**375.552 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Application.** For the purposes of sections 375.551 to 375.555, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Employment program.** "Employment program" means a program offering job training programs or jobs through public works projects to economically disadvantaged, unemployed residents of a county.

Subd. 3. **Economically disadvantaged, unemployed resident.** "Economically disadvantaged, unemployed resident" means a person (a) who is not eligible for or who refuses to accept financial assistance pursuant to chapter 256, 256B, 256D, or 268; (b) whose income or household income is at or below 25 percent of the statewide median household income as determined by the 1980 federal census; (c) who is a bona fide resident of the county; and (d) who is unemployed.

Subd. 4. **Wage.** "Wage" means the basic minimum wage pursuant to section 177.24.

Subd. 5. **Chronic high unemployment.** "Chronic high unemployment" means an unemployment rate, as defined by the Department of Employment and Economic Development, in a county or portion of a county that exceeds the national unemployment rate for four consecutive months in the 12-month period immediately preceding September 1.

**History:** *1983 c 307 s 2; 1984 c 629 s 2; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 75; 1994 c 483 s 1; 2004 c 206 s 52*