

SBA Policy and Procedures
APPENDIX E

PLANNING GRANTS

The SBA may make available funds to assist each county in contracting for the services of a professional planner to develop the ten year CEFP that is to be completed and approved based on the schedule provided by the SBA. These funds shall not exceed 50% of the actual planning contract amount. The SBA will determine the amount of available funding to be provided prior to each ten year planning cycle. The CEFP shall be developed in accordance with State Board Policy 6200 and the attached SBA procedural flow chart.

In order to receive these funds, the county must utilize the following procedures:

1. Appropriate application shall be made to the SBA for the funds in advance of advertising for consulting firms to assist with the development of the CEFP.
2. The county will utilize an SBA approved Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Professional Services and select a team in accordance with the procedures defined in WV Code 5G-1-3. The team shall consist of qualified educational planners (REFP) as well as a qualified architect-licensed in the State of West Virginia. To encourage consistency in demographics and enrollment projections throughout each plan, the SBA may provide a demographer to perform demographics and school enrollment projections.

The RFP shall define the scope of work to be performed in the development of the CEFP. The SBA will monitor the progress of the plan development at various stages and upon request the county will adjust the process to comply with SBA requirements.

3. A list of all firms responding to the RFP will be submitted to the SBA for review and approval of each firm's qualifications.
4. Upon completion of the selection process and successful negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm, a copy of the contractual agreement shall be provided to and approved by the SBA. Any changes in the scope of work or change order to the contracted amount must be approved by the SBA to attain state reimbursement for the expenditure.
5. Upon completion of CEFP Progress Reports #1 (SBA Form 163) and #2 (SBA Form 164) and the submission of a draft copy of the completed data with Progress Report #2, the county may submit a request for payment to the SBA for review and consideration. If all expenses are deemed appropriate, a payment shall be made to the county equivalent to 50% of the total planning grant contracted fee or an amount not to exceed 50% of the SBA Planning Grant amount. The SBA will remit the balance of the planning grant upon completion of the CEFP and its approval by the SBE and the SBA.