

(3) demonstrated deficiencies in access to neighborhood recreation opportunities, particularly for minority, and low- and moderate-income residents;

(4) public participation in determining rehabilitation or development needs;

(5) the extent to which a project supports or complements target activities undertaken as part of a local government's overall community development and urban revitalization program;

(6) the extent to which a proposed project would provide employment opportunities for minorities, youth, and low- and moderate-income residents in the project neighborhood and/or would provide for participation of neighborhood, nonprofit or tenant organizations in the proposed rehabilitation activity or in subsequent maintenance, staffing, or supervision of recreation areas and facilities;

(7) the amount of State and private support for a project as evidenced by commitments of non-Federal resources to project construction or operation; and

(8) in the case of at-risk youth recreation grants, the Secretary shall give a priority to each of the following criteria:

(A) Programs which are targeted to youth who are at the greatest risk of becoming involved in violence and crime.

(B) Programs which teach important values and life skills, including teamwork, respect, leadership, and self-esteem.

(C) Programs which offer tutoring, remedial education, mentoring, and counseling in addition to recreation opportunities.

(D) Programs which offer services during late night or other nonschool hours.

(E) Programs which demonstrate collaboration between local park and recreation, juvenile justice, law enforcement, and youth social service agencies and nongovernmental entities, including the private sector and community and nonprofit organizations.

(F) Programs which leverage public or private recreation investments in the form of services, materials, or cash.

(G) Programs which show the greatest potential of being continued with non-Federal funds or which can serve as models for other communities.

(Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1005, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3540; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §31503, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1889.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c)(8). Pub. L. 103-322, which directed the addition of par. (8) to this section without specifying the subsec. to which par. (8) was to be added, was executed by adding par. (8) to subsec. (c) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Interior, see section 2 of Pub. L. 95-625, set out as a note under section 2503 of this title.

§ 2505. Rehabilitation and innovation grants

(a) Authorization; transfer; payments; modification

The Secretary is authorized to provide 70 per centum matching rehabilitation and innovative

grants directly to eligible general purpose local governments upon his approval of applications therefor by the chief executives of such governments.

(1) At the discretion of such applicants, and if consistent with an approved application, rehabilitation and innovation grants may be transferred in whole or in part to independent special purpose local governments, private nonprofit agencies or county or regional park authorities: *Provided*, That assisted recreation areas and facilities owned or managed by them offer recreation opportunities to the general population within the jurisdictional boundaries of an eligible applicant.

(2) Payments may be made only for those rehabilitation or innovative projects which have been approved by the Secretary. Such payments may be made from time to time in keeping with the rate of progress toward the satisfactory completion of a project, except that the Secretary may, when appropriate, make advance payments on approved rehabilitation and innovative projects in an amount not to exceed 20 per centum of the total project cost.

(3) The Secretary may authorize modification of an approved project only when a grantee has adequately demonstrated that such modification is necessary because of circumstances not foreseeable at the time a project was proposed.

(b) Special considerations

Innovation grants should be closely tied to goals, priorities, and implementation strategies expressed in local park and recreation recovery action programs, with particular regard to the special considerations listed in section 2506(b)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1006, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3541.)

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Interior, see section 2 of Pub. L. 95-625, set out as a note under section 2503 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2507, 2512 of this title.

§ 2506. Local commitments to system recovery and maintenance

(a) Recovery action programs; preliminary action programs; five-year recovery action programs; continuing planning process

As a requirement for project approval, local governments applying for assistance under this chapter shall submit to the Secretary evidence of their commitments to ongoing planning, rehabilitation, service, operation, and maintenance programs for their park and recreation systems. These commitments will be expressed in local park and recreation recovery action programs which maximize coordination of all community resources, including other federally supported urban development and recreation programs. During an initial interim period to be established by regulations under this chapter, this requirement may be satisfied by local government submissions of preliminary action programs which briefly define objectives, priorities,