CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 185-X-4 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

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185-X-4-.01 State Plan For The Distribution Of Funds.

(1) The Board shall annually develop a State Plan for the distribution of funds from the Children's Trust Fund. The plan shall assure an equal opportunity exists for establishment of prevention programs and receipt of trust fund money among all geographic areas of the state.

(2) Upon Board approval, the plan shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to the Governor, the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Senate. Author: Mark N. Chambless Statutory Authority: <u>Code of Ala. 1975</u>, § 26-16-6(3). History: Emergency rule filed August 5, 1985. Permanent rule filed August 5, 1985.

185-X-4-.02 Establishment Of Procedure For Application Of Funds.

(1) The Board shall establish a procedure for the acceptance of applications and the criteria for reviewing the applications. Each applicant shall follow the procedures as set forth and publicized.

(2) The Board shall publicize the plan for application and shall provide each local council with this plan.

(3) The Board as a part of the plan for the application of and disbursement of funds may provide for the establishment of categories of grants and rank same by designating the priority of each category. In the event the Board chooses to prioritize categories of grants, said prioritization shall not be absolute nor shall the Board be bound to approve grants only in the higher priority categories before approving grants in the lower priority categories. Any such prioritization will be considered for the convenience of the Board in developing and conducting the overall plans and philosophies relating to the statutory rights and obligations of the Board.

Author: Mark N. Chambless

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185-X-4-.03 Review, Approval And Rejection.

(1) The Board shall, as part of the plan for applications, hold a public meeting to review the applications. The Board shall take into consideration the primary purposes of the trust fund, the Code requirements and may consider other criteria the Board establishes in reviewing the applications.

(2) The Board has the duty and authority to approve, in full or in part, or to reject, in full or in part, any application submitted. In approving or rejecting the applications submitted the Board may consider the availability of funds, the geographic location of the applications, the ability of the applicant to secure other funding and other criteria the Board establishes or deems appropriate. Author: Mark N. Chambless

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§ 26-16-6, 26-16-8, 26-16-9, 26-16-10, 26-16-30, 26-16-32.

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185-X-4-.04 Grants.

(1) The Board shall establish a funding cycle for the disbursement of funds and publish same by notifying the local councils.

(2) The Board shall have the authority to authorize disbursements to the approved applicants and shall establish a procedure for the orderly disbursement to the funded project.

Author: Mark N. Chambless

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185-X-4-.05 Review Of Rejected Applications.

(1) Any applicant rejected may contact the Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund, who shall provide the applicant with the Board's reasoning for not approving the application. The applicant wishing to protest the rejection can also submit to the Executive Director specific reason, in writing, why the application should have been approved.

(2) Upon receipt of the written protest, the Executive Director shall choose at random a review committee to be composed of the chairperson and two other Board members, excluding the Board member(s) from the applicant's congressional district.

(3) The review committee will review the letter submitted by the applicant and make a recommendation. The Board, at a special called meeting with an expressed agenda, will then decide to accept or reject the committee's recommendation.

(4) The chairperson shall present the findings to the Board as a whole for their final decision on the application. The applicant shall then be notified, in writing, of the Board's final decision. **Author:** Mark N. Chambless

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