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towards satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement only if it results in:

- (i) An increase in the services or property provided under the contract (without additional cost to the recipient or subrecipient), or
- (ii) A cost savings to the recipient or subrecipient.

**§ 3015.53 Valuation of donated services.**

(a) *Volunteer services.* Unpaid services provided to a recipient by an individual shall be valued at rates consistent with the rates normally paid for similar work in the recipient organization. If there is no similar work in the recipient organization, the rate of pay for volunteer services should be consistent with those regular rates paid for similar work in the same labor market. In either case, a reasonable amount for fringe benefits may be included in the valuation.

(b) *Employees of other organizations.* When an employer, other than a recipient or cost-type contractor, furnishes the services of an employee without cost to perform the employee's normal line of work, the services shall be valued at the employee's regular rate of pay, exclusive of the employer's fringe benefits and overhead cost. If the services are in a different line of work, paragraph (a) of this section shall apply.

**§ 3015.54 Valuation of donated supplies and loaned equipment or space.**

(a) If a third party donates supplies, the contributions shall not exceed the cost of the supplies to the donor or the market value of the supplies, at the time of the donation, whichever is less.

(b) If a third party donates the use of equipment or space in a building but retains the title, the contribution shall be valued at the fair rental rate of the equipment or space.

**§ 3015.55 Valuation of donated equipment, buildings, and land.**

When a third party donates equipment, buildings or land, and the title is given to the recipient, the treatment of this donated property shall depend

upon the purpose of the grant or subgrant as follows:

(a) *Awards for capital expenditures.* If the purpose of the grant or subgrant is to assist the recipient in acquiring property, such as equipment, buildings, and land, then the market value of that property at the time of donation may be counted as cost-sharing or matching.

(b) *Other awards.* If the nature of the grant or subgrant is not for the purpose of acquiring property, the following rules shall apply:

(1) If approval is obtained from the awarding agency, the market value at the time of donation of the equipment or buildings and the fair rental rate of the donated land may be counted as cost-sharing or matching. In the case of a subgrant, the provisions of the USDA grant should require that the approval be obtained from the awarding agency as well as the recipient. In all cases, the approval may be given only if a purchase of the equipment or rental of the land would be approved as an allowable direct cost.

(2) If approval is not obtained under paragraph (b)(1) of this section, no amount shall be counted for donated land. Instead, only depreciation or use allowances may be counted for donated equipment and buildings and treated as costs incurred by the recipient. They are computed and allocated (usually as indirect costs) in accordance with the cost principles specified in Subpart T of this part. They will thus be handled in the same way as depreciation or use allowances for purchased equipment and buildings. The amount of depreciation or use allowances for donated equipment and buildings is based on the property's market value at the time it was donated.

**§ 3015.56 Appraisal of real property.**

In some cases, it will be necessary to establish the market value of land or a building or the fair rental rate of land or of space in a building. In these cases, the awarding agency must require that the market value or fair rental rate be set by an independent appraiser (or by a representative of the U.S. General Services Administration, if available) and that the value or rate be certified by a responsible official of the party to

which the property or its use is donated. This requirement must also be imposed by the recipient on subgrants.

### Subpart H—Standards for Financial Management Systems

#### § 3015.60 Scope.

This subpart contains standards for financial management systems of recipients. No additional financial management standards or requirements shall be imposed by awarding agencies. Awarding agencies will, however, provide recipients with suggestions and assistance on establishing or improving financial management systems when such assistance is needed or requested.

#### § 3015.61 Financial management standards.

The following standards shall be met by recipients and subrecipients in managing their financial management system.

(a) *Financial reporting.* Complete, accurate, and current disclosure of the financial results of each USDA sponsored project or program shall be made in accordance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in the grant or subgrant. When a USDA awarding agency requires reporting on an accrual basis, the recipient shall not be required to establish an accrual accounting system, but shall develop such accrual data for its reports on the basis of an analysis of the documentation on hand.

(b) *Accounting records.* The source and application of funds shall be readily identified by the continuous maintenance of updated records. Records, as such, shall contain information pertaining to grant or subgrant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, and income. When the recipient is a governmental entity, the records shall also contain liabilities.

(c) *Internal control.* Effective control over and accountability for all USDA grant or subgrant funds, real and personal property assets shall be maintained. Recipients shall adequately safeguard all such property and shall ensure that it is used solely for authorized purposes. In cases where projects are not 100 percent Federally funded,

recipients must have effective internal controls to assure that expenditures financed with Federal funds are properly chargeable to the grant supported project.

(d) *Budgetary control.* The actual and budgeted amounts for each grant or subgrant shall be compared. If appropriate, or required by the awarding agency, financial information shall be related to performance and unit cost data. When unit cost data is required, estimates based on available documentation may be accepted whenever possible.

(e) *Advance payments.* There shall be specific procedures established to minimize the time elapsing between the advance of Federal grant or subgrant funds and their subsequent disbursement by the recipient. When advances are made by a letter of credit method, the recipients shall make drawdowns as close as possible to the time of making the disbursements. This same procedure shall be followed by recipients who advance cash to subrecipients to ensure that timely fiscal transactions and reporting requirements are conducted.

(f) *Allowable costs.* Established procedures shall be used for determining the reasonableness, allowability, and allocability of costs in accordance with the cost principles prescribed by Subpart T of this part and the provisions of the grant award.

(g) *Source documentation.* Accounting records shall be supported by source documentation. These documentations include, but are not limited to, cancelled checks, paid bills, payrolls, contract and subgrant award documents.

(h) *Audit resolution.* A systematic method shall be employed by each recipient to assure timely and appropriate resolution of audit findings and recommendations.

### Subpart I [Reserved]

### Subpart J—Financial Reporting Requirements

#### § 3015.80 Scope and applicability.

(a) This subpart prescribes requirements and forms for recipients to report financial information to USDA