

§ 305.1

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Subpart A—General

§ 305.1 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of Public Works and Development Facilities grants is to help the Nation's distressed communities revitalize and expand their physical and economic infrastructure and thereby provide support for the creation or retention of jobs for area residents by helping eligible recipients with their efforts to promote the economic development of distressed areas. The primary focus is on the creation of new, or the retention of existing, long-term private sector job opportunities in communities experiencing significant economic distress as evidenced by high unemployment, low income, or a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or severe changes in local economic conditions. These grants are intended to help communities achieve sustainable economic development by developing and expanding new and existing public works and other infrastructure facilities that will help generate long-term jobs and economic growth, improve economic conditions or otherwise enhance and promote the economic recovery of the area.

§ 305.2 Criteria.

(a) A grant may be made under part 305 for the following purposes:

(1) For the acquisition or development of land and improvements for use for a public works, public service or other type of development facility; or

(2) For the acquisition, design and engineering, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement of such a facility, including related machinery and equipment.

(b) A grant may be made under part 305 only when:

(1) The project for which the grant is applied for will, directly or indirectly—

(i) Improve the opportunities, in the area where the project is or will be located, for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial plants or facilities;

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(ii) Assist in the creation of additional long-term employment opportunities in the area; or

(iii) Primarily benefit the long-term unemployed and members of low-income families;

(2) The project for which the grant is applied for will fulfill a pressing need of the area, or a part of the area, in which the project is or will be located; and

(3) The area for which the project is to be carried out has a strategy and the project is consistent with the strategy.

(c) Maximum assistance for each State. Not more than 15 percent of the annual appropriations available to carry out this part may be expended in any one State.

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§ 305.3 Application requirements.

Each application for a grant under part 305 must:

(a) Include evidence of area and applicant eligibility;

(b) Include, or incorporate by reference, a strategy, as provided in § 301.3;

(c) Identify the sources of the other funds, both eligible Federal and non-Federal, that will make up the balance of the proposed project's financing, including any private sources of financing. The application must show that such other funds are committed to the project and will be available as needed. The local share must not be encumbered in any way that would preclude its use consistent with the requirements of the grant; and

(d) Explain how the proposed project meets the criteria of § 305.2.

§ 305.4 Selection and evaluation.

(a) Projects will be selected in accordance with the application evaluation criteria set forth in § 304.2 of this chapter.

(b) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter, project selection and evaluation will be made on the basis of whether, and to what extent, the proposed project will:

(1) Assist in creating new or retaining existing private sector jobs and assist in the creation of additional long-