



24 It is the express intent of the General Court to increase funds  
25 available to settlement houses for the purpose of providing a  
26 comprehensive range of services to the residents of the neighbor-  
27 hoods they serve and that the funds provided pursuant to this  
28 chapter will be complemented by privately-raised contributions to  
29 the settlement houses for the program services funded pursuant to  
30 this chapter. The General Court does not intend that these funds be  
31 used as a substitute for any funds currently available from federal,  
32 state, or local sources for the provision of neighborhood-based  
33 service delivery programs provided by settlement houses.

34 Section 2. Definitions. As used in this chapter the following  
35 words and terms shall have the following meanings:—

36 “Program Services”, may include, but are not limited to, several  
37 of the following services:

38 (a) early childhood services, including child care, child devel-  
39 opment services, early childhood education, early intervention,  
40 health information and referral for pre-school children and child  
41 welfare services including programs designed to prevent child  
42 abuse and neglect;

43 (b) youth services, including teen centers and school-age  
44 programs which provide recreation, homework assistance, prepa-  
45 ration for employment, counseling and meals;

46 (c) education programs, including remedial education, tutoring,  
47 homework assistance, General Education Development (GED),  
48 family literacy and English language training;

49 (d) family programs, including home management, parent aid  
50 homemaker services, food pantries, parenting skills training, teen  
51 parent services and programs for seniors;

52 (e) arts and cultural activities;

53 (f) employment progress, including summer youth employment  
54 apprentice programs, job training programs and displaced home-  
55 maker programs;

56 (g) case management including family counseling, crisis  
57 counseling, group and individual counseling;

58 (h) emergency response systems for crisis situations;

59 “Secretary”, secretary of human services.

60 “Settlement House”, an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit  
61 organization engaged in community work and social services  
62 delivery in a defined neighborhood in a city or town of the com-

63 monwealth which provides comprehensive, coordinated, family-  
64 focused, multi-generational human services such as child care,  
65 employment training, housing assistance counseling, youth devel-  
66 opment, educational services, senior services, and arts and cultural  
67 activities, based on the needs of the neighborhood or neighbor-  
68 hoods served and which:

69 (a) has been incorporated for at least 30 years;

70 (b) is qualified as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to  
71 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code;

72 (c) provides services to all those who live in the neighborhood  
73 or neighborhoods served without regard to race, creed, religious  
74 practice, color, sex, age, national origin, economic status,  
75 disability or affectional preference;

76 (d) has an independent, autonomous board of directors, which  
77 meets at regular intervals, has full authority over the policies and  
78 operations of the organization, and the membership of which  
79 includes more that fifty percent community residents;

80 (e) employs appropriate staff including a position of chief exec-  
81 utive officer;

82 (f) has a budget which is adopted on an annual basis by the  
83 board of directors, utilizes an accepted accounting system and has  
84 prepared an annual fiscal audit by a certified public accountant  
85 not connected with the organization; and

86 (g) can demonstrate that one of its primary purposes is to  
87 improve and expand the relationships among groups of different  
88 cultural, economic, religious, and social groups in the community  
89 through a variety of individual, group, and inter-group activities.

90 Section 3. (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized to issue grants  
91 for the purpose of enhancing and coordinating activities and  
92 programs, expanding programs to serve more individuals and  
93 families, and promoting inter-agency coordination with other  
94 neighborhood organizations offering complementary services.

95 (2) Funds awarded to settlement houses pursuant to the provi-  
96 sions of sub-section one of this section shall be used to supple-  
97 ment and not to supplant other federal, state, or local funds.

98 (3) The secretary shall issue requests for applications to all  
99 settlement houses in the commonwealth and shall specify that  
100 applications include a description of the nature of the services to  
101 be provided, a discussion of the relatedness of the services to the

102 purpose of the settlement house as defined in section one of this  
103 chapter and an estimate of the number and composition of clients  
104 to be served. Such applications may include a discussion of plans  
105 to develop or enhance outreach services to individual and fami-  
106 lies, institute or augment assessments of individual and family  
107 needs, coordinate services, develop links with neighborhood  
108 organizations, develop employment initiatives, mentoring pro-  
109 grams and other cooperative programs with unions, neighborhood  
110 businesses, and community corporations, and identify sources of  
111 private funding. Such applications shall also include at least the  
112 following:

113 (a) appropriate accounting and fiscal control procedures that  
114 assure that funds are expended in accordance with this chapter,  
115 including the filing of an annual financial statement by each  
116 provider; and

117 (b) appropriate written records regarding the number of individ-  
118 uals and families served and the type and extent of services  
119 rendered by the settlement house.

120 (4) The secretary shall solicit and select applications for the  
121 provision of programs and services funded pursuant to this  
122 chapter. It is necessary that settlement houses receiving funding  
123 pursuant to this chapter demonstrate a plan to raise one dollar for  
124 each two dollars of state grants received. Subsequent year funding  
125 may be adjusted to reflect prior years' experience.

126 (5) The secretary may issue a request for applications to the  
127 extent funds are available on a multi-year basis.

128 (6) The secretary shall make grants subject to appropriations of  
129 up to one hundred thousand dollars to settlement houses following  
130 approval of an acceptable plan submitted pursuant to the request  
131 for applications.