

- (b) Public sector organizations;
 - (1) American Indian tribes;
 - (2) Local governments; and
 - (3) State agencies.

(c) Technical assistance grant funds may not be awarded to private individuals or for profit organizations.

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§307.3 Selection process.

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

§307.4 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, evaluation criteria should include whether the project:

- (a) Strengthens the capability of state and local organizations and institutions, including non-profit development groups, to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to people and areas of distress;
- (b) Benefits distressed areas;
- (c) Diversifies distressed economies;
- (d) Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulating economic development in depressed areas;
- (e) Is consistent with the EDA approved Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) for the area in which the project is located; and
- (f) Presents a reasonable, itemized budget.

§307.5 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance will be for the period of time required to complete the scope of the work. This typically does not exceed twelve months.

(b) EDA will provide grants and cooperative agreements not to exceed 75 percent of the proposed project costs. Applicants are expected to provide the remaining share. EDA may waive all or part of the 25 percent share of technical assistance grants if it determines that the nonfederal share is not reasonably available because of the critical nature of the situation requiring technical assistance, or for other good cause.

(c) Quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports and project

products will be specified in the Special Award Conditions of the grant.

Subpart B—University Center Program

§307.6 Purpose and scope.

Funds under the University Center Technical Assistance Program help institutions of higher education in using their own and other resources to address the economic development problems and opportunities of their service area. The University Center Technical Assistance Program is designed to help in improving the economies of distressed areas.

§307.7 Applicants.

Eligible applicants for University Center Technical Assistance grants or cooperative agreements include public and private accredited educational institutions and non-profit entities representing them. In certain circumstances, other applicants proposing projects that benefit the University Center Technical Assistance Program may be considered.

§307.8 Selection process.

- (a) Projects will be selected in accordance with §304.1 of this chapter.
- (b) The concurrence of EDA in Washington, DC, is required for the selection of all new University Centers.

§307.9 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, evaluation criteria include whether the project:

- (a) Has the commitment of the highest management levels of the sponsoring institution;
- (b) Provides evidence of adequate nonfederal financial support, either from the sponsoring institution or other sources;
- (c) Outlines activities consistent with the expertise of the proposed staff, the academic programs, and other resources available within the sponsoring institution;
- (d) Presents a reasonable budget;

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(e) Documents past experience of the sponsoring institution in operating technical assistance programs; and

(f) Adds to the geographic distribution of University Centers across the country.

§307.10 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance will be for the period of time required to complete the scope of the work. This typically does not exceed twelve months.

(b) EDA will provide grants and cooperative agreements not to exceed 75 percent of the proposed project costs. Applicants are expected to provide the remaining share. EDA may waive all or part of the 25 percent share of technical assistance grants if it determines that the nonfederal share is not reasonably available because of the critical nature of the situation requiring technical assistance or for other good cause.

(c) Indirect costs are limited to 20 percent of the Federal and nonfederal shares. EDA encourages applicants to absorb all indirect costs for this program.

(d) Quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports and project products will be specified in the Special Award Conditions of the grant.

Subpart C—National Technical Assistance

§307.11 Purpose and scope.

Funds under the National Technical Assistance Program are awarded to assure the successful initiation and implementation of development efforts designed to alleviate economic distress. This program is designed to help alleviate or prevent conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment and problems of economically distressed areas.

§307.12 Applicants.

Eligible applicants for National Technical Assistance grants or cooperative agreements include:

(a) Public or private non-profit organizations, including:

(1) Non-profit national, state, area, district, or local organizations; and

(2) Accredited educational institutions or non-profit entities representing them.

(b) Public sector organizations and Native American organizations, including:

(1) American Indian tribes;

(2) Local governments; and

(3) State agencies.

(c) Technical assistance grant funds may not be awarded to private individuals or for profit organizations.

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§307.13 Selection process.

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

(b) EDA may during the course of the year, identify specific economic development technical assistance activities it wishes to have conducted. Organizations and individuals interested in being invited to respond to Solicitations of Applications (SOAs) to conduct such studies should submit information on their capabilities and experience. See the annual FY NOFA for the appropriate point of contact and address.

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§307.14 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of the evaluation criteria described in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, evaluation criteria include whether the project:

(a) Does not depend upon further EDA or other Federal funding assistance to achieve results;

(b) Strengthens the capability of state and local organizations and institutions, including non-profit development groups, to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to people and areas of distress;

(c) Benefits severely distressed areas including both rural and urban counties and communities;

(d) Diversifies distressed economies;

(e) Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulating economic development in depressed areas.

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