings given them in this part.

19 Subp. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means the Minnesota Housing  
20 Finance Agency.

21 Subp. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means one or more  
22 entities that submit an application for a training and housing  
23 program for a demonstration grant.

24 Subp. 4. **Application.** "Application" means a submittal  
25 requesting a demonstration grant to provide programs that  
26 develop homeownership opportunities, education and training, or  
27 services to homeless adults.

28 Subp. 5. **Demonstration grant.** "Demonstration grant" means  
29 a homeless adults demonstration grant.

30 Subp. 6. **Homeless individual.** "Homeless individual" has  
31 the meaning given in United States Code, title 42, section 11302.

32 Subp. 7. **Eligible organization.** "Eligible organization"  
33 means a nonprofit organization run by or for homeless persons.

34 Subp. 8. **Rehabilitation.** "Rehabilitation" means the  
35 repair, construction, or improvement of existing residential

1 housing with the objective of making the housing decent, safe,  
2 sanitary, and more desirable to live in, of greater market  
3 value, or to conform with state, county, or city health,  
4 housing, building, fire prevention, and housing maintenance  
5 codes and other public standards applicable to housing.

6 4900.3422 ELIGIBILITY.

7 To be eligible for selection as a recipient of a  
8 demonstration grant under the program, the application must  
9 satisfy the requirements in items A to C.

10 A. The proposed residential housing must be  
11 exclusively for the use of homeless individuals.

12 B. The program must promote individual stability and  
13 responsibility of homeless adults through training for jobs that  
14 pay a living wage, job placement, life skills development, and  
15 access to community support services including health services,  
16 counseling, and drug rehabilitation.

17 C. The program must include all of the components in  
18 subitems (1) to (3).

19 (1) A work experience and training component  
20 which provides vocational skill training in an industry where  
21 there are potential opportunities for jobs that pay a living  
22 wage. A monetary compensation may be provided to program  
23 participants. The compensation must be provided to participants  
24 who are recipients of public assistance in a manner or amount  
25 which will not reduce public assistance benefits. The work  
26 experience component must be designed so that work projects  
27 result in the expansion of residential units for homeless  
28 persons and very low-income individuals and families. The work  
29 experience component must include work projects that provide  
30 residential units through construction or rehabilitation for the  
31 homeless and families with income that does not exceed 50  
32 percent of the median income for the metropolitan area. The  
33 program design must include an examination of how program  
34 participants may achieve certification as a part of the work  
35 experience and training component by entering licensing,

1 apprenticeship, or other educational programs.

2 (2) A job skills component which provides program  
3 participants with job search skills, placement assistance, and  
4 other job readiness skills to ensure that participants will be  
5 able to compete in the employment market.

6 (3) A life skills component which includes  
7 mentoring to develop homeownership skills, and offer or  
8 coordinate participation in parenting and citizenship classes  
9 and leadership development to encourage community involvement  
10 and responsibility.

11 4900.3423 ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

12 To be eligible for selection as a recipient of a planning  
13 and demonstration grant under the program the applicant must be  
14 a nonprofit organization that is run by or for homeless persons.

15 4900.3424 SELECTION CRITERIA.

16 The agency shall take the following criteria into  
17 consideration when determining whether an application and  
18 applicant will be selected for a grant under the program:

19 A. the organization's prior experience in operating  
20 or developing programs successfully;

21 B. the geographic area to be serviced to the end that  
22 a reasonable distribution of funds is received;

23 C. the extent to which grant funds are matched with  
24 nonstate money; and

25 D. the extent to which the program promotes  
26 individual stability.