- of permanent residence while employed.
- —Budget period: The interval of time into which a grant period of assistance is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.
- Project period: The total time for which a project is approved for support, including any approved extensions.
- —Employment Education and Training Program: A program that provides education and/or training to welfare recipients, at-risk youth, public housing tenants, displaced workers, homeless and low-income individuals and that has demonstrated organizational experience in education and training for these populations (JOBS, JTPA, etc).
- —Technical Assistance: A problemsolving event generally utilizing the services of an expert. Such services may be provided on-site, by telephone, or other communications. These services address specific problems and are intended to assist with the immediate resolution of a given problem or set of problems.

Part B-Program Priority Areas

The program priority areas of the Office of Community Services' Discretionary Grants Program are as follows:

Priority Area 1.0 Urban and Rural Community Economic Development.

- 1.1 Urban and Rural Community Economic Development (Operational).
- Urban and Rural Community Economic Development (HBCU Set-Aside).
- Urban and Rural Community Economic Development (Pre-Developmental Set-Aside).
- 1.4 Administrative and Management Expertise.
- 1.5 Training and Technical Assistance (Set-Aside).

Priority Area 2.0 Rural Community
Development Activities.

- 2.1 Rural Housing (including rental housing for low-income individuals).
- 2.2 Rural Community Facilities Development (Water and Waste Water Treatment Systems Development).
- Priority Area 3.0 Assistance for Migrants and Seasonal Farmworkers.
 - 3.1 Assistance for Migrants and Seasonal Farmworkers (General).
 - Assistance for Migrants and Seasonal Farmworkers (HBCU Set-Aside).

Priority Area 1.0 Urban and Rural Community Economic Development

Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit community development corporations governed by a board consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders which has as a principal purpose planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development projects.

The purpose of this priority area is to encourage the creation of projects intended to provide employment and business development opportunities for low-income people through business, physical or commercial development, and generally to improve the quality of the economic and social environment of low-income residents, including displaced workers, at-risk teenagers, individuals residing in public housing, and individuals who are homeless, especially those with developmental disabilities. It is intended to provide resources to eligible applicants but also has the broader objectives of arresting tendencies toward dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas. Sub-Priority Area 1.4 is intended to provide administrative and management expertise to current Office of Community Services' grantees who are experiencing problems in the implementation of urban and rural community economic development projects. Sub-Priority Area 1.5 is intended to provide training and technical assistance to groups of community development corporations in developing or implementing projects funded under this section and to generally enhance the viability and competence of community development corporations.

To this end, the program also seeks to attract additional private capital into distressed communities, including empowerment zones and enterprise communities, and to build and/or expand the ability of local institutions to better serve the economic needs of local residents.

Sub-priority area 1.1 Urban and rural community economic development (operational). Funds will be provided to a limited number of private non-profit community development corporations for business development activities at the local level. Funding will be provided for specific projects and will require the submission of business plans or developmental proposals that meet the test of economic feasibility.

Projects must further the Departmental goals of strengthening American families and promoting their self-sufficiency. OCS is particularly interested in receiving applications that stress public-private partnerships that are directed toward the development of economic self-sufficiency through a focus on economic expansion.

Applicants located in empowerment zones and enterprise communities are urged to submit applications. Such applicants may request funds for a business development project or a project that demonstrates innovative ways to create jobs in the poverty community.

Applications must show that the

proposed project:

(1) Creates full-time permanent jobs. Seventy-five percent (75%) of those jobs created must be filled by low-income residents of the community and must also provide for career development opportunities. Project emphasis should be on employment of individuals who are unemployed or on public assistance, with particular emphasis on at-risk teenagers, AFDC recipients who are participating in the JOBS program, individuals residing in public housing, and individuals who are homeless. While projected employment in future years may be included in the application, it is essential that the focus of employment projects concentrate on those jobs created during the duration of the OCS project period; and/or

(2) Creates a significant number of business development opportunities for low-income residents of the community or significantly aids such residents in maintaining economically viable

businesses; and

(3) Provides for establishing the self-sufficiency of program participants.

In the evaluation process, favorable consideration will be given to applicants under this priority area who show the lowest cost-per-job created. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, OCS will not fund projects where the cost-per-job in OCS funds exceeds \$15,000.

In addition, favorable consideration in the evaluation process will be given to applicants who demonstrate their intention to coordinate services with the local JOBS office and/or other employment education and training offices that serve the proposed area. The JOBS or other employment education and training offices should serve welfare recipients, at-risk youth, public housing tenants, displaced workers, homeless and low-income individuals (as defined by DHHS poverty guidelines). Applicants should submit a written agreement from the JOBS or other local employment education and training office that indicates what actions will be taken to integrate/coordinate services