

Subpart D—Single Purpose Grant Application and Selection Process

§ 1003.300 Application requirements.

(a) *Application information.* A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER not less than 30 days before the deadline for application submission. The NOFA will provide information relating to the date and time for application submission, the form and content requirements of the application, specific information regarding the rating and ranking criteria to be used, and any other information pertinent to the application process.

(b) *Costs incurred by applicant.* Costs incurred by an applicant prior to the submission of the single purpose grant application to HUD will not be recognized by HUD as eligible ICDBG expenses.

(c) HUD will not normally reimburse or recognize costs incurred before HUD approval of the application for funding. However, under unusual circumstances, the Area ONAP may consider and approve written requests to recognize and reimburse costs incurred after submission of the application where failure to do so would impose undue hardship on the applicant. Such written authorization will be made only before the costs are incurred and where the requirements for reimbursement have been met in accordance with 24 CFR 58.22 and with the understanding that HUD has no obligation whatsoever to approve the application or to reimburse the applicant should the application be disapproved.

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§ 1003.301 Selection process.

(a) *Threshold requirement.* An applicant that has an outstanding ICDBG obligation to HUD that is in arrears, or one that has not agreed to a repayment schedule, will be disqualified from the competition.

(b) *Application rating.* NOFAs will define and establish weights for the selection criteria, will specify the maximum

points available, and will describe how point awards will be made.

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§ 1003.302 Project specific threshold requirements.

(a) *Housing rehabilitation projects.* All applicants for housing rehabilitation projects shall adopt rehabilitation standards and rehabilitation policies before submitting an application. The applicant shall assure that it will use project funds to rehabilitate units only when the homeowner's payments are current or the homeowner is current in a repayment agreement that is subject to approval by the Area ONAP. The Area ONAP administrator may grant exceptions to this requirement on a case-by-case basis.

(b) *New housing construction projects.* New housing construction can only be implemented through a nonprofit organization that is eligible under § 1003.204 or is otherwise eligible under § 1003.207(b)(3). All applicants for new housing construction projects shall adopt, by current tribal resolution, construction standards before submitting an application. All applications which include new housing construction projects must document that:

(1) No other housing is available in the immediate reservation area that is suitable for the household(s) to be assisted; and

(2) No other sources can meet the needs of the household(s) to be assisted; and

(3) Rehabilitation of the unit occupied by the household(s) to be assisted is not economically feasible; or

(4) The household(s) to be housed currently is in an overcrowded housing unit (sharing with another household); or

(5) The household(s) to be assisted has no current residence.

(c) *Economic development projects.* All applicants for economic development projects must provide an analysis which shows public benefit commensurate with the ICDBG assistance requested will result from the assisted project. This analysis should also establish that to the extent practicable; reasonable financial support will be committed from non-Federal sources

prior to disbursement of Federal funds; any grant amount provided will not substantially reduce the amount of non-Federal financial support for the activity; not more than a reasonable rate of return on investment is provided to the owner; and, that grant funds used for the project will be disbursed on a pro rata basis with amounts from other sources. In addition, it must be established that the project is financially feasible and that it has a reasonable chance of success.

§ 1003.303 Project rating.

Each project included in an application that meets the threshold requirements shall be competitively rated within each Area ONAP's jurisdiction under the five following rating factors. Additional details regarding the rating factors will be provided in the periodic NOFAs.

(a) *Capacity.* This factor will address the applicant's organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner.

(b) *Need/Extent of the problem.* This factor will address the extent to which there is a need for the proposed project to address a documented problem among the intended beneficiaries.

(c) *Soundness of Approach.* This factor will address the quality and cost effectiveness of the proposed project, the commitment to sustain the proposed activities, and the degree to which the proposed project provides other benefits to community members.

(d) *Leveraging of resources.* This factor will address the level of tribal resources and resources from other entities that are used in conjunction with ICDBG funds to support the proposed project. HUD will evaluate the level of non-ICDBG resources based on the percentage of non-ICDBG resources provided relative to project costs.

(e) *Comprehensiveness and coordination.* This factor will address the extent to which the applicant's proposed activities are consistent with the strategic plans or policy goals of the community and further on-going priorities and activities of the community.

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§ 1003.304 Funding process.

(a) *Notification.* Area ONAPs will notify applicants of the approval or disapproval of their applications. Grant amounts offered may reflect adjustments made by the Area ONAPs in accordance with §1003.100(b)(2).

(b) *Grant award.* (1) As soon as the Area ONAP determines that the applicant has complied with any pre-award requirements and absent information which would alter the threshold determinations under §1003.302, the grant will be awarded. The regulations become part of the grant agreement.

(2) All grants shall be conditioned upon the completion of all environmental obligations and approval of release of funds by HUD in accordance with the requirements of part 58 of this title and, in particular, subpart J of part 58 of this title, except as otherwise provided in part 58 of this title.

(3) HUD may impose other grant conditions where additional actions or approvals are required before the use of funds.

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§ 1003.305 Program amendments.

(a) Grantees shall request prior HUD approval for program amendments which will significantly change the scope, location, objective, or class of beneficiaries of the approved activities, as originally described in the application.

(b) Amendment requests of \$100,000 or more shall include all application components required by the NOFA published for the last application cycle; those requests of less than \$100,000 do not have to include the components which address the selection criteria.

(c) Approval of an amendment request is subject to the following:

(1) A rating equal to or greater than the lowest rating received by a funded project during the most recent funding competition must be attained by the amended project if the request is for \$100,000 or more;

(2) Demonstration by the grantee of the capacity to promptly complete the modified or new activities;