

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 279**

Introduced by Bostar, 29; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26;  
Hunt, 8; Wayne, 13.

Read first time January 12, 2021

Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to  
2 amend section 58-706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020;  
3 to authorize certain activities that are eligible for assistance  
4 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and to repeal the original  
5 section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 58-706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 58-706 The following activities are eligible for assistance from the  
4 Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

5 (1) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of housing to  
6 assist low-income and very low-income families;

7 (2) Matching funds for new construction, rehabilitation, or  
8 acquisition of housing units to assist low-income and very low-income  
9 families;

10 (3) Technical assistance, design and finance services, and  
11 consultation for eligible nonprofit community or neighborhood-based  
12 organizations involved in the creation of affordable housing;

13 (4) Matching funds for operating costs for housing assistance groups  
14 or organizations when such grant or loan will substantially increase the  
15 recipient's ability to produce affordable housing;

16 (5) Mortgage insurance guarantees for eligible projects;

17 (6) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of preservation of  
18 housing to assist low-income or very low-income families;

19 (7) Projects making affordable housing more accessible to families  
20 with elderly members or members who have disabilities;

21 (8) Projects providing housing in areas determined by the Department  
22 of Economic Development to be of critical importance for the continued  
23 economic development and economic well-being of the community and where,  
24 as determined by the department, a shortage of affordable housing exists;

25 (9) Infrastructure projects necessary for the development of  
26 affordable housing;

27 (10) Downpayment and closing cost assistance;

28 (11) Demolition of existing vacant, condemned, or obsolete housing  
29 or industrial buildings or infrastructure;

30 (12) Housing education programs developed in conjunction with  
31 affordable housing projects. The education programs must be directed

1 toward:

2 (a) Preparing potential home buyers to purchase affordable housing  
3 and postpurchase education;

4 (b) Target audiences eligible to utilize the services of housing  
5 assistance groups or organizations; and

6 (c) Developers interested in the rehabilitation, acquisition, or  
7 construction of affordable housing;

8 (13) Support for efforts to improve programs benefiting homeless  
9 youth;~~and~~

10 (14) Vocational training in the housing and construction trades  
11 industries by nonprofit groups; and -

12 (15) Weatherization and solar or other energy improvements to make  
13 utilities for housing more affordable.

14 Sec. 2. Original section 58-706, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
15 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.