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Section 110 (a) Of the annual financial assistance allocated to a State under this Act, not less than twenty percentum shall be made available for grants to units of local government for conservation plans and programs.

(b) The Governor shall make grants based on applications received under this section. No grant shall be made under this section unless the applicant: (1) provides funds and/or in kind contribution equal to twenty percentum of the grant; (2) submits an application which includes a community energy strategy consistent with related provisions of the State energy plan and which considers the following: ((a)-(g) insert NGA 1-7); and provides assurances that an opportunity has been provided for public comment, including an opportunity to receive the views and comments of existing local citizen and neighborhood community groups, and that such comment has been considered by the applicant in the development of the strategy.

(c) The Governor shall allocate funds under this section for each of the following categories, in porportion to the population of each category within the State: (1) metropolitain cities and urban counties; (2) units of local government in metropolitain areas and (3) units of local government in nonmetropolitain areas.

(d) The Governor shall make grants under this section either through an existing or newly developed process acceptable to both the Governor and statewide organizations representing units of local government. The Governor shall, in consultation with such organizations, develop selection criteria and a system for managing the solicitation, application and selection process. If within 90 days of the receipt of funds under this Act, no acceptable process has been established, the Secretary may establish a process for the award of grants under this section.