

Last updated November 30, 2007

The following are the counties that meet the statutory criteria of having at least three of the required factors of economic distress to a greater degree than the state as a whole. These counties and the incorporated municipalities within those counties are eligible to request the waivers. The Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County) and the Immokalee area (Collier County) designated as a federal Round II Enterprise Community are also eligible as they are part of the 2nd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. The City of Freeport in Walton County is also eligible as it was included in the re-designation of the first Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern in northwest Florida.

Baker***, Bradford***, Calhoun*, Columbia***, DeSoto**, Dixie***, Flagler, Franklin*, Gadsden* Gilchrist***, Glades**, Gulf*, Hamilton***, Hardee**, Hendry**, Highlands**, Holmes*, Jackson*, Jefferson***, Lafayette***, Levy***, Liberty*, Madison***, Nassau, Okeechobee**, Putnam***, Suwannee***, Taylor***, Union***, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington*

* 1st Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern – re-designated

** 2nd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern – re-designated

*** 3rd Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

In addition, the Cities/Towns of:

Expiration Date:

Archer (Alachua County)	November 30, 2008
Bushnell (Sumter County)	March 21, 2008
Center Hill (Sumter County)	March 21, 2008
Century (Escambia County)	March 2, 2008
Dundee (Polk County)	March 21, 2008
Hastings (St. Johns County)	March 21, 2008
Jay (Santa Rosa County)	November 19, 2008
Lake Wales (Polk County)	July 20, 2008
Wildwood (Sumter County)	July 19, 2008
Zephyrhills (Pasco County)	October 9, 2008

(which are located in non-rural counties) have submitted the required documentation and that documentation has been verified - so they are eligible.

However, this eligibility is only good for one year.