

Senior Citizens Housing Development Fund (SCHDF)

Grants from the SCHDF provide funding for senior citizen housing. SCHDF monies are awarded according to three different AHFC programs which are outlined below. Under all three programs, eligible recipients for SCHDF monies are limited to municipalities or public or private nonprofit corporations designated as tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c) (3) and (4) of the internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Greater Opportunities for Affordable Living (GOAL)

The GOAL program awards SCHDF monies to bridge the gap between the total cost of the project and the total funding from other sources. Funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of senior housing.

Grant recipients must choose a definition of "senior citizens" as either age 55 and older or age 62 and older according to the federal definition of "housing for older persons" under the Federal Fair Housing Act (Section 807 of 42 U.S.C. 3607) implemented at 24 CFR 100.300-308. Both choices carry with them requirements detailed in the application process.

Senior Access Program (SAP)

The SAP provides funds for accessibility modifications to existing housing. Examples of eligible activities are construction of ramps and installation of shower grab bars. SAP funds are awarded based on the cost of proposed eligible activities and are capped according to an annually determined amount.

Qualifying seniors must meet the definition of a "senior household" under 15 AAC 151.950 c.11. Income and residency restrictions apply.

Pre-Development Grants Program

The Pre-Development Grants Program provides funding in order to prepare projects for application to the GOAL, HUD 202, HUD 811 or other construction funding programs. Some examples of eligible expenses under this program are architectural single line drawings, legal fees, preliminary site engineering and consultant fees. Awards are based on specific eligible activities and are capped according to an annually determined amount.