

CHAPTER 87

BOARD OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

8700. Domestic Violence Shelters, Board Established.

The Board of Domestic Violence Shelters is established to administer the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of 1327.01 and 9053.00 of the Jackson County Code and RSMo 455.205(2). (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)

8701. Board of Domestic Violence Shelters, Composition.

There shall be five (5) members of the Board of Domestic Violence Shelters. All members must be residents of Jackson County and hold no other county office. At least two (2) of the five (5) members must possess substantial experience working with Domestic Violence Shelters. However, no person shall be eligible to serve on this Board and at the same time be an officer, director, or employee of a Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84; Ord. 2505, Eff. 01/31/96)

8702. Board of Domestic Violence Shelters, Appointment.

The five (5) members shall be appointed by the County Executive in such a manner that the membership of the Board shall be composed at all times of no more than 1 resident from any county legislative district. The appointments are subject to the disapproval of the legislature. The executive shall designate one member as chairman of the Board. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84; Ord. 2505, Eff. 01/31/96)

8703. Board of Domestic Violence Shelters, Term.

The five (5) members shall be appointed to serve terms as follows: Effective upon the adoption of this section, one (1) member shall serve a term of one-year, two (2) members shall serve terms of two years, and two (2) members shall serve terms of three years. All subsequent appointees to the board shall serve terms of three (3) years or for the unexpired terms of their predecessors. (Ord. 1230, 10/15/84; Ord. 2505, Eff. 01/31/96)

8704. Board of Domestic Violence Shelters, Powers and Responsibilities.

The Board shall have all the powers and duties conferred by §455.210 to 455.230 RSMo. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)

8705. Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence, Applications for Funding.

A shelter for victims of domestic violence may apply to the Board for funds to be used for the funding of the shelter. All applications shall be submitted by the first day of October of the year preceding the calendar year for which the funding is desired, and shall include all of the following:

- 8705.1 Evidence that the shelter is incorporated in this state as a nonprofit corporation;

8705.2 A list of the directors of the corporation, and a list of the trustees of the shelter if different;

8705.3 The proposed budget of the shelter for the following calendar year;

8705.4 A summary of the services proposed to be offered in the following calendar year;

8705.5 An estimate of the number of persons to be served during the following calendar year. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)

8706. Notice by Board of Award.

Upon receipt of an application for funds from a shelter that meets the criteria set forth in section 455.220 RSMo. and section 8708.00, Jackson County Code, 1984 the Board of Domestic Violence Shelter, on or before the fifteenth day of November of the year in which the application is filed, shall notify the shelter, in writing, whether it is eligible to receive funds, and if the shelter is eligible, specify the amount available for the shelter from the fees collected pursuant to section 455.205 RSMo. and sections 1327.00 and 9053.00, Jackson County Code, 1984. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)

8707. Payment Schedule.

Funds allocated to shelters pursuant to this section shall be paid to the shelters twice annually, on the first day of January and the first day of July of the years following the year in which the application is filed. (Ord. 10/15/84)

8708. Requirements for Shelter to Qualify for Funds.

To qualify for funds allocated and distributed pursuant to section 455.215 RSMo. and sections 8705 and 8707, Jackson County Code, 1984 a shelter shall meet all the following requirements:

8708.1 Be incorporated in the state as a nonprofit corporation;

8708.2 Have trustees who represent the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the community to be served, at least one of whom must possess personal experience in confronting or mitigating the problems of domestic violence;

8708.3 Receive at least twenty-five percent of its funds from sources other than funds distributed pursuant to section 455.215 RSMo. and sections 8705 to 8707 Jackson County Code, 1984. These other sources may be public or private and may include contributions of goods or services, including materials, commodities, transportation, office space or other types of facilities or personal services;

8708.4 Provide residential service or facilities for children when accompanied by a

parent, guardian, or custodian who is a victim of domestic violence and who is receiving temporary residential service at the shelter;

8708.5 Require persons employed by or volunteering services to the shelter to maintain the confidentiality of any information that would identify individuals served by the shelter.

8708.6 A shelter does not qualify for funds if it discriminates in its admissions or provision of services on the basis of race, religion, color, age, marital status, national origin, or ancestry. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)

8709. Annual Reports by Shelters, Contents Confidential.

A shelter for victims of domestic violence that receives funds pursuant to sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo. and Chapter 87 of the Jackson County Code shall file an annual report with the Board of Domestic Violence Shelters with the Board of Domestic Violence Shelters on or before the thirty-first day of March of the year following the year in which funds were received. The annual report shall include statistics on the number of persons served by the shelter, the relationship of the victim of domestic violence to the abuser, the number of referrals made for medical, psychological, financial, educational, vocational, child care services or legal services, and shall include the results of an independent audit. No information contained in the report shall identify any person served by the shelter or enable any person to determine the identity of any such person. The Board shall compile the reports file pursuant to this section annually and file them with the Clerk of the Legislature. (Ord. 1230, Eff. 10/15/84)