management assistance as needed in planning the project and coordinating the plan with local officials, comprehensive plans, and any State or area plans for improving housing for low-income families in the area in which the project is located.

2. That at its sole discretion, Grantor may at any time give any consent, deferment, subordination, release, satisfaction, or termination of any or all of Grantee’s grant obligations, with or without valuable consideration, upon such terms and conditions as Grantor may determine to be (a) advisable to further the purposes of the grant or to protect Grantor’s financial interests therein, and (b) consistent with the statutory purposes of the grant and the limitations of the statutory authority under which it is made and Grantor’s regulations.

This Agreement is subject to current Grantor regulations and any future regulations not inconsistent with the express terms hereof. Grantee on behalf of Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 1940–20, “Request for Environmental Information.”

1999, has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized agents and attested and its corporate seal affixed by its duly authorized agent.

Attest:

Grantee

By (Title)

By (Title)

Grantor

United States of America

Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354

By (Title)

EXHIBIT B TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR STATE OFFICES REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

A. The State Office will maintain for distribution to potential applicants, upon request, a supply of preapplication packets consisting of:

1. SF 424.1.

2. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 400–1, “Equal Opportunity Agreement.”

3. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 400–4, “Assurance Agreement.”

4. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 400–20, “Request for Environmental Information.”

5. Subpart K of part 1944 of this chapter.

B. The State Office should inform all potential applicants, at the time they pick up forms, that:

1. The preapplication must be submitted to the District Office serving the area in which the applicant proposes to operate the Technical and Supervisory Assistance (TSA) program.

2. The State Office will refer all requests for assistance in completing the preapplication to the appropriate District Office.

C. Beyond the responsibilities of the State Office in the selection of grantees and the administration of the program, and as stated in §1944.502 of this subpart, the TSA program provides an opportunity for the State Director to give priority to applicants serving the rural areas of greatest need as well as use the program cooperatively with other Federal and State agencies in addressing the housing needs of the residents of a proposed TSA service area. Therefore, the State Office should be prepared, before receipt of preapplications, to advise the District Directors, potential applicants and other Federal and State agencies which part(s) of the State has the greatest need for the TSA program.

The State Director should identify target areas in a similar manner to the process used by the Administrator pursuant to §1944.525 of this subpart. Proposals which are clearly inappropriate and do not meet the basic priorities of §1944.529 (a) of this subpart should not be encouraged due to the complexity of the preapplication submission.

D. In addition to the instructions of §1944.526 of this subpart, the State Office should follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Review preapplications for completeness and adequacy and make assessments required by §1944.526(c)(1) of this subpart.

2. Request clarifications from the District Office if necessary.

3. Evaluate the proposals in light of §1944.529 of this subpart and select the proposal(s) which best meets the priorities established under the project selection criteria in §1944.529 (a), (b) and (c) of this subpart.

4. The State Office must provide written comments to be attached to the preapplication(s) justifying the selection(s) and addressing the items in §1944.529 of this subpart.

5. The State Office will forward the original SF 424.1 and accompanying documents of the selected preapplication(s) as quickly as possible to the National Office, Attention: Special Authorities Division, Multi-Family Housing. In no case should the State Office forward their selected TSA preapplication(s) later than thirty (30) days after the closing date for receipt of preapplications.

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6. Preapplications not selected by the State Office will be returned to the applicants through the appropriate District Offices with notice of appeal rights.

7. In accordance with §1944.526 of this subpart, State Offices will be advised of the number of preapplications to be submitted from each state to the National Office. Those preapplicants not selected will be promptly notified and their preapplication returned with notice of appeal rights. Form AD-622, “Notice of Preapplication Review Action,” will be mailed from the State Office to the applicants. District Offices will receive a copy from the State Office.

F. After execution of the grant agreement, the State Office will work closely with the District Office and the grantee to obtain additional resources from other Federal and State agencies to meet the needs of the TSA service area. The State Office should closely review the quarterly project performance reports and assist the District Director, as appropriate, in resolving any problems or taking advantage of favorable funding or program opportunities.


EXHIBIT C TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICES REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

A. The District Office will maintain for distribution to potential applicants, upon request, a supply of preapplication packets consisting of:
   1. SF 424.1.
   2. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-1, “Equal Opportunity Agreement.”
   3. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-4, “Assurance Agreement.”
   4. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-20, “Request for Environmental Information.”
   5. Subpart K of part 1944 of this chapter.

B. District Directors will provide any necessary assistance in completing preapplication forms.

C. All applicants will submit preapplications to District Offices. Upon receipt of the preapplication the District Director will review it to ensure that the preapplication is complete and make assessments required by §1944.526(b)(1) of this subpart.

D. The District Director will provide written comments to be attached to the preapplication. These comments will, at a minimum, address the following items:
   1. Whether the area to be covered by the project is a “rural area” as defined by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations.
   2. The District Director’s knowledge of the applicant’s past history.
   3. The need for the proposed activity, and its relationship to the targeting strategies for the District.
   4. Appropriateness and applicability of this proposal for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 implementation funds.
   5. Extent of citizen involvement in development of preapplication, particularly the involvement of minority and/or low-income groups.
   6. All other criteria specified in §1944.529 of this subpart.
   7. The comments and recommendations of the County Supervisors for the proposed TSA service area.

E. The District Director will forward the original and one copy of the preapplication and accompanying documents along with the comments and a summary recommendation to the State Director within ten (10) working days of receipt of the preapplication.

F. Those applicants invited to submit applications will submit their applications to the District Office with two copies. The District Office will retain the original for the docket and forward one copy to the appropriate State Office after making sufficient copies to forward one copy to each of the appropriate County Offices.

G. The District Director, upon receipt of the application, will prepare a docket in accordance with §1944.531 of this subpart. The procedures for approval and project servicing are detailed in this subpart.


EXHIBIT D TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

This Amendment to Agreement dated __________ between
herein called “Grantee,” organized and operating under
(authorizing State Statute)
and the United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, herein called