



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6808

January Session, 2023



AN ACT ESTABLISHING GRANT PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
3 Developmental Services shall, within available appropriations,
4 develop and administer a competitive grant program to provide
5 funding for eligible (1) developers seeking to construct new residential
6 housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental
7 disabilities that will provide such individuals access to transportation
8 and supportive services and facilitate such individuals' integration into
9 the community, and (2) individuals with intellectual and
10 developmental disabilities and such individuals' relative caregivers to
11 (A) purchase residential homes and to (i) undertake renovations to
12 improve such homes' accessibility, or (ii) convert such homes to
13 congregate or supportive housing, and (B) construct new, accessible
14 residential homes.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Developmental
16 Services shall develop eligibility criteria and an application process for
17 the grant program, and post a description of the grant program,

18 eligibility requirements and the application in a conspicuous location
19 on the department's Internet web site.

20 (c) Each grant recipient shall, at such time and in such manner as the
21 Commissioner of Developmental Services prescribes, file an
22 expenditure report with the Department of Developmental Services. A
23 grant recipient shall not expend grant funds for purposes other than
24 those approved by the Department of Developmental Services
25 pursuant to this section.

26 (d) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
27 Commissioner of Developmental Services shall submit a report, in
28 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
29 concerning the operation and effectiveness of the grant program, to the
30 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
31 of matters relating to human services and housing.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
33 June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
34 Housing shall, within available appropriations, develop and
35 administer a competitive grant program to provide funding for eligible
36 developers seeking to construct new affordable housing, as defined in
37 section 8-39a of the general statutes, intended and designed to (1)
38 house a significant number of individuals with intellectual and
39 developmental disabilities, and (2) contain, in a significant number of
40 living units, features that render such units accessible to such
41 individuals, including, but not limited to, accessible bathrooms, light
42 switches, doorknobs, counters and means of egress and doorframes
43 and hallways that are not less than thirty-two inches wide. The
44 Department of Housing shall determine what constitutes a significant
45 number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
46 and a significant number of living units for the purposes of this
47 section.

48 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Housing shall
49 develop eligibility criteria and an application process for the grant

50 program and post a description of the grant program, eligibility
51 requirements and the application in a conspicuous location on the
52 department's Internet web site.

53 (c) Each grant recipient shall, at such time and in such manner as the
54 Commissioner of Housing prescribes, file an expenditure report with
55 the Department of Housing. A grant recipient shall not expend grant
56 funds for purposes other than those approved by the Department of
57 Housing pursuant to this section.

58 (d) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
59 Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report, in accordance with
60 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the
61 operation and effectiveness of the grant program, to the joint standing
62 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
63 relating to human services and housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*