

(C) a certification by such entities that they will provide periodic reports on the use of the EZ/EC SSBG funds; and

(D) a detailed description of all the activities to be financed with the EZ/EC SSBG funds and how all such funds will be allocated.

(ii) The EZ/EC SSBG funds must be used to achieve or maintain the following goals through undertaking one of the below specified program options. The goals may be achieved by undertaking one or more of the following program options:

(A) The goal of economic self-support to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependencies, through one of the following program options:

(1) Funding community and economic development services focused on disadvantaged adults and youths, including skills training, transportation services and job, housing, business, and financial management counseling;

(2) Supporting programs that promote home ownership, education or other routes to economic independence for low-income families, youths, and other individuals;

(3) Assisting in the provision of emergency and transitional shelter for disadvantaged families, youths, and other individuals;

(B) The goal of self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependencies, through one of the following program options:

(1) Providing assistance to non-profit organizations and/or community and junior colleges that provide disadvantaged individuals with opportunities for short-term training courses in entrepreneurial, self employment, and other skills that promote individual self-sufficiency, and the interest of the community;

(2) Funding programs to provide training and employment for disadvantaged adults and youths in construction, rehabilitation or improvement of affordable housing, public infrastructure and community facilities; and,

(C) The goal of prevention or amelioration of the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and/or adults unable to protect themselves; and, where appropriate, the goal of preservation or rehabilitation of families, through one or more of the following program options:

(1) Providing support for residential or non-residential drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs that offer comprehensive services for pregnant women, and mothers, and their children;

(2) Establishing programs that provide activities after school hours, including

keeping school buildings open during evenings and weekends for mentor and study programs.

(iii) Designated Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities may work to achieve or maintain the goals outlined in paragraphs (d)(12)(ii)(A) and (B) of this section by using EZ/EC SSBG funds to capitalize revolving or micro-enterprise loan funds which benefit low-income residents of the designated Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities. Similarly, grantees may work to achieve or maintain the goals outlined in paragraphs (d)(12)(ii)(A) and (B) of this section by using the EZ/EC SSBG funds to create jobs and promote economic opportunity for low-income families and individuals through matching grants, loans, or investments in community development financial institutions.

(iv) If the applicant intends to use the EZ/EC SSBG funds for program options not included in paragraph (d)(12) of this section, the strategic plan must indicate how the proposed activities meet the goals set forth in paragraph (d)(12)(ii)(B) of this section, and the reasons the any approved program options were not pursued.

(v) To the extent that the EZ/EC SSBG funds are used for the program options included in paragraph (d)(12)(ii)(B) of this section, the applicant may use EZ/EC SSBG funds for the following activities, in addition to those activities permitted by § 2005 of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1397d):

(A) To purchase or improve land or facilities;

(B) To make cash payments to individuals for subsistence or room and board;

(C) To make wage payments to individuals as a social service;

(D) To make cash payments for medical care; and

(E) To provide social services to institutionalized persons.

(vi) The State must obligate the EZ/EC SSBG funds to in accordance with the strategic plan within 2 years from the date of payment to the state, or remit the unobligated funds to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

(vii) The Strategic Plan must indicate how the EZ/EC SSBG funds will be invested and used for the 10 year period of designation. The EZ/EC SSBG funds may be used to promote economic independence for low-income residents, such as capitalizing revolving or micro-enterprise loan funds for the benefit of residents. The EZ/EC SSBG funds may also be used to create jobs and promote economic opportunity for low-income families and individuals through matching grants, loans, or investments

in community development financial institutions.

(viii) The strategic plan must indicate how all the EZ/EC SSBG funds will be used or invested for the period of designation of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

(ix) The strategic plan must provide for periodic reporting of information by the relevant State.

(13) Indicate how tax benefits for designated zones and communities, State and local resources, existing Federal resources available to the locality and additional Federal resources believed necessary to implement the strategic plan will be utilized within the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community;

(14) Indicate a level of commitment necessary to ensure that these resources will be available to the area upon designation;

(15) Identify the Federal resources applied for or for which applications are planned;

(16) Identify private resources and support, including assistance from businesses, non-profit organizations, and foundations, which are available to be leverage with public resources; and provide assurances that these resources will be made available to the area upon designation.

(17) Identify changes requested in Federal rules and regulations necessary to implement the plan, including specific paperwork or other Federal program requirements that must be altered to permit effective implementation of the strategic plan;

(18) Identify specific regulatory and other impediments to implementing the strategic plan for which waivers are requested, with appropriate citations and an indication whether waivers can be accomplished administratively or require statutory changes;

(19) Demonstrate how State and local governments must reinvent themselves to help implement the plan, by identifying changes that will be made in State and local organizations, processes and procedures, including laws and ordinances;

(20) Explain how different agencies in State and local governments will work together in new responsive ways to implement the strategic plan;

(21) Identify the specific tasks necessary to implement the plan;

(22) Described the partnerships that will be established to carry out the plan;

(23) Explain how the plan will be regularly revised to reflect new information and opportunities; and

(24) Identify baselines, benchmarks and goals that will be used in evaluating performance in implementing the plan.