

~~(III) A DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN;~~

~~(IV) A STATEMENT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN, AND SOLVING THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF, THE AREA;~~

~~(V) A PLAN OF ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED, INCLUDING SUGGESTED PROJECTS AND A DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES; AND~~

~~(VI) PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PLAN'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE BEING MET.~~

~~(6) PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN BY EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO FUNDING PROJECTS THAT WOULD FURTHER THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED IN AN INTENSIVE CARE AREA STRATEGIC PLAN.~~

(I) THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE AREA, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY, FOR THE MOST RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE IS AT LEAST 150 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN EITHER THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES, WHICHEVER AVERAGE RATE IS GREATER DURING THE SAME PERIOD;

(II) THE POPULATION IN THE AREA OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY HAS AN INCIDENCE OF POVERTY THAT IS 150 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE;

(III) THE CRIME RATE IN THE AREA OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY IS AT LEAST 150 PERCENT OF THE CRIME RATE IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE AREA IS LOCATED;

(IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING IN THE AREA OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY IS AT LEAST 200 PERCENT OF THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSING UNITS IN THE STATE THAT ARE SUBSTANDARD, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DATA DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SECRETARY; OR

(V) THE PERCENTAGE OF SQUARE FOOTAGE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THAT IS VACANT IN THE AREA OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY OF THE AREA BUT WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY IS AT LEAST 20 PERCENT, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DATA DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SECRETARY.