256B.0658 HOUSING ACCESS GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall award through a competitive process contracts for grants to public and private agencies to support and assist individuals with a disability to access housing.

Subd. 2. **Definition.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the term defined in this subdivision has the meaning given.

(b) "Individual with a disability" means:

(1) an individual who is aged, blind, or disabled as determined by the criteria under sections 216(i)(1) and 221 of the Social Security Act; or

(2) an individual who meets a category of eligibility under section 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), (4), (5) to (8), or (13).

Subd. 3. **Allowable uses of grant money.** Grants may be awarded to agencies that may include, but are not limited to, the following supports: assessment to ensure suitability of housing, accompanying an individual to look at housing, filling out applications and rental agreements, meeting with landlords, helping with Section 8 or other program applications, helping to develop a budget, obtaining furniture and household goods, if necessary, and assisting with any problems that may arise with housing.

History: *2008 c 363 art 15 s 5; 1Sp2019 c 9 art 5 s 34; 2026 c 88 art 1 s 124,225; 2026 c 95 art 4 s 14*