

261—39.7(15) Selection criteria. The following factors shall be considered in the selection of a city for participation in the program:

39.7(1) The applicant has a well-planned budget demonstrating sustainable funding for ongoing operations and evidence of adequate local sources of funding to support the traditional commercial district revitalization organization and its programming.

39.7(2) The applicant has garnered broad-based financial and philosophical community support for the local program including support from the city.

39.7(3) The applicant has provided evidence of willingness by local stakeholders to get involved in the effort.

39.7(4) The applicant has demonstrated its commitment to the main street approach and has hired or will be hiring an executive director to manage the local program.

39.7(5) The applicant is committed to historic preservation and preservation-based economic development and has demonstrated its commitment by a track record of preservation planning and a commitment to future preservation projects.

39.7(6) The applicant has provided evidence of traditional commercial district planning efforts and clearly defined goals for the future.

39.7(7) The applicant has defined an organizational structure to manage local program efforts.

39.7(8) The applicant demonstrates an eagerness to learn and implement traditional commercial district revitalization strategies and techniques.

39.7(9) The applicant has clearly defined the boundaries of the proposed traditional commercial district and has articulated the reasons behind the location of the boundaries.

39.7(10) The applicant has identified a traditional commercial district that has clear potential for success, as demonstrated by the presence of the following elements:

- a.* Existence of historic character of the traditional commercial district.
- b.* Plans for the traditional commercial district demonstrate a recognition of traditional commercial district trends and address the challenges unique to that district.
- c.* Present market capacity defined by a current business environment upon which the district can build its revitalization efforts.
- d.* Present physical capacity defined by building stock and built environment upon which the district can build its revitalization efforts.

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