

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY 2003 FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM

DRA Uniform Grant Pre-Application Form

<p>[1.] Applicant Information:</p> <p>Applicant: _____</p> <p>Chief Elected Official: _____</p> <p>Street/PO Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax Number: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>County: _____</p>	<p>[2.] Application Preparer:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Agency: _____</p> <p>Street/P.O. Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax Number: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Project's Congressional District: _____</p> <p>The DRA 2003 federal grant program is ONLY available to participating member states, public and non-profit entities.</p>
<p>[3.] DRA Goal/Objective:</p> <p>_____ Committed Economic Development Project</p> <p>_____ Community Development Project</p> <p>DRA 2003 federal grant funds will NOT be used for projects deemed to be "Speculative", "Maintenance" or "Deferred Maintenance".</p> <p>Typically, "On-going Operating Costs", will NOT be deemed eligible. However, for such costs to be considered, the project MUST be documented as "Workforce Development" project.</p>	<p>[4.] Project Focus (check all that apply):</p> <p>_____ Transportation Infrastructure (Clarification Notes, page 2)</p> <p>_____ Basic Public Infrastructure (Clarification Notes, page 2)</p> <p>_____ Workforce Development (Clarification Notes, page 2)</p> <p>_____ Business Development (Clarification Notes, page 2)</p> <p>_____ "Distressed County" as defined in "Attachment A.1"</p> <p>Please note: Each "Participating Member State" will insure that 50% of its allocation shall be for basic public infrastructure and transportation projects <u>and</u> at least 75% shall be for projects within "distressed counties" and isolated areas of distress.</p>
<p>[5.] Funding Sources for the Project:</p> <p>DRA Funds Requested: \$ _____</p> <p>Applicant Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Cash: \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">In-kind: \$ _____</p> <p>CDBG Funds: \$ _____</p> <p>ARC Funds: \$ _____</p> <p>Other Federal Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p> <p>Other Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p> <p>Total Project Costs \$ _____</p> <p>DRA 2003 federal grant funds will NOT be used to "supplant" existing funding streams.</p> <p>DRA funds can be used as the "first-dollar in" to attract additional funds, if needed. However, if this project will require other funds to work, please document or describe the source(s) of those additional funds.</p>	<p>[6.] Job Creation (Full-Time Equivalency) Impact of DRA Project:</p> <p>Existing Jobs: _____ FTE</p> <p>New Jobs to be Created: _____ FTE</p> <p>Total Jobs: _____ FTE</p> <p>[7.] Business/Industry Information:</p> <p>Company Name: _____</p> <p>Contact Person: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Street/P.O. Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax: _____</p> <p>NO financial assistance will be authorized to assist any relocations from one area (of the Region) to another, except as authorized, to attract businesses from outside the DRA region to the DRA region.</p>

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[8.] Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, along with quantitative and qualitative outcomes of the project activities. You can use one additional page, if necessary.

[9.] If the project is presumed to be “on-going”, please detail the project’s ability to sustain itself WITHOUT future DRA funding.

[10.] Project Administration: Please name the entity you anticipate administering your grant, should it be deemed eligible by the Federal Co-Chairman, evaluated and certified by your State, and approved by the DRA Board.

DRA 2003 FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CLARIFICATION NOTES

1. Eligible entities may NOT be conduits for private-sector entities (see Box 2 – page 1).
2. Basic Public and Transportation Infrastructure: to be deemed eligible, projects must demonstrate job-creation or job-retention impact or demonstrate that a reasonable expectation of an impending sanction exists.
3. Workforce and Business Development: to be deemed eligible, projects must demonstrate job-creation or job-retention impact.
4. Workforce Development: “Workforce Development” means: job training or employment-related education for a specific employer to fill immediate job openings or retain current jobs, which are documented as such that specific employer.
5. Delivery of such training shall be through the use of existing public educational facilities (EPEFs) located in the Region. However, if, the pre-applicant demonstrates (1) sufficient documentation demonstrating an EPEF’s inability (as examples, insufficient capacity, curriculum, and/or accessibility) to satisfy the defined need, and the pre-applicant (2) demonstrates a compelling need to use a non-EPEF for such training, then the Federal Co-Chairman can waive this requirement and deem a project eligible.
6. Business Development – For eligibility purposes, this category refers to those areas of business development which include entrepreneurship, the creation of new businesses or the retention or expansion of existing businesses in the local communities.
7. Local, state and/or federal road, highway and/or bridge maintenance projects will NOT be eligible for DRA funding. However, projects involving development of access roads for industrial parks or economic development project sites (as examples) would be deemed eligible, if such are considered to be “basic public infrastructure”.
8. Other than for “Workforce Training” projects as described above, normal operating costs (including but not limited to, salaries, vehicles, equipment and maintenance) will NOT be deemed eligible.
9. Government-facility construction and/or improvements (including but not limited to, local/state government offices, libraries, fire stations, multi-purpose buildings and public education buildings/schools) will NOT be eligible.
10. “Indirect Cost Allocations” are eligible but will be carefully assessed for reasonableness.

PLEASE RETURN THE ORIGINAL and TWO COPIES OF THE DRA UNIFORM PRE-APPLICATION and LIKEWISE THE ORIGINAL and TWO COPIES of the APPROPRIATE FEDERAL STANDARD FORMS 424 TO:

**Delta Regional Authority – Pre-Application Review Team
236 Sharkey Avenue – Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614**
