

- 1 (A) community and regional support for the project;
- 2 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the project;
- 3 (C) leveraging of additional sources of funding from local, State, or
- 4 federal economic development programs; and
- 5 (D) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
- 6 plan for fiscal viability.

7 (3) The following are ineligible to apply for a grant:

- 8 (A) ~~a State or local government operated business [Repealed.]~~
- 9 (B) a business that, together with any affiliated business, owns or
- 10 operates more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do
- 11 business under the same name or within the same industry; and
- 12 (C) a publicly traded company.

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14 (k) Limited grants for operating support. Notwithstanding any provision of

15 this section or guidelines adopted pursuant to this subsection (j) of this section

16 to the contrary, the Secretary may award a grant of not more than

17 \$1,000,000.00 for operating support to an applicant that:

18 (1) is a nonprofit entity with a documented financial impact from the

19 COVID-19 pandemic;

20 (2) promotes community benefit through educational services,

21 agriculture, or food security;

- 1 (3) demonstrates a risk of losing at least 20 jobs if the operating support
- 2 is not received; and
- 3 (4) is located in a rural municipality with fewer than 2,000 residents.