

**4900.3130 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

Preference shall be given to local units of government that propose to acquire properties being sold by the Resolution Trust Corporation or the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition, the agency shall take the following criteria into consideration when determining which applications will be funded:

A. the extent to which the requested funds are combined with funds or in-kind contributions from other public and private sources;

B. the availability and source of funds to pay the cost of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the structure not funded by the financial assistance;

C. the availability and source of funds to pay the ongoing costs of the support services;

D. the distribution of funds to service a variety of populations including, but not limited to, families with children, couples, single persons, and persons leaving a shelter for family abuse;

E. the geographic distribution of the funded applications within the state;

F. the immediacy of the need documented for temporary housing in the area in which the structure is located;

G. if the applicant requests funding for a structure in which a housing program is currently operating:

(1) the need for an additional housing program in the area and the extent to which additional housing will be produced if the application is funded; or

(2) the extent to which funding for ongoing operating costs is declining and government ownership of the structure will ensure continued operation of the program;

H. if the applicant requests funding for shelters or facilities for other crime victims, priority shall be given to applicants who serve victims of crimes against the person;

I. the capacity of the applicant to proceed promptly with the acquisition, improvement, construction, or rehabilitation of the structure;

J. the amount of the financial assistance requested as compared to the total resources available from the program;

K. the extent to which the application receives the support and participation of the local community including the extent to which, if the applicant proposes to contract

with or lease the property to a nonprofit organization, the governing board of the nonprofit organization represents the cultural diversity of the community;

L. the geographic location of the structure in relation to support services, retail facilities, recreational facilities, medical facilities, and transportation;

M. the reasonableness of the acquisition, improvement, construction, or rehabilitation cost with preference given to applications that minimize the cost per housing units produced; and

N. the experience of the applicant, or if the applicant proposes to contract with a nonprofit organization, then the experience of the nonprofit organization in developing or managing housing, providing support services, and servicing the specific target population.

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