

types of entities eligible to apply for such assistance.

(ii) Processes for selecting applicants. A description of your processes for analyzing microenterprise applicants' business plans, market studies and financial feasibility. For credit programs, you must describe your process for determining the loan terms (*i.e.* interest rate, maximum loan amount, duration, loan servicing provisions) to be offered to individual microenterprise applicants.

(15 points) All of the above information or documentation applicable to the proposed project are thoroughly addressed in the application and the chances for success are excellent.

(8 points) All or most of the above information or documentation applicable to the proposed project are addressed in the application and the chances for success are reasonable.

(0 points) Neither of the above criteria is met.

(e) Land Acquisition Projects to Support New Housing.

Submissions must include the results of a preliminary investigation conducted by a qualified independent entity demonstrating that the proposed site has suitable soil conditions for housing and related infrastructure, available drinking water, access to utilities, vehicular access, drainage, nearby social and community services, and no known environmental problems.

(15 points) The submissions include all of the above-mentioned items and all necessary infrastructure is in place.

(8 points) The submissions demonstrate that the proposed site(s) is/are suitable for housing but that not all necessary infrastructure is in place. A detailed description of resources to be used and a detailed implementation schedule for development of all necessary infrastructure demonstrates that such infrastructure, as needed for proposed housing development, will be developed in time for such development, but no later than two years after site purchase.

(0 points) Neither of the above criteria is met.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)

HUD believes that ICDBG funds can be used more effectively to benefit a larger number of Native American and Alaska Native persons and communities if projects are developed that use tribal resources and resources from other entities in conjunction with ICDBG funds. To encourage this, we will award points based on the percentage of non-ICDBG resources provided relative to project costs as follows:

Non-ICDBG resources to project costs	Points
Less than 5 percent	0
At least 5 percent but less than 10 percent	2
At least 10 percent but less than 15 percent	4
At least 15 percent but less than 20 percent	6
At least 20 percent but less than 25 percent	8
25 percent or more	10

Contributions which could be considered as leveraged resources for point award include, but are not limited to: tribal trust funds; loans from individuals or organizations; state or federal loans or guarantees; other grants including IHBG (aka NAHBG) funds; donated goods and services needed for the project; land needed for the project; and, direct administrative costs. With the exception of land acquisition, funds that have been expended on the project prior to application submission will not be counted as leverage. Applicants are reminded that environmental review requirements under 24 CFR part 58 apply to the commitment or use of both ICDBG and non-ICDBG funds in a leveraged project. *See* section IV (B)(2) for information related to this requirement.

Contributions that will not be considered include, but are not limited to: indirect administrative costs as identified in OMB Circular A-87, attachment A, section F; contributions of resources to pay for anticipated operations and maintenance costs of the proposed project; and, in the cases of expansions to existing facilities, the value of the existing facility.

To be considered for point award, letters of firm or projected commitments, memoranda of understanding, or agreements to participate from any entity, including the tribe, which will be providing a contribution to the project, must accompany the application.

To demonstrate the commitment of tribal resources, the application must contain a council resolution or legal equivalent that identifies and commits the tribal resources to the project, subject to approval of the ICDBG assistance. In the case of IHBG (aka NAHBG) funds, whether the tribe or a TDHE administers them, an approved IHP must identify and commit the IHBG (aka NAHBG) resources to the project. If the tribe/TDHE intends to include the leveraged commitment in a future IHP, the application must contain a council resolution or legal equivalent that identifies and commits the IHBG (aka

NAHBG) resources to the project subject to the same requirements as above.

To demonstrate the commitment of public agency, foundation, or other private party resources, a letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, and/or agreement to participate, including any conditions to which the contribution may be subject, must be submitted with the application. All letters of commitment must include the donor organization's name, the specific resource proposed, the dollar amount of the financial or in-kind resource and method for valuation, and the purpose of that resource within the proposed project. The commitment must be signed by an official of the organization legally authorized to make commitments on behalf of the organization.

HUD recognizes that in some cases, firm commitments of non-tribal resources may not be obtainable by your tribe by the application due date. For such projected resources, your application must include a statement from the contributing entity that describes why the firm commitment cannot be made at the current time and affirms that your tribe and the proposed project meets eligibility criteria for receiving the resource. In addition, a date by which the funding decisions will be made must be included. This date cannot be more than six months from the anticipated date of grant approval notification by HUD. Should HUD not receive notification of the firm commitment within 6 months of the date of grant approval, HUD will recapture the grant funds approved and will use them in accordance with the requirement of 24 CFR 1003.102.

In addition to the above requirements, for all contributions of goods, services and land, you must demonstrate that the donated items are necessary to the actual development of the project and include comparable costs (or time estimates, if appropriate) that support the donation. Land valuation must be established using one of the following methods and the documentation must be contained in the application: a site specific appraisal no more than two years old; an appraisal of a nearby comparable site also no more than two years old; a reasonable extrapolation of land value based on current area realtor value guides; or, a reasonable extrapolation of land value based on recent sales of similar properties in the same area.

Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination (5 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which your project planning and