

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 333

By: Hall

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1054, which relates to definitions; updating statutory references; broadening definition; providing criteria; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1054, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1054. The following terms, wherever used or referred to in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

~~(a)~~ 1. "Authority" means any public body corporate and politic created by ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act.

~~(b)~~ 2. "City" means any incorporated city or town in the state. "County" means any county in the state.

~~(c)~~ 3. "Governing body" means, in the case of a city, the council or other governing body of the city in which is vested

1 legislative authority customarily imposed on the city council, and,  
2 in the case of a county, the board of county commissioners.

3 ~~(d)~~ 4. "Mayor" means the mayor of the city or the officer  
4 thereof charged with the duties customarily imposed on the mayor or  
5 executive head of a city.

6 ~~(e)~~ 5. "Clerk" means the city clerk or the county clerk, as the  
7 case may be.

8 ~~(f)~~ 6. "Area of operation" means:

9 ~~(1)~~ a. in the case of an authority of a city, the city  
10 and the area within one (1) mile of the territorial  
11 boundaries thereof, except that the area of operation  
12 of an authority of any city shall not include any area  
13 which lies within the territorial boundaries of some  
14 other city~~;~~.

15 ~~(2)~~ b. in the case of an authority of a county, all of  
16 the county for which it is created: Provided, that a  
17 county authority shall not undertake any project  
18 within the boundaries of any city unless a resolution  
19 shall have been adopted by the governing body of the  
20 city and by any authority which shall have been  
21 theretofore established and authorized to exercise its  
22 powers in the city declaring that there is need for  
23 the county authority to exercise its powers within  
24 that city. No authority shall operate in any area in

1 which an authority already established is operating  
2 without the consent by resolution of the authority  
3 already operating therein, and

4 c. in the case of an active duly certified city housing  
5 authority, exclusively for projects utilizing American  
6 Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Coronavirus State and  
7 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), and only for a  
8 period of time beginning on the effective date of this  
9 act and ending on December 31, 2027, anywhere within  
10 the geographical boundaries of this state until such  
11 projects are completed, provided such city housing  
12 authority has consulted with the city, such county or  
13 counties, and all other active and duly certified city  
14 and county housing authorities, if any, where such  
15 project or projects are located.

16 ~~(g)~~ 7. "Federal government" includes the United States of  
17 America, the Public Housing Administration, or any other agency or  
18 instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of  
19 America.

20 ~~(h)~~ 8. "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which  
21 by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or  
22 design, lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities, or any  
23 combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health and  
24 morals.

1        ~~(i)~~ 9. "Housing project" or "project" means any work or  
2 undertaking on contiguous or noncontiguous sites:

3            ~~(1)~~ a.        to demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any  
4                                  slum area~~+~~l

5            ~~(2)~~ b.        to provide or assist in providing (by any  
6                                  suitable method, including but not limited to: rental;  
7                                  sale of individual units in single or multifamily  
8                                  structures under conventional, condominium, or  
9                                  cooperative sales contract; lease-purchase agreement;  
10                                  loans; or subsidizing of rentals or charges) decent,  
11                                  safe and sanitary urban or rural dwellings,  
12                                  apartments, or other living accommodations for persons  
13                                  of low income~~+~~l or

14            ~~(3)~~ c.        to accomplish a combination of the foregoing.

15                                  Such work or undertaking may include buildings, land,  
16                                  equipment, facilities, and other real or personal  
17                                  property for necessary, convenient or desirable  
18                                  appurtenances; streets, sewers, water service,  
19                                  utilities, parks, site preparation, and landscaping;  
20                                  and facilities for administrative, community, health,  
21                                  recreational, welfare, or other purposes. The term  
22                                  "housing project" or "project" also may be applied to  
23                                  the planning of the buildings and improvements, the  
24                                  acquisition of property or any interest therein, the

1 demolition of existing structures, the construction,  
2 reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration or repair  
3 of the improvements and all other work in connection  
4 therewith; and the term shall include all other real  
5 and personal property and all tangible or intangible  
6 assets held or used in connection with the housing  
7 project.

8 ~~(j)~~ 10. "Persons of low income" shall mean persons or families  
9 who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as determined by  
10 the authority undertaking the housing project) to enable them,  
11 without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary  
12 dwellings, without overcrowding, however, the local housing  
13 authority shall not exceed the guidelines in establishing incomes  
14 set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

15 ~~(k)~~ 11. "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates,  
16 debentures, or other obligations issued by an authority pursuant to  
17 ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act.

18 ~~(l)~~ 12. "Real property" includes all lands, including  
19 improvements and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature  
20 appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, and every  
21 estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, therein including  
22 terms for years.

23 ~~(m)~~ 13. "Obligee of an authority" or "obligee" includes any  
24 bondholder, agent or trustee for any bondholder, or lessor demising

1 to the authority property used in connection with a project, or any  
2 assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or any part thereof,  
3 and the federal government when it is a party to any contract with  
4 the authority.

5 ~~(n)~~ 14. "Persons engaged in national defense activities" means  
6 persons in the Armed Forces of the United States; employees of the  
7 Department of Defense; and workers engaged or to be engaged in  
8 activities connected with national defense. The term also includes  
9 the families of the persons, employees, and workers who reside with  
10 them.

11 ~~(o)~~ 15. "Major disaster" means any flood, drought, fire,  
12 hurricane, tornado, earthquake, storm, or other catastrophe which,  
13 in the determination of the governing body, is of sufficient  
14 severity and magnitude to warrant the use of available resources of  
15 the federal, state, and local governments to alleviate the damage,  
16 hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

17 ~~(p)~~ 16. "State public body" means any city, county, municipal  
18 corporation, commission, district, authority, agency, subdivision,  
19 or public body of the state.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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