

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   BILL NO. 333

By: Haste of the Senate

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9       An Act relating to the Oklahoma Housing Authorities  
10      Act; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1054, which  
11      relates to definitions; updating statutory  
12      references; modifying definition; and providing  
13      criteria.

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

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

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

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

23       ~~(b)~~ 2. "City" means any incorporated city or town in the  
24      state.;

1        3. "County" means any county in the state~~;~~;

2        ~~(e)~~ 4. "Governing body" means, in the case of a city, the  
3 council or other governing body of the city in which is vested  
4 legislative authority customarily imposed on the city council, and,  
5 in the case of a county, the board of county commissioners~~;~~;

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

9        ~~(e)~~ 6. "Clerk" means the city clerk or the county clerk, as the  
10 case may be~~;~~;

11        ~~(f)~~ 7. "Area of operation" means:

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

18            ~~(2)~~ b. in the case of an authority of a county, all of the  
19                    county for which it is created~~;~~; Provided, that a  
20                    county authority shall not undertake any project  
21                    within the boundaries of any city unless a resolution  
22                    shall have been adopted by the governing body of the  
23                    city and by any authority which shall have been  
24                    ~~therefore~~ established and authorized to exercise its

1 powers in the city declaring that there is need for  
2 the county authority to exercise its powers within  
3 that city. No authority shall operate in any area in  
4 which an authority already established is operating  
5 without the consent by resolution of the authority  
6 already operating therein, and

7 c. in the case of an authority of a city or of a county  
8 and only for the purpose of construction or  
9 rehabilitation projects, beginning on the effective  
10 date of this act, anywhere within this state;  
11 provided, such city or county housing authority has  
12 consulted with the city, county or counties, and all  
13 other active and duly certified city and county  
14 housing authorities, if any, where the project or  
15 projects are located;

16 ~~(g)~~ 8. "Federal government" ~~includes~~ means the United States of  
17 America, the ~~Public Housing Administration~~ United States Department  
18 of Housing and Urban Development, or any other agency or  
19 instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of  
20 America;i

21 ~~(h)~~ 9. "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which  
22 by reason of dilapidationi overcrowdingi faulty arrangement or  
23 designi lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilitiesi or any  
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1 combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, and  
2 morals;

3 ~~(i)~~ 10. "Housing project" or "project" means any work or  
4 undertaking on contiguous or noncontiguous sites:

5 ~~(1)~~ a. to demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any  
6 slum area;

7 ~~(2)~~ b. to provide or assist in providing (by any suitable  
8 method, including, but not limited to: rental; sale  
9 of individual units in single or multifamily  
10 structures under a conventional, condominium, or  
11 cooperative sales contract; lease-purchase agreement;  
12 loans; or subsidizing of rentals or charges for  
13 housing projects located within the territorial  
14 boundaries of the authority of a city or county but  
15 excluding the expanded area of operation as defined in  
16 subparagraph c of paragraph 7 of this section) decent,  
17 safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings,  
18 apartments, or other living accommodations for persons  
19 of low income; or

20 ~~(3)~~ c. to accomplish a combination of ~~the foregoing~~  
21 subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph. Such work or  
22 undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment,  
23 facilities, and other real or personal property for  
24 necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances;

1 streets, sewers, water service, utilities, parks, site  
2 preparation, and landscaping; and facilities for  
3 administrative, community, health, recreational,  
4 welfare, or other purposes. The term "~~housing~~  
5 ~~project~~" housing project or "~~project~~" project also may  
6 be applied to the planning of the buildings and  
7 improvements, the acquisition of property or any  
8 interest therein, the demolition of existing  
9 structures, the construction, reconstruction,  
10 rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of the  
11 improvements and all other work in connection  
12 therewith; and the term shall include all other real  
13 and personal property and all tangible or intangible  
14 assets held or used in connection with the housing  
15 project.

16 ~~(j)~~ 11. "Persons of low income" ~~shall mean~~ means persons or  
17 families who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as  
18 determined by the authority undertaking the housing project) to  
19 enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe,  
20 and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding; however, the local  
21 housing authority shall not exceed the guidelines in establishing  
22 incomes set forth by the United States Department of Housing and  
23 Urban Development.

1       ~~(k)~~ 12. "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates,  
2 debentures, or other obligations issued by an authority pursuant to  
3 ~~this act.~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act;

4       ~~(l)~~ 13. "Real property" ~~includes~~ means all lands, including  
5 improvements and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature  
6 appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, and every  
7 estate, interest, and right, legal or equitable, ~~therein~~ including  
8 terms for years;i

9       ~~(m)~~ 14. "Obligee of an authority" or "obligee" ~~includes~~ means  
10 any bondholder, agent or trustee for any bondholder, or lessor  
11 demising to the authority property used in connection with a  
12 project, or any assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or  
13 any part thereof, and the federal government when it is a party to  
14 any contract with the authority;i

15       ~~(n)~~ 15. "Persons engaged in national defense activities" means  
16 persons in the Armed Forces of the United States~~+~~+, employees of the  
17 Department of Defense~~+~~+, and workers engaged or to be engaged in  
18 activities connected with national defense. The term also includes  
19 the families of the persons, employees, and workers who reside with  
20 them;i

21       ~~(o)~~ 16. "Major disaster" means any flood, drought, fire,  
22 hurricane, tornado, earthquake, storm, or other catastrophe which,  
23 in the determination of the governing body, is of sufficient  
24 severity and magnitude to warrant the use of available resources of

1 the federal, state, and local governments to alleviate the damage,  
2 hardship, or suffering caused thereby-; and

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

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated  
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