



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Housing and Community Development
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	13 VAC 5 -112
<b>Regulation title</b>	Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Program
<b>Action title</b>	This update is required to conform with changes in the Enterprise Zone Grant statute made by the 2007 General Assembly to the investment levels required to receive the maximum grant amounts in the Enterprise Zone Real Property Investment Grant.
<b>Final agency action date</b>	September 24, 2007
<b>Document preparation date</b>	September 24, 2007

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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The 2007 General Assembly adjusted the investment levels required to receive the maximum grant amounts in the Enterprise Zone Real Property Investment Grant such that:

- For any qualified zone investor making less than \$5 million in qualified real property investment, a real property investment grant shall be allowed in an amount equaling 20 percent of the amount of qualified real property investment not to exceed \$125,000 within any five-year period for any building or facility. For any qualified zone investor making \$5 million or more in qualified real property investments, a real property investment grant shall be allowed in an amount equaling 20 percent of the amount of qualified real property investment not to exceed \$250,000 within any five-year period for any building or facility.

**Statement of final agency action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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On September 24, 2007, the Board of the Department of Housing and Community Development approved the Enterprise Zone Program Regulations that have been updated to conform with changes in the Enterprise Zone Grant Act.

## Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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There is an indirect positive impact on the family in that one purpose of the program is to create net new jobs in distressed areas of the Commonwealth. Businesses must pay at least at 175 percent of the federal minimum wage in order to qualify for job creation grant. This can encourage economic self-sufficiency and increase disposable family income.