

separate and shall be maintained for a period of 3 years after the termination date of the ownership agreement.

§ 1944.690 Exception authority.

The Administrator of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may, in individual cases, make an exception to any requirements of this subpart not required by the authorizing statute if the Administrator finds that application of such requirement would adversely affect the interest of the Government, or adversely affect the accomplishment of the purposes of the HPG program, or result in undue hardship by applying the requirement. The Administrator or the Assistant Administrator for Housing may exercise this exception authority at the request of the State Director. The request must be supported by information demonstrating the adverse impact, citing the particular requirement involved, recommending proper alternative course(s) of action, and outlining how the adverse impact could be mitigated. Exception to any requirement may also be initiated by the Assistant Administrator for Housing.

§§ 1944.691-1944.699 [Reserved]

§ 1944.700 OMB control number.

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**EXHIBIT A TO SUBPART N OF PART 1944—
HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
AGREEMENT**

This Agreement dated _____ is between _____ (name), _____ (address), (grantee), organized and operating under _____ (authorizing State statute), and the United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 agrees to grant a sum not to exceed \$ _____ subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; provided, however, that the grant funds actually advanced and not needed for grant purposes shall be returned im-

mediately to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354. The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Statement of Activities approved by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354, is attached, and shall commence within 10 days of the date of execution of this agreement by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 and be completed by _____ (date). FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may terminate the grant in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of this Grant Agreement or FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulation related hereto. The grantee may appeal adverse decisions in accordance with the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Appeal Procedures contained in subpart B of part 1900 of this chapter.

In consideration of said grant by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 to the Grantee, to be made pursuant to section 533 of the Housing Act of 1949, Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program, the grantee will provide such a program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations.

PART A—DEFINITIONS

1. *Beginning date* means the date this agreement is executed by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 and costs can be incurred.
2. *Ending date* means the date when all work under this agreement is scheduled to be completed. It is also the latest date grant funds will be provided under this agreement, without an approved extension.
3. *Disallowed costs* are those charges to a grant which the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 determines cannot be authorized in accordance with applicable Federal cost principles contained in Treasury Circular 74-4, "Cost Principles Applicable to Grants and Contracts with State and Local Governments," OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State and Local Governments," OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations," and other conditions contained in this Agreement and OMB Circular A-102 "Uniform Requirements for Grants to State and Local Governments," and OMB Circular A-110, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Nonprofit Organizations, Uniform Administrative Requirements," as appropriate.
4. "Grant closeout" is the process by which the grant operation is concluded at the expiration of the grant period or following a decision to terminate the grant.
5. "Termination" of the grant means the cancellation of Federal assistance, in whole