

name of the original district organization if EDA determines that the remaining counties can meet the requirements for authorizing and designating economic development districts, as set forth at part 302 of this chapter.

Subpart F—State and Urban Economic Development Planning Grants

§ 307.29 Purpose and scope.

Planning assistance is to strengthen significant economic development planning capability and initiatives of eligible applicants to ensure a more productive use of available resources in reducing the effects of economic problems by formulation and implementation of an economic development program. Assistance must be part of a continuous process involving significant local leadership from public officials and private citizens and should include efforts to reduce unemployment and increase incomes. These efforts should be systematic and coordinated when applicable, with other planning organizations in the area, and should strengthen the planning capabilities of applicants.

§ 307.30 Applicants.

Eligible applicants under this program are as follows:

- (a) Governors or agencies so designated by Governors of States;
- (b) Chief executive officers of cities or counties, or their designated agencies or organizations; and
- (c) Sub-state planning and development organizations (including redevelopment areas and economic development districts).

§ 307.31 Selection process.

Projects will be selected in accordance with § 304.1 of this chapter.

§ 307.32 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of the evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, EDA will evaluate projects on the following:

- (a) Overall quality of the proposal;
- (b) Extent to which the proposed planning activities are expected to:

(1) Impact upon the service area's economic development needs; and

(2) Address the problems of the unemployed and underemployed of the area, including minorities, workers displaced by plant closings, etc.;

(c) The proximity of the performing office to the chief executive (i.e., likelihood that the activities will have a significant influence on the policy and decision making process);

(d) Past performance of currently or formerly funded grantees, when applicable;

(e) The amount of local participation provided as matching share to the Federal funds; and

(f) Other characteristics, such as involvement of the private sector businesses and professional groups in the proposed activities, and particularly for states, the innovativeness of the proposed approach and replicability of the model process or results.

§ 307.33 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance will be for the period of time required to complete the work. This period is normally 12 to 18 months.

(b) Grant assistance may be provided for up to 75 percent of project costs. Applicants will be required to provide the remaining share, preferably in cash.

PART 308—REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE TITLE IX ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

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§ 308.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The Economic Adjustment Program addresses the particular needs of