

~~(H)~~ (I) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FROM PROVIDING SERVICES IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

7-1003.

THE ~~PROGRAM~~ ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) SOLICIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE PROGRAM APPLICANTS;

(2) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN § 7-1002(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AWARD GRANTS OF UP TO \$100,000 EACH TO FOUR QUALIFIED PROGRAM APPLICANTS OR, IF FEWER THAN FOUR QUALIFIED PROGRAM APPLICANTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, TO EACH QUALIFIED PROGRAM APPLICANT APPLICANTS;

(3) ENSURE THAT THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SECTION ARE DISTRIBUTED AMONG PROGRAM APPLICANTS PROVIDING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WITH NO AREA RECEIVING GRANTS TOTALING MORE THAN ONE GRANT \$100,000 PER YEAR:

- (I) THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA;
- (II) THE WASHINGTON D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA;
- (III) WESTERN MARYLAND;
- (IV) SOUTHERN MARYLAND; AND
- (V) THE EASTERN SHORE; AND

(4) ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THAT AT LEAST ONE GRANT IS AWARDED TO PROGRAM APPLICANTS PROVIDING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (I) A RURAL AREA;
- (II) AN URBAN AREA; AND
- (III) A SUBURBAN AREA.

7-1004.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING WHEN CONSIDERING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PROGRAM APPLICANT FOR A GRANT UNDER § 7-1003 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) WHEN AWARDING A GRANT UNDER § 7-1003 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) THE ABILITY OF THE PROGRAM APPLICANT TO PROVIDE DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION ~~SERVICES~~ TO LOW-INCOME TO MODERATE-INCOME SENIORS;