**Section 870.304 Agency Action on Application**

Within 90 days after receipt, the Agency will review each application and may approveeach complete, acceptable application that meets all criteria and requirements pursuant to Section 870.303 of this Part, or disapprove each application that does not meet all criteria and requirements pursuant to Section 870.303 of this Part. When funds are available, the Agency will award assistance to an approved application. For a continuation award made after the beginning of the approved budget period, the Agency will reimburse the applicant for allowable costs incurred from the beginning of the budget period, provided that such costs are contained in the approved application and that the application was submitted before the expiration of the prior budget period applications.

a) Approval. Within 90 days after receipt of a complete, acceptable application that meets all criteria and requirements of Section 870.303 of this Part, the Agency shall submit written approval of the application to the applicant. If the Agency needs an extension of time beyond 90 days, it will notify the applicant of such extension in writing. The application shall not be deemed automatically approved if the Agency fails to notify the applicant of approval or disapproval within 90 days after receipt. The Agency will approve the application only if it satisfies the terms, conditions, and limitations of Section 870.303 and relevant statutes and program regulations; and if achievement of the proposed outputs is feasible, considering the applicant's existing problems, past performance under previous grants, program authority, organization, availability of local share resources, and proposed methodologies for accomplishing outputs.

b) Disapproval. For applications that are not approved, the Agency's review shall include written comments necessary to revise the application to develop a complete, acceptable application that meets all criteria and requirements pursuant to Section 870.303 of this Part. If the application cannot be approved, the Agency will negotiate with the applicant to change the output commitments, to reduce the assistance amount, or to make any other changes necessary for approval. If negotiation fails, the Agency will disapprove the application in writing.

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