§ 1455.10 Eligible grant applicants.

(a) A State or Tribal government may apply for a VPA–HIP grant.

(b) Any applications received by an individual or entity that is not a State or tribal government will not be considered.

§ 1455.11 Application procedure.

(a) Request for applications (RFA). CCC will issue periodic RFAs for VPA–HIP on www.grants.gov, subject to available funding. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable RFA, applicants must file an original and one hard copy of the required forms and an application.

(b) Single application. A State or tribal government must include all proposed activity under a single application per RFA review period. Multiple applications from an applicant during a single RFA period will not be considered. The applicant is the individual State or Tribe; any application from any unit of the State or tribal government must be coordinated for a single submission of one application from the State or Tribe.

(c) Incomplete applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding. However, incomplete applications may be returned, and may be resubmitted, if time permits.

(d) Providing data. Data furnished by grant applicants will be used to determine eligibility for the VPA–HIP benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, the failure to provide data could result in program benefits being withheld or denied.

(e) Required forms. The following forms must be completed, signed, and submitted as part of the application; other forms may be required, as specified in the applicable RFA:

1. Application for Federal Assistance;
2. Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs; and
3. Assurances—Non-Construction Programs.

(f) Application. Each application must contain the following elements; additional required elements may be specified in the applicable RFA:

1. Title page;
2. Table of contents;
3. Executive summary, which includes:
   (i) Activities. Provide a summary of the application that briefly describes activities proposed to be funded under the grant.
   (ii) Objectives, funding, performance, and other resources. Include objectives and tasks to be accomplished, the amount of funding requested, how the work will be performed, whether organizational staff, consultants or contractors will be used, and whether other resources will be used;
4. Eligibility certification that certifies that the applicant is a State or tribal government and the individual submitting the application is acting in a representative capacity on behalf of the State or tribal government;
5. Application narrative that must include, but is not limited to, the following:
   (i) Project title. The title of the proposed project must be brief (not to exceed 75 characters) yet describe the essentials of the project.
   (ii) Information sheet. A separate one-page information sheet listing each of the evaluation criteria referenced in the RFA, followed by the page numbers of all relevant material and documentation contained in the application that address or support the criteria.
   (iii) Objectives of the project. This section must include the following:
      (A) A description of how the VPA–HIP funding will be used to encourage public access to private farm, ranch,