

and staff members who make decisions about application approval or termination from participation in the program or, in the case of sponsoring organizations, make hiring decisions or submit applications for approval of family day care home operators to the State agency.

(2) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to the Department of Justice when: (a) The agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or (c) the United States Government is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is therefore deemed by the agency to be for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.

(3) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to a court or adjudicative body in a proceeding when: (a) The agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity; or (c) any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States Government is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, and the use of such records is therefore deemed by the agency to be for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.

(4) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records when a record on its face, or in conjunction with other records, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto, disclosure may be made to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, foreign, State, local, or Tribal, or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, if the information disclosed is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative or prosecutive responsibility of the receiving entity.

(5) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to a Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the congressional office made at the written request of the constituent about whom the record is maintained.

(6) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to the National Archives and Records Administration or to the General Services Administration for records management inspections conducted under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on computer disks, in computer files on the FNS network, and in file folders at FNS Regional offices and at FNS Headquarters; information on individuals who have been disqualified from participation in the CACFP will also be available in a password-protected environment on the Internet.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by the individual's name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to records is limited to those persons who process the records for the specific routine uses stated above. Computer disks are kept in physically secured rooms or cabinets. Files on the network are only available to persons with authorized access to the network. Paper records are segregated and physically stored in locked cabinets. Internet access will be restricted to those State agency or sponsoring organization staff with a need to know the list's contents and with password access to the list.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Once placed on the National Disqualified List, a responsible principal or individual or the operator of a family day care home will remain on the list for 7 years from the effective date of the disqualification or until acceptable corrective action is taken. Also, no responsible principal or individual or operator of a family day care home can be removed from the list until any debt owed to the CACFP is repaid in full, even if the full 7 years has elapsed.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Director, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101

Park Center Drive, Room 638, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals may request from the system manager identified above information regarding this system of records or whether the system contains records pertaining to them. Any individual requesting such information must provide his or her name, birth date, and address.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals may obtain information about records in the system pertaining to them by submitting a written request to the system manager listed above. The envelope and letter should be marked "Privacy Act Request" and must include the name and address of the individual for whom the request is made.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Before being included in this system of records, operators of day care homes, responsible principals, and responsible individuals have been afforded the right to an administrative review of the findings that led to the action to disqualify them from CACFP participation. Therefore, the procedures set forth in this provision are not intended as an additional method of appeal.

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their requests to the System Manager listed above. The request should state the reason(s) for contesting the information and provide any available documentation to support the requested action.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is provided to FNS by State agencies that administer the CACFP in the States.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee; Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho Falls, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-

393) the Caribou-Targhee National Forests' Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Idaho Falls for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The business meeting will be held on March 17, 2004, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Reese, Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on March 17, 2004 begins at 10 a.m. at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Agenda topics will include looking at project proposals for 2004 and electing a new chairperson.

Dated: February 6, 2004.

Jerry B. Reese,
Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Grant Program To Establish a Revolving Fund for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service is seeking comments from the public in its efforts to implement a new program, "Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects" as authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to qualified private, non-profit entities to capitalize revolving funds for the purpose of providing loans to eligible entities for pre-development costs or small capital improvement costs. RUS is issuing this notice of inquiry to assess the current interest of eligible entities in pursuing applications for grant funds with the purpose of establishing a revolving loan fund taking into consideration the following:

(1) The ability to accomplish the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill section utilizing current appropriations;

(2) The level of interest of ultimate recipient for the loan funds.

DATES: Interested parties must submit written comments on or before March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Richard C. Annan, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1570. RUS requires, in hard copy, a signed original and 3 copies of all comments (7 CFR 1700.4). Comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours (7 CFR part 1).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Loney, Loan Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., stop 1570, Washington, DC 20250-1570. Phone: 202-720-9633. Fax: 202-720-0718. E-mail: Susan.Loney@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Pub. L. 107-171. The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act was amended by section 6002 of the Farm Bill, by adding a grant program to establish a revolving loan fund. The Secretary may make grants to qualified, private, non-profit entities. The grant recipients will use the grant funds to establish a revolving loan fund. The loans will be made to eligible entities to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.

Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain loans, loan guarantees, or grants from the Rural Utilities Service program. The amount of financing to an eligible entity shall not exceed \$100,000 and shall be repaid in a term not to exceed 10 years. The rate shall be determined in the approved grant workplan.

The Act stipulates that, among other provisions, the Administrator of RUS shall prescribe regulations to implement the Act and shall issue and otherwise administer the grant program. No funds were appropriated for the Act for fiscal year (FY) 2002. The appropriations bill for FY 2004 includes \$500,000 for the grant program; therefore we are proceeding with the development of a regulation in order to implement the program.

The section also requires the Administrator of RUS to prescribe regulations to implement the provisions. We will be relying heavily on existing regulations within the Rural Development Program in order to develop regulations for this new program. The main referenced regulations will be the following:

(1) Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program (REDLG), 7 CFR 1703 Subpart B; <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html>

(2) Intermediary Lending Program (IRP), RD Instruction 4274-D http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html

(3) Rural Housing regulation for the Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG), RD Instruction 1944, Subpart N. http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html

RUS encourages interested parties to review the Act in its entirety on the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/>.

Request for Comment

RUS is requesting comment and discussion on the following topics:

(1) RUS is seeking comments on the current lending experience of potential grant applicants;

(2) RUS is also interested in comments regarding a proposed minimum 20 percent matching funds contribution by the grant recipient; in-kind contributions will not be accepted as part of the 20 percent minimum;

(3) RUS is interested in comments regarding the percentage of the grant funds that may be used for administrative or servicing fees;

(4) RUS is seeking comments on the issue of a maximum of 75 percent of the project costs the revolving loan should pay, with the other 25 percent of project costs paid for from non-Federal sources;

(5) RUS is interested in comments regarding the use of the Central Servicing Center for the revolving loans, including processing loan payments, reviewing financial statements, and other responsibilities involved in loan servicing, and

(6) RUS is also seeking comments on the definition of eligible and ineligible projects for the revolving loan funds.

RUS invites interested parties including, but not limited to, financial and lending institutions, non-profit organizations, consumer groups, community organizations, and individuals to comment. Written comments should provide RUS any information or analysis believed to be relevant to the issues discussed in this Notice and to the implementation of the revolving loan program.