

261—41.6(79GA, HF718) Review process. A committee within the department will review each eligible application. Applicants may be interviewed further to explore the potential for providing technical assistance, gain additional information concerning the proposal, and negotiate the project's work plan and budget.

41.6(1) Application review. The committee will review the applications based on the following deliverables:

- a. Goals: are they obtainable in one year?
- b. Economic impact: is it measurable?
- c. Regional partners: is there a larger impact for the region?
- d. Industry clusters: does the project advance industry retention or an expansion of the targeted groups?
- e. Models for success: can the project be replicated in other parts of the state to address 2010 issues?

41.6(2) Project description. Each project description must include:

- a. Demonstrated need for the project. (Economic or community enhancement impact to the area; how the project will improve the development potential of the project area, improve access to services, or create an environment for community improvement.)
- b. Capacity of the applicant to sustain, implement, or reach stated objectives once grant period is concluded.
- c. Demonstrated networking, cooperation and partnerships with other entities, organizations, and local governments necessary to meet stated goals and objectives, including past successful cooperative efforts that have been sustained over time. Multicommunity groups are strongly encouraged.
- d. Local financial and volunteer contribution to the project that exceeds minimum match requirements. (Cash, office materials, supplies, volunteer support, office space, equipment, administrative assistance.)
- e. Creativity and innovation of the proposed project to address issues presented. (Project demonstrates a new and creative approach to address a common issue/concern.)
- f. Evidence of participation in local planning that supports the request for funds. (Community builder plan, housing needs assessment, comprehensive land use planning, or a similar planning activity that has led the applicant to the proposed activity which the application addresses.)
- g. Demonstrated need for the funds requested.
- h. Evidence of local planning.

41.6(3) Ineligible expenses. Expenses ineligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to:

- a. Purchase of land, buildings or improvements thereon.
- b. Expenses for development of sites and facilities.
- c. Cost of nonexpendable equipment (i.e., computers and fax and copy machines).
- d. Cost of studies or plans that are routinely developed as part of a city or county function or operation, such as development of a comprehensive plan, community builder plans, master plans or engineering studies for water, sewer, roads, or parks.