

(3) The need for financing for housing or public or private facilities to upgrade the social and economic conditions of the distressed area;

(4) The plans and financial commitment of the municipality or county to undertake improvements in the distressed area; and

(5) Other standards and criteria deemed relevant by the Secretary, including standards established for other relevant State or federal programs.

(j) "Energy conservation project" means:

(2) With respect to a residential building, planning and technical services, any residential energy audit, and any conversion from master utility meters to individual utility meters, which are related to or undertaken with the installation of any of the items specified in [subsection (e)(1) of this section] PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(4) With respect to a commercial building, any planning or technical service, and any commercial energy audit, if the service or audit is related to or undertaken with the installation, or the modification of an installation, which includes any of the items specified in [subsection (e)(1) of this section] PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(v) "Person" has the meaning stated in [§ 13-402 of Article 41A] ARTICLE 41A, § 6-302(M) for the purpose of providing financial assistance for an energy conservation project or a solar energy project.

(w) "Public purpose project" means any undertaking or project which is (1) eligible, in whole or in part, for federal low-income housing credits or (2) located in a distressed area including land, buildings, and other improvements, real, mixed and personal properties, or an interest therein, that is planned, acquired, owned, developed, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, repaired, renovated, or improved with the financial assistance of the Administration or the assistance of federal low-income housing credits as may be authorized by the Code. While public purpose projects may include improvements such as streets, roads, sewer and water lines, and such other public or private facilities intended for commercial, educational, cultural, recreational, community or other civic purposes, public purpose projects shall provide in substantial part for existing or new housing, unless it is determined by the Secretary of [Economic] HOUSING and Community Development that sound community development is promoted by including a greater proportion of public or private facilities. The housing portion of a public purpose project shall be occupied in whole or in part by families of limited incomes.