

STATE OF MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE MINNESOTA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY GOVERNING THE HOUSING TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

4900.1920

This part describes the scope of 4900.1920 to 4900.1924 as they describe the housing trust fund housing program.

4900.1921

This part sets forth definitions for the purpose of parts 4900.1920 to 4900.1924.

Subpart 1 - A single word reference to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is incorporated for brevity of presentation.

Subpart 2 - Is necessary to describe who may apply for a loan or grant under the Housing Trust Fund Program.

Subpart 3 - Is necessary to describe the form and purpose of submittals requesting a grant or loan under this program.

Subpart 4 - Is necessary to define who is to be served under this program.

Subpart 5 - Is necessary to describe the sources of funds for the Housing Trust Fund Program.

Subpart 6 - A single word reference to housing receiving a loan or grant under the Housing Trust Fund Housing Program.

4900.1922

The section details the requirements which must be included in an Eligible Application in order to receive a loan or grant under the Housing Trust Fund Housing Program. This section is necessary in order to insure compliance with Minnesota Statutes 462A.201, Subdivision 2 which specifies the minimum requirements for the use of loans or grants from the Housing Trust Fund Account. It is reasonable to expect that the loans or grants under this program will meet the minimum requirements of the enabling legislation.

4900.1923

This section specifies which entities are eligible to apply for and receive loans or grants under this program. It is necessary and reasonable to list entities eligible to apply for loans and grants under this program so that prospective interested parties can determine their eligibility prior to expending resources on preparing a grant application.

4900.1924

This section lists the criteria that will be taken into consideration when determining whether an application and applicant will be selected for a loan or grant under the Housing Trust Fund Housing Program. Criteria which will be considered are prior experience of the applicant, the extent of leveraging with other funds, applicants ability to proceed expeditiously, need for the housing, cost and quality of housing, rent to be paid by low income tenants, geographic distribution, and extent of community support. It is reasonable to make known the criteria which will be utilized when considering loan or grant fund applications.

The Agency is cognizant of the provisions of Section 14.115 of the Minnesota Statutes, entitled Small Business Considerations in Rulemaking, however, the proposed rules do not establish any compliance or reporting requirements, design or operational standards, or directly affect the way any business must operate. Therefore, the provisions contained in Minn. Stat. §14.115 (1988) do not apply to the proposed rules discussed herein.