

CHAPTER 60

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROGRAMS

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5:60-1.1 Title

The rules in this chapter may be known and cited as the "Regulations Governing Grants from Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund."

5:60-1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund is to provide a funding source to support programs for displaced homemakers as described in this chapter and as identified by the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-43.20. These rules are intended to govern the disbursement of grants-in-aid from the Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund to such programs.

SUBCHAPTER 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

5:60-2.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

"Director" means the Director of the Division on Women, Department of Community Affairs.

"Division" means the Division on Women, Department of Community Affairs.

"Displaced homemaker" means an individual who has:

1. Not worked in the labor force for a substantial number of years;
2. Has, during the years of not working in the labor force, worked in the home providing unpaid services for family members;
3. Was, during the years of not working in the labor force, dependent upon the income of another family member, but is no longer supported by that income; and
4. Is a person who is:
 - i. Receiving public assistance because of dependent children in the home, but is within one year of no longer being eligible for that assistance; or
 - ii. Unemployed or underemployed and experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment; or
 - iii. At least 40 years of age.

"Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund" means a trust fund administered by the Department of Community Affairs, which contains funds from divorce filing fees pursuant to P.L. 1993, c.188.

5:60-2.2 Qualified existing programs

The Division on Women shall identify qualified existing programs funded as displaced homemaker programs as of January 1, 1994, pursuant to P.L. 1979, c.125.

5:60-2.3 Program requirements

(a) In order to be eligible for funding, programs must provide, at a minimum, the following services:

1. Job counseling;
2. Job training and placement;
3. Health education and counseling;
4. Financial management;

5. Educational services;
6. Legal counseling and referral; and
7. Outreach and information.

SUBCHAPTER 3. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

5:60-3.1 Procedures for funding

(a) The Division on Women shall initially prepare and distribute a request for proposals (RFP) to sponsors of qualified existing programs as of January 1, 1994 and shall establish a minimum level of funding for those programs. When all qualified existing programs have reached the minimum level of funding, the Division shall issue an open competitive RFP in order to fund new programs, with preference to be given to programs proposed in counties not served by qualified existing programs.

(b) Notice of each RFP shall be published in the New Jersey Register and shall be distributed to all potentially eligible program sponsors known to the Division.

(c) In order to be eligible for consideration, a program sponsor must submit its proposal within the time period indicated in the notice of the RFP in the New Jersey Register.

(d) All proposals shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Director of the Division that shall include representatives of the displaced homemaker community and shall reflect the racial, ethnic, regional and economic diversity of the State's population.

(e) Awards shall be set at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, upon the recommendation of the Division on Women and shall not, in the aggregate, exceed the amount of money collected and deposited in the Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund.

(f) The Department of Community Affairs may award a program sponsor an amount different from the amount requested; provided, however, that, to the extent that available funds allow, each qualified existing program shall receive at least the amount established as a minimum by the Division on Women.

(g) New programs established after January 1, 1994 are not designated as "qualified existing programs." The Division on Women shall determine eligibility for new programs to receive the minimum funding amount through utilization of the following criteria:

1. The program must provide services listed in N.J.A.C. 5:60-2.3;

2. Preference will be given to programs located in a county or region where there are no Division on Women Programs;

3. The program must have an institutional or community based host agency to provide support services and facilities; and

4. The program must document the need for its services in the region or community in which it proposes to be located.

(h) Continuation of the minimum level of funding shall be conditioned upon the compliance of qualified existing programs and new programs with the requirements of the Displaced Homemaker Act; regulations promulgated by the Division on Women pursuant to P.L. 1993, c.188; the terms and provisions of the grant agreements to be executed between the Division and the aforementioned programs; and the efficient and effective provision of services to displaced homemakers by such programs.