§ 25.03 Financial support and disbursement of funds.

(a) In accordance with the provisions of this article, and within appropriations made available, the office may provide state aid to a program operated by a local governmental unit or voluntary agency up to one hundred per centum of the approved net operating costs of such program operated by a local governmental unit or voluntary agency, and state aid may also be granted to a program operated by a local governmental unit or a voluntary agency for capital costs associated with the provision of services at a rate of up to one hundred percent of approved capital costs. Such state aid shall not be granted unless and until such program operated by a local governmental unit or voluntary agency is in compliance with all regulations promulgated by the commissioner regarding the financing of capital projects. Such state aid for approved net operating costs shall be made available by way of advance or reimbursement, through either contracts entered into between the office and such voluntary agency or by distribution of such state aid to local governmental units through a grant process pursuant to section 25.11 of this article.

(b) Financial support by the office shall be subject to the approval of the director of the budget and within available appropriations.

(c) All federal financial assistance granted or allocated to the office by the United States shall only be paid out on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on the certificate of the commissioner or his authorized representative.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the state to increase such state aid should a local governmental unit choose to remove any portion of its local tax levy support of voluntary agencies, although the state may choose to do so to address an urgent public need, or conversely, may choose to reduce its state aid up to the same percentage as the reduction in local tax levy.