greater public or private investments 
in the form of services and materials, 
as well as dollars).

(6) Degree to which the proposal pro-
vides potential coordination with other 
community, State and Federal pro-
grams of community development and 
those providing recreation to the tar-
get population (e.g., public and private 
non-profit, education programs, CETA 
for employment, HUD programs).

(7) Extent of improvement in the 
quality and quantity of recreation 
services as a result of the Innovation 
project.

(8) Degree to which the proposal ties 
in with goals, priorities and implemen-
tation strategies expressed in the local 
park and recreation Recovery Action 
Program.

(9) Degree to which the proposal 
leads to a transfer of a recreation role 
traditionally performed by a public en-
tity, to quasi-public or private non-
profit interests. This degree means the 
degree to which the private sector can 
take full responsibility, supplement, or 
fill the gaps in public recreation serv-
ices, management or operation; either 
through a transfer of funding responsi-

bility, or an exchange of technique or 
method approaches which may prove to 
be more effective under the private sec-
ctor. This should in no way alter the 
public sector responsibility to continue 
to provide and/or monitor good quality 
recreation facilities and services.

(10) Degree to which a proposal bene-
fits disadvantaged community popu-
lations and/or those areas within a dis-
tressed community which have the 
greatest recreation deficiencies.

NOTE: Innovation proposals for the adapt-
ive reuse of non-recreation areas or struc-
tures, through rehabilitation for recreation 
should also address rehabilitation selection 
criteria, particularly the criteria covering 
Federal investment per person served and 
the degree to which the proposal would serve 
close to home recreation needs.

§ 72.51 A–95 clearinghouse require-
ments.

Notice of intent to submit any appli-
cation for UPARR funding must be for-
warded by the applicant, no later than 
60 days prior to submission of a grant 
application, to the State clearinghouse 
and appropriate metropolitan or 
areawide clearinghouses, in accordance 
with OMB Circular A–95 and Interior 
Department Manual part 511. If a jurisdic-
tion wishes to compress the A–95 
timetable, it must receive approval of 
the clearinghouse. Appropriate A–95 
notifications must be submitted for all 
three types of UPARR grants at both 
preapplication and full application 
stages. Standard Form 424 is to be used 
for these notices unless otherwise spec-
ified by the clearinghouse. Comments 
from clearinghouses, if available, must 
be included with the preapplication. 
All A–95 comments will become part of 
the required application and proposal 
file which will be retained by NPS. A– 
95 requirements for Recovery Action 
Programs and grants are discussed in 
§72.52.

§ 72.52 Recovery Action Program grant 
applications.

The application procedure for Recov-
ery Action Program grants differs from 
the procedure for Rehabilitation and 
Innovation grants. Ranking and selec-
tion for funding of Recovery Action 
Program grants will be initiated on the 
basis of a full application, preparation 
of which will be assisted through meet-
ings with NPS regional staff.

(a) Preapplication Conference. In the 
preparation of a Recovery Action Pro-
gram grant application, applicants are 
encouraged to discuss with NPS re-

gional personnel, or State personnel, 
when an agreement between NPS and 
the State covers such action, the ade-
quacy of the proposal in meeting the 
requirements for a Recovery Action 
Program. Prior to formal submission, 
the Recovery Action Program grant 
application should be reviewed with 
the appropriate NPS Regional Office.

(b) Submission of Applications. In addi-
tion to Standard Form 424 on Federal 
Assistance notification, applicants for 
Recovery Action Program grants shall 
submit the following documents and 
required attachments to NPS Regional 
Offices:

(1) OMB Form 80–RO190, completed as 

prescribed by OMB Circular A–102. (Ap-
lication for Federal assistance, for 
non-construction programs).

(2) Grant agreement form.

(3) Narrative statements which will 
be used in evaluating grant applica-
tions in relationship to the selection

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criteria as defined in §72.50(a), including:
(i) The need for the planning grant.
(ii) The jurisdiction’s existing or proposed commitments to developing a full Recovery Action Program and an ongoing planning process.
(iii) The relationship of the planning program to overall community plans and programs.
(iv) Appropriateness of the proposed planning program’s scope, timing and methodology in relation to UPARR planning requirements and the community’s identified planning needs.
(v) Dollars and work years to be devoted to development of each element in the proposed Recovery Action Program, including some indications of the qualifications of staff members who will work on the program.
(vi) If appropriate, a discussion of work elements to be contracted out to other government agencies, private consultants or private non-profit agencies, including the reasons for contracting work elements instead of doing the work within the community’s own planning agencies.

4 Applications for RAP grants need a full 60 day A–95 clearinghouse review. Clearinghouse comments for RAP grants must then be submitted to NPS. Final RAP’s also must be submitted to clearinghouses, in accordance with OMB Circular A–95.

§ 72.53 Preapplication process for Rehabilitation and Innovation grants.

To reduce the amount of time and documentation needed for a full application, and to foster the competitive aspects of the UPARR program, a preapplication procedure is used.
(a) The preapplication must provide information adequate to guide proposal selection. Grants will be awarded in accordance with the availability of funds. Funding for an approved grant will not be increased from subsequent yearly appropriations.
(b) Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposals with their NPS Regional Office to determine basic fundability and competitiveness prior to submitting a preapplication.
(c) If a State is assisting the applicant in preapplication preparation, providing a source of matching share, or giving technical assistance, the State may assist in submission of the preapplication to the appropriate NPS Regional Office with the applicant’s prior approval. The amount, source and assurance of State assistance for a matching share must be specified in the preapplication.
(d) The following procedural guidelines shall apply to submission and approval of Rehabilitation and Innovation proposals.
(1) Preapplications shall be submitted to the appropriate NPS Regional Office by the chief executive officer of the applicant jurisdiction. The preapplication must include those items as set forth in the Preapplication Handbook, available from any NPS Regional Office. In addition to the narrative on selection criteria, all preapplications for Rehabilitation proposals must include a short description stating: (i) the problem addressed by the proposal, including existing conditions, (ii) the reason for the problem or why the condition exists, and (iii) the proposed solution to the problem and what corrective measures will be used.
(2) An applicant may have no more than one Innovation and one Rehabilitation proposal under consideration in any one funding cycle.
(3) Any existing and/or proposed fees or charges for recreation opportunities or services provided through a UPARR grant, whether for public, private or non-profit activities, must be identified in the preapplication.
(4) Discretionary applicants must submit a narrative statement, signed by the chief executive of the applicant jurisdiction, which explains and quantifies the degree of physical and economic distress in the community. Statistics and discussion on distress shall address, but need not be limited to, the criteria used to select eligible jurisdictions contained in Appendix A of this part. A discretionary narrative statement must be included in each preapplication.
(5) All submitted grant preapplications will be reviewed by NPS Regional Offices to assure that they meet all minimum legal and technical standards before being certified as eligible for competition. Proposals not meeting minimum standards will