**Section 690.80 Selection Process**

The Department, its qualified partners, or other State agencies administering parts of the Program will select recipients of financial assistance using competitive scoring, first-come first-served basis, lotteries, or discretionary selection procedures set forth in a financial assistance opportunity notice. The method of selection may vary based on industry and population served to maximize the effectiveness of the amount of financial assistance available and the equitable distribution of financial assistance among disproportionately impacted areas and other impacted areas, industries, and businesses.