



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Washington State Department of Commerce

Subject of possible rule making: Low-Income Home Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.330.482

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: RCW 43.330.482 states that the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) must adopt rules for implementation of Low-Income Home Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program (Program). Eligibility, eligible agencies, and program guidelines are expected outcomes of the rule making process.

- The Legislature in 2017 created the program to assist low-income homeowners in rural areas with home rehabilitation projects, subject to the availability of funding. The Legislature appropriated \$5 million in funding in 2018, enabling Commerce to adopt rules and implement the program.
- Commerce will contract with local rehabilitation agencies, which might include any approved department grantee, tribal nation, or any public service company, municipality, public utility district, mutual or cooperative, or other entity approved by the department.
- Commerce intends to prioritize rehabilitation projects in coordination with weatherization projects.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) Stakeholder meetings will be held to allow those affected by the rule to provide input prior to the rule proposal being filed. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after rules are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

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