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-
cices, 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-
tor. 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 recrea-
tion 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 juris-
diction 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
couraged 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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§ 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...