

been provided to the applicant and after a 6-month period providing an opportunity for the applicant to correct any deficiencies.

The notice of intention to disapprove will be provided to the applicant within 45 days of the date of the application.

All State Applications Must Meet the Following Requirements

The State's application must be signed by the Chief Executive of the State or the Chief Program Official designated as responsible for the administration of the Act.

All applications must contain the following information/documents:

(1) The name of the State agency, the name of the Chief Program Official designated as responsible for the administration of State programs and activities related to family violence carried out by the State under the Act and for coordination of related programs within the State, and the name of a contact person if different from the Chief Program Official (section 303(a)(2)(D)).

(2) A plan to address the needs of underserved populations, including populations underserved because of ethnic, racial, cultural, language diversity or geographic isolation (section 303(a)(2)(C)).

(3) A description of the process and procedures used to involve State domestic violence coalitions and other knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations to assure an equitable distribution of grants and grant funds within the State and between rural and urban areas in the State (sections 303(a)(2)(C) and 311(a)(5)).

(4) A description of the process and procedures implemented that allow for the participation of the State domestic violence coalitions in determining whether a grantee is in compliance with section 303 (a)(2)(A) [i.e., is a local public agency or nonprofit private organization which has been provided grant funds for programs and projects to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance (section 303(a)(3))].

(5) A copy of the procedures developed and implemented that assure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services by any program assisted under Title III (section 303(a)(2)(E)).

(6) A detailed description of how the State plans to use the grant funds to provide the services, and through whom, to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance to victims

of family violence and their dependents (section 303(a)(4)).

(7) A copy of the law or procedures that the State has implemented for the eviction of an abusive spouse from a shared household (section 303(a)(2)(F)).

All applications must contain the following assurances:

(1) That grant funds under the Act will be distributed to local public agencies and nonprofit private organizations (including religious and charitable organizations and voluntary associations) for programs and projects within the State to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents in order to prevent future incidents (section 303(a)(2)(A)).

(2) That not less than 70 percent of the funds distributed shall be used for immediate shelter and related assistance to the victims of family violence and their dependents and not less than 25% of the funds distributed shall be used to provide related assistance (section 303(b)(3)(f)).

(3) That not more than 5 percent of the funds will be used for State administrative costs (section 303(a)(2)(B)(i)).

(4) That in distributing the funds, the States will give special emphasis to the support of community-based projects of demonstrated effectiveness carried out by non-profit private organizations, particularly those projects the primary purpose of which is to operate shelters for victims of family violence and their dependents and those which provide counseling, advocacy, and self-help services to victims and their children (section 303(a)(2)(B)(ii)).

(5) That grants funded by the State will meet the matching requirements in section 303(e), i.e., 20 percent of the total funds provided under this title in the first year, 35 percent in the second year, and 50 percent in the third and subsequent year(s); that, except in the case of a public entity, not less than 25 percent of the local matching share will be raised from private sources; that the local share will be cash or in-kind; and that the local share will not include any Federal funds provided under any authority other than this program (section 303(b)(3)(e)).

(6) That grant funds made available under this program by the State will not be used as direct payment to any victim or dependent of a victim of family violence (section 303(b)(3)(c)).

(7) That no income eligibility standard will be imposed on individuals receiving assistance or services supported with funds appropriated to carry out the Act (section 303(b)(3)(d)).

(8) That the address or location of any shelter-facility assisted under the Act will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter (section 303(a)(2)(E)).

(9) That all grants made by the State under the Act will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, sex, race, color, national origin or religion (section 307).

(10) That States will comply with applicable Departmental recordkeeping and reporting requirements and general requirements for the administration of grants under 45 CFR Parts 74 and 92.

K. Native American Tribe and Tribal Organization Application Requirements

We have cited each requirement to the specific section of the law.

The Secretary will approve any application that meets the requirements of the Act and this Announcement, and will not disapprove an application unless the Native American Tribe or Tribal organization has been given reasonable notice of the Department's intention to disapprove and an opportunity to correct any deficiencies (section 303(b)(2)).

All applications must meet the following requirement:

The application from the Native American Tribe, Tribal organization, or nonprofit private organization approved by an eligible Native American Tribe, must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Native American Tribe or Tribal organization.

All applications must contain the following information/documents:

(1) The name of the organization or agency designated as responsible for programs and activities relating to family violence to be carried out by the Native American Tribe or Tribal organization and the name of a contact person in the designated organization or agency.

(2) A copy of a current resolution stating that the designated organization or agency has the authority to submit an application on behalf of the Native American individuals in the Tribe(s) and to administer programs and activities funded under this program (section 303(b)(2)).

(3) A description of the procedures designed to involve knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations in providing services under the Act (section 303(b)(2)). (For example, knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations may include: Tribal officials or social services staff involved in child abuse or family violence prevention, Tribal law enforcement officials, representatives of