

(E) IN EVALUATING A REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING, THE COUNCIL DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) THE PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOME INDICATORS SPECIFIED;

(2) THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROPOSAL MAY REDUCE THE NEED FOR OTHER STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES OR PROGRAMS INTENDED FOR THE POPULATIONS TARGETED BY THE PROPOSAL;

~~(3) PRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS BY A COUNTY OR COUNTIES REQUESTING PARTNERSHIP FUNDING;~~

(4) (3) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROPOSAL INCORPORATES THE USE OF EXCESS OR OTHERWISE AVAILABLE MEDICAL-RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING VACANT HOSPITAL BEDS;

(5) (4) HOW THE PROPOSAL FITS INTO A BALANCED APPROACH TO THE STATE'S VARIETY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE NEEDS AND POPULATIONS THAT SERVES DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE WITH PARTNERSHIP FUNDING; AND

(6) (5) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS PART OF OR CONSISTENT WITH A REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS AFFECTING ADJOINING JURISDICTIONS.

(F) (1) THE COUNCIL AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING FOLLOWING THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A COUNTY GRANTED FUNDING SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF THE APPROVED PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING THAT RESULTS IN A COUNTY BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF THE APPROVED PARTNERSHIP AFTER CONSIDERING:

1. THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY;

2. PRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS MADE BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY, OR

3. OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) A PARTICIPATING COUNTY:

(I) MAY USE PARTNERSHIP FUNDS ONLY TO SUPPLEMENT LEVELS OF SPENDING BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY ON DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS; AND