

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 482, Department or Agency Department of Insurance\*

Rule No. 482-1-159-.03

Rule Title: Grant Award Eligibility.

New  Amend  Repeal  Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? N/A\*

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? N/A\*

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? N/A\*

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? N/A\*

Is the increase in costs, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A\*

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? N/A\*

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? N/A\*

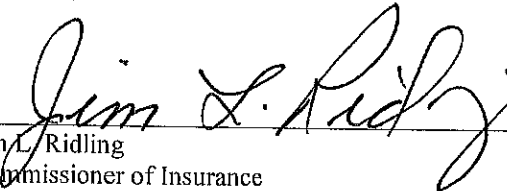
If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 27-2-17 and 27-7-43, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it complies with all applicable filing requirements of the Alabama Insurance Code.\*

Signature of certifying officer

  
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Jim L. Ridling  
Commissioner of Insurance

Date: April 20, 2017

\*Note: *The Alabama Department of Insurance is exempt from the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act pursuant to Section 41-22-2(e), Code of Alabama 1975.*

Alabama Department of Insurance

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Department of Insurance

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** Rule 482-1-159-.03: Grant Award Eligibility.

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend rule.


**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Commissioner of Insurance is proposing to amend the rule which sets forth the eligibility limits to receive grants from the Strengthen Alabama Homes program. The amendments change the percentage of family income thresholds and increase the maximum grants available through the program. The amendments will become effective June 24, 2017.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing at any time prior to June 7, 2017, to the Alabama Department of Insurance, Attention: Legal Division, Post Office Box 303351, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3351, or orally by appearing at the public hearing, Suite 502, RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama, beginning at 2:00 PM, on June 14, 2017.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**

June 7, 2017

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Reyn Norman  
General Counsel

  
Jim L. Ridling  
Commissioner of Insurance

1 **482-1-159-.03 Grant Award Eligibility.**

2 (1) Grant awards will be determined based on the cost of  
 3 the mitigation project and the percentage of family income of  
 4 the applicant relative to either the county area median income  
 5 (CAMI) or the state median family income (SMFI), adjusted for  
 6 family size as published annually by the Department of Housing  
 7 and Urban Development, whichever is higher. The eligible  
 8 percentage of the mitigation grant and the maximum grant to be  
 9 awarded is as follows:

10	Family Income as a %% of Project		Maximum
11	of CAMI or SMFI	Cost Covered	Grant
12	≤ 80%	100%	<del>\$7,500</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
13	> 80% but ≤ 90%	<del>90%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$7,000</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
14	> 90% but ≤ 105%	<del>80%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$6,500</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
15	> 105% but ≤ 120%	<del>70%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
16	> 120% but ≤ 145%	<del>60%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$5,000</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
17	> 145% but ≤ 170%	<del>50%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$4,000</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
18	> 170%	<del>40%</del> <u>100%</u>	<del>\$3,000</del> <u>\$10,000</u>

19 (2) If the cost of the mitigation project exceeds the  
 20 amount of the grant award, the remaining cost is the  
 21 homeowner's responsibility.

1           (3) The relative percentages of family income, the  
2 percentages of project cost covered, and the maximum grant  
3 permitted for each income level, as shown in the above chart,  
4 may be adjusted from time to time as deemed appropriate by the  
5 Commissioner.

6 Author: Commissioner of Insurance  
7 Statutory Authority: Ala. Code §§ 27-2-17, 27-31E-2  
8 History: New August 12, 2015, Effective January 1, 2016;  
9 Revised June 14, 2017, Effective June 24, 2017