

(3)] "Project" means an access road, a utility line or both an access road and utility line that are located within a political subdivision and that directly serve an industrial site.

[(4)] (3) "Project costs" may include the cost of planning and engineering, engineering services, design services, other professional services, and the actual cost of constructing, reconstructing, or improving a project.

[(5)] (4) (i) "Utility line" means any line, pipe, conduit, wire, cable, or any other means of providing for drainage, sewage, gas, water, light, electric power, or for providing for any other form of energy, signal or service.

(ii) "Utility line" includes any sanitary or storm sewer, drainage, gas or water main, and any electric power or telephone line.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this section, any political subdivision may apply for and the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] may approve a loan to finance any portion of the project costs of an access road, a utility line, or both.

(c) (1) To apply for assistance, a political subdivision shall submit an application to the Department [of Economic and Community Development].

(2) In the manner and detail required by the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], the application shall:

(i) Explain the need for the project for which assistance is requested; and

(ii) State the amount and type of assistance requested for the project.

(3) The application also shall include a certification by the political subdivision that the project for which assistance is requested would serve a manufacturing, processing, or other industrial establishment that has been constructed or will be constructed.

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A subdivision may delegate the planning and carrying out of a project under §§ 440, 441, or 441A to a [municipality located within the subdivision or to a] local economic development agency, OR IN THE CASE OF A COUNTY, TO A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. However, the delegation does not relieve the subdivision of any obligation incurred under any loan agreement executed pursuant to this subtitle.

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