

(4) THE APPLICANT'S LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING A DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATION; AND

(5) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT.

(B) (1) THE FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE RELEASED TO A GRANTEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE UNTIL THE GRANTEE HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE GRANTEE HAS OBTAINED MATCHING RESOURCES OR A COMMITMENT FOR MATCHING RESOURCES THAT IS EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THE GRANT AMOUNT.

(2) THE MATCHING RESOURCES MAY BE IN THE FORM OF CASH OR AN IN-KIND EQUIVALENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ONGOING OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY PROGRAM-- TO ACHIEVE, AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE, THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM TO:

(I) POTENTIAL APPLICANTS; AND

(II) NUTRITION ADVOCACY GROUPS IN MARYLAND; AND

(2) THE RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING; AND

(3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR APPROVED APPLICATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE AND--THE RECOMMENDATIONS-OF-THE-COUNCIL.

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{A}--THERE-IS--A--MARYLAND--STATEWIDE--NUTRITION--ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-ADVISORY-COUNCIL.

{B}-{1}--THE--COUNCIL--CONSISTS--OF--9--MEMBERS--APPOINTED--BY--THE GOVERNOR.

{2}--OF--THE--9--MEMBERS:

{i}--ONE--SHALL--BE--A--REPRESENTATIVE--OF--THE DEPARTMENT-OF-HUMAN-RESOURCES;

{ii}--ONE--SHALL--BE--FROM--EACH--OF--THE--FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL-DISTRICTS-IN-MARYLAND;