

1 Sec. X. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) is amended to read:

2 (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be

3 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the

4 General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds

5 to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act. The General Assembly may

6 designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, these funds shall

8 carryforward and remain available for this purpose.

9 Sec. X. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

10 (a) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration in Sec.

11 B.1101(b)(2) of this act, \$5,000,000 shall be utilized by the Agency of

12 Administration in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of assisting a housing

13 authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

14 Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise

15 be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.

16 (b) Funding may be made available to a housing authority for one of the

17 following purposes:

18 (1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent

19 the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing

20 authority; or

1 (2) with prior approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing
2 authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing
3 choice voucher participants.

4 (c) A vote of the majority of a housing authority's commissioners shall be
5 required prior to a housing authority requesting funds under this section.

6 (d) The Agency of Administration shall:

7 (1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to
8 applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to
9 issuing funds; and

10 (2) ensure that access to funds authorized by this section is made
11 available to all housing authorities across the State.

12 (e) As used in this section, "housing authority" has the same meaning as in
13 24 V.S.A. § 4002.

14 (f) Unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal
15 years and remain available for the purposes outlined in this section.