

**SEC. 133. [42 U.S.C. 12585] Consideration of applications**

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(d) Other considerations

(1) Geographic diversity

The Corporation shall ensure that recipients of assistance provided under section 12571 of this title are geographically diverse and include projects to be conducted in those urban and rural areas in a State with the highest rates of poverty.

(2) Priorities

The Corporation may designate, under such criteria as may be established by the Corporation, certain national service programs or types of national service programs described in section 12572(a) of this title for priority consideration in the competitive distribution of funds under section 12581(d)(2) of this title. In designating national service programs to receive priority, the Corporation may include--

(A) national service programs carried out by another Federal agency;

(B) national service programs that conform to the national service priorities in effect under section 12572(c) of this title;

(C) innovative national service programs;

(D) national service programs that are well established in one or more States at the time of the application and are proposed to be expanded to additional States using assistance provided under section 12571 of this title;

(E) grant programs in support of other national service programs if the grant programs are to be conducted by nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated and extensive expertise in the provision of services to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs;

(F) professional corps programs described in section 12572(a)(8) of this title; and

(G) programs that--

(i) received funding under part D of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before September 21, 1993;

(ii) the Corporation determines to meet the requirements of sections 12572 (other than subsection (g)), 12573, and 12578 through 12580 of this title, as in effect on such day, in addition to the requirements of this subtitle; and

(iii) include an evaluation component.

(3) Additional priority

In making a competitive distribution of funds under section 12581(d)(2) of this title, the Corporation may give priority consideration to a national service program that is--

(A) proposed in an application submitted by a State Commission; and

(B) not one of the types of programs described in paragraph (2),

if the State Commission provides an adequate explanation of the reasons why it should not be a priority of such State to carry out any of such types of programs in the State.