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or any major project with a total funding of over \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) or any dollar amount which the Commission may prescribe at some future time.

§ 700.459 Assistance for demonstration projects and for provision of related facilities and services.

(a) The purpose of applications for financial assistance under this section shall be to aid individuals subject to relocation under the Act. For this purpose, the discretionary fund may be used by the Commission to engage or participate either directly through Federal activities, or by cooperative agreement, grant, or contract in demonstration efforts to employ innovative energy or other technologies in providing housing and related facilities and services in the relocation and resettlement of individuals under this Act.

(b) Applicants eligible under this section to receive grants, cooperative agreements or contracts are: states, local governments, the Navajo and Hopi Tribes, tribal chapters, profit and nonprofit organizations, and individuals.

(c) Applicants for assistance under this section may receive up to 100% (one hundred percent) project or program funding from the Commission, however, the Commission may specify whether applications for certain types of programs or projects under this section require matching funding from the applicant.

(d) Activities described in §700.457(a) and paragraph (a) of this section may be provided by the Commission through in-house activities which receive financial assistance under this section.

(e) The Commission may, pursuant to an interagency agreement, transfer not to exceed 10% (ten percent) of the funds available under this subpart to another Federal agency directly assisting relocatees if such agency's activities would accomplish the purpose of §§ 700.457(a) and 700.459(a).

(f) An applicant may apply for financial assistance under this section for the purpose of undertaking a technical feasibility study of a construction project, or any major project with a

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total planned funding of over \$200,000, (two hundred thousand dollars) or any dollar amount which the Commission may prescribe at some future time.

§ 700.461 Method for soliciting applications.

(a) The Commission shall utilize two methods to solicit applications for funding:

(1) The Commission shall issue an annual announcement of the availability of funds for programs which will most effectively meet the purposes of §700.457(a) or 700.459(a). Applicants submitting applications under this announcement must demonstrate that the proposed project or program will effectively facilitate and expedite the relocation effort of the Commission.

(2) As priority needs are identified by the Commission, calls shall be issued during the fiscal year for specific proposals. Requests for proposal shall define the need to be addressed and the scope of work required.

(b) The annual announcements of the availability of funds and periodic requests for proposals shall be issued through the Commerce Business Daily and media which has regional and local circulation. The Commission may fund approved applications through grant, contract, or direct provision of services, pursuant to Pub. L. 93-531, as amended.

§ 700.463 Requirements for applications.

(a) Applicants shall submit preapplications for funding assistance. The preapplication shall be due by the closing date published by the Commission, and shall consist of:

(1) Standard Form 424;

(2) A brief narrative not to exceed one page describing how the program or project will meet the priorities established by the Commission pursuant to § 700.457 or § 700.459.

(b) The Commission shall respond to each preapplication, and shall request each person submitting an acceptable preapplication to submit an application.

(c) Applications for financial assistance for a project or program may be submitted by the due date established by the Commission for a particular

funding cycle. Applications received after the due date will be considered for the next funding cycle, although the Commission, at its discretion, may select such a project for funding under the current cycle. An original and 5 (five) copies of each application must be submitted to the Commission. Applications shall be submitted on such forms as the Commission may prescribe in conformity with OMB circulars A102 or A110.

(d) Applications under §700.457 for matching financial assistance not to exceed 30% of another expenditure, shall include:

(1) A detail sheet showing the sources of matching funds, including both cash and in-kind contributions, and documentation that the applicant has fulfilled all of the requirements of any Federal agency, state or local government or chapter, or private organization from which the financial assistance is also requested; and

(2) A narrative statement which includes an explanation of how the application would aid relocatees and assist the host communities, towns, cities, or other entities in adjusting to and meeting the needs of relocatees.

(e) Applications for financial assistance under §700.459 must justify the proposed project or program as a demonstration effort in order to be eligible for 100% funding.

(f) Applications shall contain a statement of how the applicant plans to comply with the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) and the Act of April 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 596) as amended (25 U.S.C. 452-457).

§ 700.465 Technical feasibility.

Unless required by a non-Commission source of financial assistance, completed plans and specifications are not required at the time an application is submitted for construction, technology, or another engineering project, however, an application for a construction, technology or another engineering project shall:

(a) Include sufficient information to determine the nature and scope of the project, its probable useful life, and a reasonable estimate of cost;

(b) Fully show that the applicant will follow design and performance criteria which conform to professionally recognized standards and which adequately define the technical capability of the project to serve current and foreseeable needs; and

(c) Justify any evidence or use of unorthodox design.

(d) Show that the applicant has a management plan for the facility which identifies probable sources of operating funds.

(e) An applicant who is awarded a grant under §700.465 is required to submit completed plans and specifications for the construction, technology, or other engineering project prior to construction. The Commission shall review the completed plans and specifications for technical adequacy as part of its oversight function.

§ 700.467 Construction costs.

Construction costs and costs relating to construction such as machinery and equipment, architect/engineer services, and administrative services may be allowable as determined by the Commission.

§ 700.469 Unallowable program and project costs.

Costs for program or project operating expenses are not allowable except in the following cases—

(a) An application for an annual contract for services under §700.457 or 700.459 may include necessary operating expenses; and

(b) An application for a demonstration effort under §700.459 may include costs relating to the operation of the demonstration.

§ 700.471 Review and approval.

(a) Upon receipt of an application for financial assistance under this subpart, members of the Commission staff shall begin a preliminary review of the application with the intent of submitting a recommendation to the Commissioners of whether to accept or deny the application. The Commission staff may inform the applicant before its recommendation to the Commissioners, of any special problems or impediments which may result in a recommendation for disapproval; may