**817—12.4 (15H) Grant criteria.** Beginning with the 2017-2018 program year applications, the commission will establish grant criteria and funding priorities consistent with federal regulations and with commission and department of human services goals. Applicants will be considered either in conjunction with the AmeriCorps grant process or, in certain cases, through special competitions outlined and announced by the commission. At a minimum, grant criteria will include the following:

- 1. Goals and objectives of the project;
- 2. Qualifications of the applicant to manage funds;

3. For new and recompeting applicants, letters of local support verifying coordination and community cooperation;

- 4. Total project budget;
- 5. For previous grantees, evidence of ability to submit timely and accurate reports;
- 6. Description and time line of planned activities;
- 7. Description of the applicant organization, including staffing pattern;
- 8. Documentation of the applicant's ability to provide the required local match; and
- 9. Program performance and evaluation results and outcomes.

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