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- (4) Provide and pay for any advisory services and technical assistance necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the Program.
 5-1046.
- (a) Under the Program, the Authority may provide equity participation financing, including the purchase of qualified securities issued by a franchise, by a technology-based business, or by an enterprise acquiring an existing business, only after the enterprise has submitted an application that contains a business plan, including:
- (1) A description of the franchisor, technology-based business, OTHER BUSINESS, or existing business and its management, product, and market;
- (2) A statement of the amount, immediacy of need, and projected use of the capital required;
 - (3) A statement of the potential economic impact of the purchase;
- (4) Information that relates to the satisfaction of the applicant's requirements of subsections (f) and (g) of this section; and
 - (5) Any other information the Authority requires.
- (b) Under the Program, any equity participation financing shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - (1) The Authority may not:
- (i) 1. Own securities representing more than 45 percent of the voting stock of any [franchise or] FRANCHISE, technology-based business, OR OTHER BUSINESS; or
- 2. Own an interest greater than 45 percent in any [franchise or] FRANCHISE, technology-based business, OR OTHER BUSINESS; or
- (ii) 1. Own securities representing more than 25 percent of the voting stock of any enterprise acquiring an existing business; or
- 2. Own an interest greater than 25 percent in any enterprise acquiring an existing business.
- (2) The amount of the Authority's equity participation financing may not exceed:
 - (i) 1. [\$500,000] \$1,000,000 for any franchise; or
 - 2. 45 percent of the total initial investment in the franchise;
- (ii) 1. [\$500,000] \$1,000,000 for any enterprise acquiring an existing business; or
- 2. 25 percent of the total investment in the enterprise acquiring an existing business; or