5.   Hospitals and Major Medical Facilities

Data on medical facilities should include admittance or discharge statistics providing the ratio of use by residents of each political jurisdiction. The greater the percentage of use by residents throughout the proposed community, the higher the value of this data in showing interaction. The application can also support the importance of an area hospital with documentation that correlates the facility's target area with the proposed local community and/or discusses the relative distribution of hospitals over a larger area.

Most Persuasive	The applicant provides statistics demonstrating residents from throughout the proposed community use hospitals in the major population or employment center.
Persuasive	Statistical data are not available, but the application demonstrates through other documentation a medical facility is the only viable option for a significant portion of the proposed community's residents.
Not Persuasive	The area has multiple health care facilities at geographically dispersed locations with duplicative services.

6.   Colleges and Universities

College enrollment data can be a useful factor in establishing a local community. The higher the percentages of student enrollment at a given campus by residents throughout each part of the community, the greater the value in showing interaction. Additionally, the greater the participation by the college in community initiatives (e.g., partnering with local governments), and the greater the service area of these initiatives, the stronger the value of this factor.

Most Persuasive	The application provides statistical data showing the institutions of higher learning cited attract significant numbers of students from throughout the proposed community.
Persuasive	The statistical data regarding where students live is either inconclusive or unavailable. However, qualitative information exists to demonstrate the institutions' relevance to the entire proposed community, such as unique educational initiatives to support economic objectives benefiting all residents and/or partnerships with local businesses or high schools.
Not Persuasive	The statistical data tends to support the institutions recruit students from a broad based area transcending the proposed community's boundaries.