**Section 125.60 Project Evaluation Priorities**

The following factors are used by the Department in evaluating and recommending project applications for funding assistance consideration (see Appendix A):

a) The applicant must be a government agency or a registered tax exempt organization at the time of application;

b) projects providing services to a currently unserved or underserved population of veterans;

c) projects located in areas of high demand or readily accessible to major population centers;

d) projects proposing innovative research or benefits;

e) projects for which long-term operations and maintenance capability is clearly demonstrated by the local sponsor and the degree to which the applicant relies upon program grant funding;

f) the applicant's record of providing benefits to veterans or the applicant's record of providing services to non-veterans similar to the proposed services to be provided to veterans and the applicant's understanding of veterans' service and issues.

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