

the continued existence or orderly development of the community.

(2) (15 points) Your project benefits the neediest segment of the population. The criteria for this sub-factor varies according to the type of project for which you are applying. Please note that you may submit data that are unpublished and not generally available in order to meet the requirements of this section. However, to do so, you must submit a demographic data certification along with supporting documentation as described in Section VIII (A) and (C)(11). For documenting persons employed by the project, you do not need to submit a demographic data certification and corresponding documentation. However, you do need to submit information that describes the nature of the jobs created or retained. Such information includes but is not limited to proposed job descriptions, salaries and the number of full-time equivalent positions. If you believe jobs will be retained as a result of the ICDBG project, include information that show clearly and objectively, that jobs will be lost without the ICDBG project. Jobs that are retained only for the period of the grant will not count under this rating factor.

(a) *Public Facilities and Improvements and Economic Development Projects.*

The proposed activities benefit the neediest segment of the population, as identified below. For economic development projects, you may consider beneficiaries of the project as persons served by the project and/or persons employed by the project.

(15 points) 85 percent or more of the beneficiaries are low- or moderate-income.

(10 points) At least 75 percent but less than 85 percent of the beneficiaries are low- or moderate-income.

(5 points) At least 55 percent but less than 75 percent of the beneficiaries are low- or moderate-income.

(0 points) Less than 55 percent of the beneficiaries are low- or moderate-income.

(b) *New Housing Construction, Housing Rehabilitation, Land Acquisition to Support New Housing, and Homeownership Assistance Projects.* The need for the proposed project is determined by utilizing data from the tribe's 2003 IHBG formula information. The ratio is based on the dollars allocated to a tribe under the IHBG Program for Need divided by the sum of the number of AIAN households in the following categories:

Annual income less than 30% of median income;

Annual income between 30% and 50% of median income;

Annual income between 50% and 80% of median income;

Overcrowded or without kitchen or plumbing;

Housing cost burden greater than 50% of annual income;

Housing shortage (Number of low-income AIAN households less total number of NAHASDA and Formula Current Assisted Stock).

This ratio is computed for each tribe and contained in Appendix B of this NOFA.

(15 points) The dollar amount for the Indian tribe is \$400—\$699.

(10 points) The dollar amount for the Indian tribe is \$700—\$1,119.

(5 points) The dollar amount for the Indian tribe is \$1,120—\$1,199.

(0 points) The dollar amount for the Indian tribe is \$1,200 and higher, or Appendix B of this NOFA indicates that the Indian tribe has no AIAN households experiencing income or housing problems.

(c) *Microenterprise Programs.*

The owner(s) of the microenterprise must be low- or moderate-income and the majority of the jobs created or retained will be for low- or moderate-income persons. To evaluate need, the nature of the jobs created or retained will be evaluated. The owners of the microenterprises are low- and moderate-income and:

(15 points) All employees are low- or moderate-income.

(10 points) At least 75 percent but less than 100 percent of the employees are low- or moderate-income.

(5 points) At least 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the employees are low- or moderate-income.

(0 points) Less than 50 percent of the employees are low- and moderate-income.

*Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (35 Points)*

This factor addresses the quality and anticipated effectiveness of your proposed project in meeting the needs you have identified in Rating Factor 2 and the commitment to sustain your proposed project. The populations that were described in demographics that documented need should be the same populations that will receive the primary benefit of the proposed project.

(1) (14 points) *Description of and Rationale for Proposed Project.*

(14 points) The proposed project is a viable and cost effective approach to address the needs outlined under Rating Factor 2 of your application. The proposed project is described in detail and indicates why you believe the

proposed project will be most effective in addressing the identified need. The application includes a description of the size, type and location of the project; rationale for project design; and anticipated cost savings due to innovative program design and/or construction methods. For land acquisition to support new housing projects, you must establish that there is a reasonable ratio between the number of net usable acres to be acquired and the number of low- and moderate-income households to benefit from the project.

(9 points) The proposed project is a viable and cost effective approach to address the needs outlined under Rating Factor 2 of the application. The project is described in detail and indicates why you believe the project will be most effective in addressing the identified need. The application includes a description of the size, type and location of the project as well as a strong rationale for project design. For land acquisition to support new housing projects, the applicant has established that there is a reasonable ratio between the number of net usable acres to be acquired and the number of low- and moderate-income households to benefit from this project.

(5 points) The proposed project is a viable and cost effective approach to address the needs outlined under Rating Factor 2 of the application. The project is described in detail and indicates why you believe the project will be most effective in addressing the identified need. The application includes a description of the size, type, and location of the project. For land acquisition to support new housing projects, the applicant has established that there is a reasonable ratio between the number of net usable acres to be acquired and the number of low- and moderate-income households to benefit from the project.

(0 points) One of the following applies. The proposed project is not a viable and cost effective approach to address the needs outlined under Rating Factor 2 of the application. The proposed project is not described in detail with an indication of why the applicant believes the project will be most effective in addressing the identified need. For land acquisition to support new housing projects, the applicant has not established that there is a reasonable ratio between the number of net usable acres to be acquired and the number of low- and moderate-income households to benefit from the project.

(2) (5 points) *Budget and Cost Estimates.*