§ 1948.80 Planning grant selection criteria.

The following criteria will be used in the selection of planning grant recipients:

(a) Planning assistance which could be used for the purpose of the proposed planning process is not available from other sources on a timely basis (Mandatory);

(b) The increase in the number of new employees and the percentage of increase in employment in coal and/or uranium development activities in the year of designation within the approved designated area (years projected will be averaged and treated equally);

(c) The need for planning in relation to the financial resources available for such planning;

(d) The planning priorities and recommended funding level of the Governor(s) of the appropriate State(s);

(e) The appropriateness of the proposed planning activity for meeting the planning needs of the area, including but not limited to the building of planning capacity and the local priority for the project;

(f) The inadequacy of existing plans for mitigating the effects of coal and/or uranium development activities; and

(g) The nature of comments and recommendation received in accordance with 7 CFR part 3015 subpart V, ‘‘Intergovernmental Review of Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities’’. (See RD Instruction 1970–I, ‘‘Intergovernmental Review,’’ available in any Agency office or on the Agency’s Web site.)


(a) The State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas should be a dynamic document updated as each plan or group of plans is submitted to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 for approval.

(b) The Governor shall consult with the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 State Director when developing or updating a State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.

(c) The State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas will include but is not limited to:

(1) A list of projects in order of priority;

(2) The Governor’s recommended level of and method of funding for each project through completion of the project identified in the plans submitted and incorporated into the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas;

(3) Methods of coordinating assistance with other State and Federal development programs;

(4) The differential between available financial resources and the cost of needed site development and acquisition for housing and public facilities and services within the area covered by the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas;

(5) References to plan and page number of plan on which each priority project is described.
(d) The State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas having projects expected to be funded in FY 1979 should be submitted to the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Director of the appropriate State before July 15, 1979. A copy should also be forwarded to the Administrator, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

§ 1948.82 Plan and State Investment Strategy approval procedure.

(a) Any plan submitted for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approval, whether it is a plan developed with assistance under this section, an existing plan, or a modified plan, should contain:

(1) The present level of coal or uranium production, processing, or transportation within the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(2) The anticipated level of coal or uranium production, processing, or transportation in each of the next three calendar years within the area covered by the plan;

(3) A brief description of the socio-economic impacts that have occurred during the two most recent calendar years in the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(4) A brief description of the socio-economic impacts that are expected to occur in the approved designated area covered by the plan within each of the next three calendar years;

(5) The anticipated number of new employees expected to be hired in coal or uranium development activities in each of the next three years within the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(6) Available financial resources and federal programs that may be applied to meeting the needs of the approved designated area including but not limited to the following:

(i) The expected amount of State assistance and State expenditures in the approved designated area covered by the plan which will be used for impact assistance in the next three years;

(ii) The amount of tax revenues expected to accrue to local governments serving the approved designated area covered by the plan in each of the next three years due to increased economic activities which have occurred since the year prior to designation or are expected to occur as a result of coal and uranium development activity;

(iii) Sources and amount of assistance State and local governments are now receiving or are expected to receive from persons for the provision of housing and public facility and services; and

(iv) Existing budget surplus at the State and local level.

(7) The specific needs of the area covered by the plan as to the number of housing units now needed and the number that are expected to be needed in each of the next three years, and/or the number and type of public facilities and services now needed or expected to be needed in the next three years;

(8) The type and quantity of real property now needed or expected to be needed in the next three years for the construction of public facilities and/or housing and/or in the provisions of public services;

(9) Proposed method of acquisition for each site to be acquired by the State or local governments; and

(10) An estimate of assistance that will be necessary under this section and/or other FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 or Federal programs for the development of the site.

(b) All plans meeting the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section should be forwarded to the Governor of the appropriate State or States for possible incorporation into the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.

(c) Appropriate growth management and/or housing plans received by the Governor under this section may be submitted to the appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Office by the Governor.

(d) The Governor shall submit a copy of the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas along with all plans the Governor is submitting to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for qualified approval.

(e) During fiscal year 1979 the Governor may submit existing plans to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for qualified approval in which some sections under