

assure that the facility meets all applicable IHS facility requirements. We recognize that tribes that are contracting services from the IHS may establish other facility standards. These tribes must assure that these standards at least compare to nationally accepted minimum standards.

V. Application Selection Process

You must meet all of the applicable threshold requirements of Section VI. Your application must meet all screening for acceptance requirements and all identified applicant and project specific thresholds. HUD will review each application and assign points in accordance with the selection factors described in this section. A maximum of 100 points may be awarded under Rating Factors 1 through 5. To be considered for funding, your application must receive a minimum of 15 points under rating factor 1 and an application score of 70 out of the possible total of 100.

(A) Screening for Acceptance

The Area ONAP will screen applications for single purpose grants. The Area ONAP will reject an application that fails this screening and will return the application unrated. The Area ONAP will accept your application if it meets all the criteria listed below as items (1) through (6):

- (1) Your application is received or submitted in accordance with the requirements set forth under Address and Application and Submission Procedures in Section I of this NOFA;
- (2) You are eligible;
- (3) The proposed project is eligible;
- (4) Your application contains substantially all the components specified in Section VIII of this NOFA;
- (5) Your application shows that at least 70% of the grant funds are to be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons, in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 1003.208; and
- (6) Your application is for an amount that does not exceed the grant ceilings that are established by the NOFA in Section IV.B.

(B) Threshold Review

The Area ONAP will review each application that passes the screening process to ensure that each applicant and each proposed project meets the applicant threshold requirements set forth in 24 CFR 1003.301(a) and the project specific threshold requirements set forth in 24 CFR 1003.302, and in Section VI of this NOFA.

(C) Rating

The Area ONAP will review and rate each project that meets the acceptance criteria and threshold requirements. The total points for all rating factors are 100. A maximum of 100 points may be awarded under Rating Factors 1 through 5. To be considered for funding, your application must receive a minimum of 15 points under rating factor 1 and an application score of 70 out of the possible total of 100.

(D) Public Service Projects

Because there is a statutory 15 percent cap on the amount of grant funds that may be used for public services activities, you may not receive a single purpose grant solely to fund public services activities. Your application, however, may contain a public services component for up to 15 percent of the total grant. This component may be unrelated to the other project(s) included in your application. If your application does not receive full funding, we will reduce the public services allocation proportionately so that it comprises no more than 15 percent of the total grant award. In making such reductions, the feasibility of the proposed project will be taken into consideration. If a proportionate reduction of the public services allocation renders such a project infeasible, the project will not be funded.

(E) Final Ranking

All projects will be ranked against each other according to the point totals they receive, regardless of the type of project or component under which the points were awarded. Projects will be selected for funding based on the final ranking to the extent that funds are available. The Area ONAP will determine individual grant amounts in a manner consistent with the considerations set forth in 24 CFR 1003.100(b)(2). Specifically, the Area ONAP may approve a grant amount less than the amount requested. In doing so, the Area ONAP may take into account the size of the applicant, the level of demand, the scale of the activity proposed relative to need and operational capacity, the number of persons to be served, the amount of funds required to achieve project objectives, and the reasonableness of the project costs. If the Area ONAP determines that there are not enough funds available to fund a project as proposed by the applicant, it may decline to fund that project and may fund the next highest-ranking project or projects for which adequate funds are

available. The Area ONAP may select, in rank order, additional projects for funding if one of the higher-ranking projects is not funded or if additional funds become available.

(F) Tiebreakers

When rating results in a tie among projects and insufficient resources remain to fund all tied projects, the Area ONAP will approve projects that can be fully funded over those that cannot be fully funded. When that does not resolve the tie, the Area ONAP will use the following factors in the order listed to resolve the tie:

- (1) The applicant that has not received an ICDBG over the longest period of time.
- (2) The applicant with the fewest active ICDBGs.
- (3) The project that would benefit the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income persons.

(G) Technical Deficiencies and Pre-award Requirements

Technical Deficiencies: If there are technical deficiencies in successful applications, you must satisfactorily address these deficiencies before HUD can make a grant award. After the application due date, HUD may not, consistent with its regulations in 24 CFR part 4, subpart B, consider any unsolicited information you, the applicant, may want to provide. HUD may contact you to clarify an item in your application or to correct technical deficiencies. HUD may not seek clarification of items or responses that improve the substantive quality of your response to any rating factors. In order not to unreasonably exclude applications from being rated and ranked, HUD may contact applicants to ensure proper completion of the application and will do so on a uniform basis for all applicants. Examples of curable (correctable) technical deficiencies include failure to submit the proper certifications or failure to submit an application signed by an authorized official. In each case, HUD will notify applicants by facsimile or by USPS, return receipt requested. Clarifications or corrections of technical deficiencies in accordance with the information provided by HUD must be submitted within *14 calendar days of the date of receipt of the HUD notification*. (If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, your correction must be received by HUD on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday). If the technical deficiency is not corrected within this time period, HUD will reject