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will be rated under the leverage criterion and the following additional criteria.

- (i) Organization.
- (ii) Project success.
- (iii) Jobs.
- (iv) Additional considerations consisting of the following:
 - (A) Use, improvement, or expansion of tribal members' special skills.
 - (B) Provision of spin-off benefits.
 - (C) Provision of special opportunities for residents of Indian housing.
 - (D) Provision of benefits to other businesses owned by Indians or Alaska natives.
 - (E) Commitment to loan repayment or reuse of ICDBG funds.

§ 1003.304 Funding process.

(a) *Notification.* Area ONAPs will notify applicants of the approval or disapproval of their applications. Grant amounts offered may reflect adjustments made by the Area ONAPs in accordance with § 1003.100(b)(2).

(b) *Grant award.* (1) As soon as the Area ONAP determines that the applicant has complied with any pre-award requirements and absent information which would alter the threshold determinations under § 1003.302, the grant will be awarded. The regulations become part of the grant agreement.

(2) All grants shall be conditioned upon the completion of all environmental obligations and approval of release of funds by HUD in accordance with the requirements of part 58 of this title and, in particular, subpart J of part 58 of this title, except as otherwise provided in part 58 of this title.

(3) HUD may impose other grant conditions where additional actions or approvals are required before the use of funds.

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§ 1003.305 Program amendments.

(a) Grantees shall request prior HUD approval for program amendments which will significantly change the scope, location, objective, or class of beneficiaries of the approved activities, as originally described in the application.

(b) Amendment requests of \$100,000 or more shall include all application com-

ponents required by the NOFA published for the last application cycle; those requests of less than \$100,000 do not have to include the components which address the selection criteria.

(c) Approval of an amendment request is subject to the following:

(1) A rating equal to or greater than the lowest rating received by a funded project during the most recent funding competition must be attained by the amended project if the request is for \$100,000 or more;

(2) Demonstration by the grantee of the capacity to promptly complete the modified or new activities;

(3) Demonstration by the grantee of compliance with the requirements of § 1003.604 for citizen participation; and

(4) The preparation of an amended or new environmental review in accordance with part 58 of this title, if there is a significant change in the scope or location of approved activities.

(d) Amendments which address imminent threats to health and safety shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the requirements of subpart E of this part.

(e) If a program amendment fails to be approved and the original project is no longer feasible, the grant funds proposed for amendment shall be recaptured by HUD.

Subpart E—Imminent Threat Grants

§ 1003.400 Criteria for funding.

The following criteria apply to requests for assistance under this subpart:

(a) In response to requests for assistance, HUD may make funds available under this subpart to applicants to alleviate or remove imminent threats to health or safety. The urgency and immediacy of the threat shall be independently verified before the approval of an application. Funds may only be used to deal with imminent threats that are not of a recurring nature and which represent a unique and unusual circumstance, and which impact on an entire service area.

(b) Funds to alleviate imminent threats may be granted only if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of HUD that other tribal or

Federal funding sources cannot be made available to alleviate the threat.

(c) HUD will establish grant ceilings for imminent threat applications.

§ 1003.401 Application process.

(a) *Letter to proceed.* The Area ONAP may issue the applicant a letter to proceed to incur costs to alleviate imminent threats to health and safety only if the assisted activities do not alter environmental conditions and are for temporary or permanent improvements limited to protection, repair, or restoration actions necessary only to control or arrest the effects of imminent threats or physical deterioration. Reimbursement of such costs is dependent upon HUD approval of the application.

(b) *Applications.* Applications shall include the information specified in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

(c) *Application approval.* Applications which meet the requirement of this section may be approved by the Area ONAP without competition in accordance with the applicable requirements of § 1003.304.

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§ 1003.402 Availability of funds.

Of the funds made available by the NOFA for the ICDBG program, an amount to be determined by the Assistant Secretary may be reserved by HUD for grants under this subpart. The amount of funds reserved for imminent threat funding during each funding cycle will be stated in the NOFA. If any of the reserved funds are not used to fund imminent threat grants during a fiscal year, they will be added to the allocation of ICDBG funds for the subsequent fiscal year and will be used as if they were a part of the new allocation.

Subpart F—Grant Administration

§ 1003.500 Responsibility for grant administration.

(a) One or more tribal departments or authorities, including existing tribal public agencies, may be designated by the chief executive officer of the grantee to undertake activities assisted by this part. A public agency so des-

ignated shall be subject to the same requirements as are applicable to subrecipients.

(b) The grantee is responsible for ensuring that ICDBG funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. The use of designated public agencies, subrecipients, or contractors does not relieve the grantee of this responsibility. The grantee is also responsible for determining the adequacy of performance under subrecipient agreements and procurement contracts, and for taking appropriate action when performance problems arise, such as the actions described in § 1003.701.

§ 1003.501 Applicability of uniform administrative requirements and cost principles.

(a) Grantees and subrecipients which are governmental entities (including public agencies) shall comply with the requirements and standards of OMB Circular No. A-87, "Principles for Determining Costs Applicable to Grants and Contracts with State, Local and Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments", OMB Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments" (implemented at 24 CFR part 44) and with the following sections of 24 CFR part 85 "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments".

(1) Section 85.3, "Definitions".

(2) Section 85.6, "Exceptions".

(3) Section 85.12, "Special grant or subgrant conditions for 'high-risk' grantees".

(4) Section 85.20, "Standards for financial management systems," except paragraph (a).

(5) Section 85.21, "Payment".

(6) Section 85.22, "Allowable costs".

(7) Section 85.25, "Program income," except as modified by § 1003.503.

(8) Section 85.26, "Non-federal audits".

(9) Section 85.32, "Equipment," except in all cases in which the equipment is sold, the proceeds shall be program income.

(10) Section 85.33, "Supplies".

(11) Section 85.34, "Copyrights".

(12) Section 85.35, "Subawards to debarred and suspended parties".