§ 917. Technical assistance. The secretary shall encourage and assist local governments in the preparation of waterfront revitalization programs and in the administration and implementation of approved programs. Such assistance shall be provided on request by the local government and shall include, as may be deemed appropriate by the secretary, the provision of maps, data, criteria, model implementation provisions, and technical counsel and advice. In addition, the secretary shall facilitate consultation and coordination among local, county, regional, state and federal agencies and community based groups in connection with the preparation and administration of approved waterfront revitalization programs, and to facilitate the development of projects called for by approved programs.