

DRA 2004 Federal Grant Program -- Simplified Process and Timeline

Wednesday, January 28 - Local Development District (LDDs), Training.

Monday February 2 – DRA 2004 Federal Grant Program to be Announced (tentative).

Monday, February 2 – LDDs – Begin Publicizing, Educating and Assisting Pre-Applicants with Preparation of Pre-Applications. During February All LDDs Will Host Public Forums.

(Allows 73 days for Pre-Application Preparation.)

No Later Than Noon, Wednesday, April 7 – ALL Pre-Applications Due at LDDs, to be Screened for Completeness.

Wednesday April 21 – LDDs package Complete Pre-Applications and Send original and copy to DRA.

Each LDD will also send a copy to its State at the same time.

(Again, This Allows 73 Days from “Announcement” to Pre-Application Deadline.)

No Later Than Monday, May 10 – Federal Co-Chairman Determines Eligibility.

(Allows 19 Days to Determine Eligibility.)

By Wednesday, May 12 – Governors Receive List of Eligibles and Ineligibles. Additionally, FCC provides a written explanation of why a project was deemed ineligible to the Applicants, States and LDDs.

By Monday, May 24—States respond to List of Ineligibles.
States will provide written responses to the FCC, if they have a different perspective on an ineligible project.

By Tuesday June 1 -- FCC has responded in writing to each State's perspective of eligibility.

By Wednesday, June 9 – Governors Select Projects and Notify Federal Co-Chairman.
(Allows Governors 28 Days to Select Projects for “Invitation to Apply”.)

On June 11 – Federal Co-Chairman Issues “Invitations to Apply” to Governors’ Selections.

By Monday, July 26, Applications to be Prepared by Invitees and Received by DRA.
(Allows 45 Days for Application Preparation and Receipt by DRA.)

No Later Than Friday, August 27, DRA Staff Completes Review of Applications and Forwards Such Reviews to Governors

(Allows 32 Days for DRA Staff to Review and Collaborate With Pre-Grantees.)

By Friday, September 3, Governors Complete Evaluation and Certification of Applications; Forward “Evaluated and Certified” list to Federal Co-Chairman.

(Allows 7 Days for Governors to Evaluate and Certify Applications.)

On Tuesday, September 7, Board Meets to Vote on DRA 2004 Federal Grant Projects

On Thursday, September 9, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Members of Congress of the Authority's Approval of Projects for DRA 2004 Federal Grant Funding.

On Monday, September 13, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Governors of the Authority's Approval of Projects for DRA 2004 Federal Grant Funding.

By September 30, (Most) 2004 Projects Will Be Closed and All Will Be Funded.