

261—119.5(15) Application submittal and review process.

119.5(1) The authority will develop a standardized application process and make information on applying available on the authority's website. To apply for assistance under the program, an applicant shall submit an application to the authority in the manner prescribed by the authority. The authority will identify specific types of investments for which it intends to provide financial assistance on the application form or forms.

119.5(2) Applications will be accepted and processed by authority staff on a continuing basis, or the authority may establish application periods as announced on the authority's website. The authority may engage an outside technical review panel to complete technical reviews of applications. Applications will be reviewed in the order received by the authority.

119.5(3) The authority may refuse to accept incomplete applications or may refuse to accept applications because of insufficient funds.

119.5(4) The board, after considering the recommendations made by authority staff or a technical review panel, will determine the financial assistance award if the board determines that financial assistance should be awarded. The board has final decision-making authority on requests for financial assistance for the program. The board will take final action on all applications for financial assistance, except those rejected pursuant to subrule 119.5(3). The board may approve an award, decline to award, or refer an application back to staff or a technical review panel for further review and recommendation. The board will consider applications on a continuing basis.

119.5(5) An applicant may submit multiple applications. The maximum amount of financial assistance awarded to any eligible business under the program for all its applications shall not exceed \$75,000.

119.5(6) Applicants will be notified in writing of an award of financial assistance, including any conditions and terms of the award, or of a denial of an award of financial assistance.

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