

Part C provides details on application prerequisites, funds available in each priority area, limitations on grant amounts, project periods, who should benefit from the programs, and other application requirements;

Part D describes the application procedures, including the availability of forms, where and how to submit an application, the criteria used in screening and evaluating applications, and compliance with Federal requirements regarding the drug-free workplace and debarment requirements in submitting the application;

Part E describes the contents of the application package and receipt process;

Part F provides instructions for completing the SF-424 following standard Federal guidelines as well as OCS specific requirements, and describes how the project narrative should be ordered and presented; and

Part G details post-award information and reporting requirements.

CLOSING DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is February 21, 1995 for all Priority Areas with exception of Priority Area 1.5. For Priority Area 1.5, the closing date for submission of applications is February 6, 1995.

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Part A—Preamble

1. Legislative Authority

Section 681(a) and 681(b)(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to make funds available to support program activities of national or regional significance to alleviate the causes of poverty in distressed communities with special emphasis on community and economic development activities and assistance to migrants and seasonal farmworkers. Section 681(b) authorizes the Secretary to make grants for assistance to rural low-income families in home repair and planning and developing low-income rural rental housing units and training and technical assistance to meet community facility needs.

2. Departmental Goals

This announcement is particularly relevant to the Departmental goal of strengthening the American family and promoting self-sufficiency. These programs have objectives of increasing the access of low-income people to employment-related opportunities, improving job skills, and improving the integration, coordination, and continuity of the various HHS (and other Federal Departments') funded services potentially available to families living in poverty.

3. Definition of Terms

For purposes of this Program Announcement the following definitions apply:

—Community development corporation: A private, nonprofit entity, governed by a board consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders, which has as a principal purpose planning, developing, or

managing low-income housing or community development projects.

- Displaced worker: An individual who is in the labor market but has been unemployed for six months or longer.
- Distressed community: A geographic urban neighborhood or rural community of high unemployment and pervasive poverty.
- Eligible applicant: (See appropriate Priority Area under Part B.)
- Empowerment Zones: Rebuilding communities in America's poverty-stricken inner cities and rural heartland. Empowering communities across the nation in developing and implementing strategic plans to create jobs and business opportunities and sustainable community development.
- Enterprise Communities: Empowering American communities and their residents to create jobs and business opportunities, take effective action to solve difficult and pressing economic, human, community and physical development challenges of today, and to build for tomorrow as part of a Federal-State-local and private-sector partnership.
- Indian tribe: A tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians recognized in the State in which it resides or which is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian tribe or an Indian organization for any purpose. For the purpose of Priority Area 1.0 (Urban and Rural Community Economic Development) an Indian tribe or Indian organization is ineligible unless the applicant organization is a private non-profit community economic development corporation.
- Job Creation: Jobs that were not in existence prior to grant. (NOTE: Do not confuse this with Job Placement which is placing a person in a vacant job.)
- Migrant farmworker: An individual who works in agricultural employment of a seasonal or other temporary nature who is required to be absent from his/her place of permanent residence in order to secure such employment.
- Rural: An area that is not within the outer boundary of a metropolitan entity having a population of 25,000 or more and contiguous communities with a population density of 100 persons or more per square mile according to the latest decennial census. Such an area may be located entirely within one State or made up of contiguous interstate communities.
- Seasonal farmworker: Any individual employed in agricultural work of a seasonal or other temporary nature who is able to remain at his/her place