DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Bitterroot National Forest, Darby Ranger District, Como Forest Health Project

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.


DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by July 17, 2013. The draft environmental impact statement is expected December 2013 and the final environmental impact statement is expected July 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Chuck Oliver, Darby District Ranger, P.O. Box 388, Darby, MT, 59829. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-northern-bitterroot-darby@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406-821-4204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Grove, South Zone Interdisciplinary Team Leader; West Fork Ranger Station; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, Montana 59829; phone (406) 821–1251; email sgrove@fs.fed.us.

In the Federal Register of June 17, 2013, in FR DOC #2013–14229 on page 36163 in the second column, correct the second sentence in SUMMARY caption to read:

SUMMARY: * * * The Como FHP covers approximately 5,640 acres of national forest between Lake Como and Lost Horse roads, about 6 miles northwest of Darby in Ravalli County, Montana. * * *

Dated: June 19, 2013.

Julie K. King,

Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Grant Program Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the availability of $917,221 in grant funds to be competitively awarded for the Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program for fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013). RUS will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for homeowners to borrow up to $11,000 to construct or repair household water wells for an existing home. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under 7 USC 1926e. Regulations may be found at 7 CFR part 1776. Of particular note this year, the RUS, in an effort to address the extreme drought conditions in rural areas, will assign administrative discretion points to applications proposing to serve areas with severe, extreme or exceptional drought, as reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor located at http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/.

DATES: The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is July 26, 2013. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be postmarked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the following addresses:


2. Paper applications: Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, STOP: 1570, Room 2233–S, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250–1570. Obtain application guides and materials for the HWWS Grant Program electronically or in paper format from the following addresses:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce M. Taylor, Community Programs Specialist, Water Programs Division, Water and Environmental Programs. Telephone: (202) 720–9589, fax: (202) 690–0649, email: JoyceM.Taylor@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: HWWS Grant Program.

Announcement Type: Grant—Initial.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.862.

Due Date for Applications: July 26, 2013.

Items in SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Funding Opportunity: Description of the HWWS Grant Program.

II. Award Information: Available funds.

III. Eligibility Information: Who is eligible, what kinds of projects are eligible, what criteria determine basic eligibility.

IV. Application and Submission Information: Where to get application materials, what constitutes a completed application, how and where to submit applications, deadlines, items that are eligible.

V. Application Review Information: Considerations and preferences, scoring criteria, review standards, selection information.

VI. Award Administration Information: Award notice information, award recipient reporting requirements.

VII. Agency Contacts: Web, phone, fax, email, contact name.

I. Funding Opportunity

A. Program Description

The HWWS Grant Program has been established to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 USC 1926e. The CONACT authorizes the RUS to make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells.

As the grant recipients, private non-profit organizations will receive HWWS grants to establish lending programs that will provide water well loans to individuals. The individuals, as loan recipients, may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems. A loan may not exceed $11,000 and will have a term up to 20 years at a one percent annual interest rate.

B. Background

The RUS supports the sound development of rural communities and
the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. The RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to Rural Americans in greatest need.

Central water systems may not be the only or best solution to drinking water problems. Distance or physical barriers make public central water systems costly to deploy in remote areas. A significant number of geographically isolated households without water service might require individual wells rather than connections to new or existing community systems. The goal of the RUS is not only to make funds available to those communities most in need of potable water but also to ensure that facilities used to deliver drinking water are safe and affordable. There is a role for private wells in reaching this goal.

C. Purpose

The purpose of the HWWS Grant Program is to provide funds to private non-profit organizations to assist them in establishing loan programs from which individuals may borrow money for HWWS. Faith-based organizations are eligible and encouraged to apply for this program. Applicants must show that the project will provide technical and financial assistance to eligible individuals to remedy household well problems. Due to the limited amount of funds available under the HWWS Grant Program, 10 applications may be funded from FY 2013 funds. Applications from existing HWWS grant recipients are acceptable and will be evaluated as new applications.

II. Award Information

*Funding Instrument Type: Grant.*

**Anticipated Total Priority Area Funding:** Undetermined at this time.

**Length of Project Periods:** 12-month project.

**Assistance Instrument:** Grant Agreement with successful applicants before any grant funds are disbursed.

III. Eligibility Information

**A. Who is eligible for grants?**

1. An organization is eligible to receive a HWWS grant if it:
   a. Has an active registration with current information in the System for Award Management (SAM) (formerly Central Contractor Registry, (CCR)) and has a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.
   b. Is a private, non-profit organization.
   c. Is legally established and located within one of the following:
      (1) A state within the United States,
      (2) The District of Columbia,
      (3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
      (4) A United States territory.
   d. Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose.
   e. Has sufficient expertise and experience in promoting the safe and productive use of individually-owned HWWS and ground water.
   f. Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt.
   g. Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements.
   i. Corporations that have been convicted of a felony (or had an officer or agency acting on behalf of the corporation convicted of a felony) within the past 24 months are not eligible. Any Corporation that has any unpaid federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability is not eligible.
   j. An individual is ineligible to receive a Householder Water Well grant. An individual may receive a loan from an organization receiving a grant award.

2. Required Matching Contributions.

Grants applicants must provide written evidence of a matching contribution of at least 10 percent from sources other than the proceeds of a HWWS grant. Kind contributions will not be considered a matching requirement. Please see 7 CFR 1776.9 for the requirement.

3. Other—Requirements

a. DUNS Number. The applicant for a grant must supply a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number as part of an application. The Standard Form 424 (SF–424) contains a field for the DUNS number. The applicant can obtain the DUNS number free of charge by calling Dun and Bradstreet. Please see http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization’s number.
 b. Prior to submitting an application, the applicant must register in the System for Award Management (SAM) (formerly Central Contractor Registry, (CCR)).
   (1) Applicants may register for the SAM at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/
   (2) The SAM registration must remain active with current information at all times while RUS is considering an application or while a Federal Grant Award or loan is active. To maintain the registration in the SAM database the applicant must review and update the information in the SAM database annually from date of initial registration or from the date of the last update. The applicant must ensure that the information in the database is current, accurate, and complete.
 c. Eligibility to receive a HWWS loan will be based on the following criteria:
   (1) An individual must be a member of a household of which the combined household income of all members does not exceed 100 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the State or territory in which the individual resides. Household income is the total income from all sources received by each adult household member for the most recent 12-month period for which the information is available. It does not include income earned or received by dependent children under 18 years old or other benefits that are excluded by Federal law. The non-metropolitan household income must be based on the most recent decennial census of the United States.
   RUS publishes a list of income exclusions in 7 CFR 3550.54(b). Also, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published a list of income exclusions in the Federal Register on April 20, 2001, at 66 FR 20318 (See “Federally Mandated Exclusions”).
   (2) The loan recipient must own and occupy the home being improved with the proceeds of a Household Water Well loan or be purchasing the home to occupy under a legally enforceable land...
purchase contract which is not in
default by either the seller or the
purchaser.
(3) The home being improved with
the water well system must be located
in a rural area.
(4) The loan for a water well system
must not be associated with the
construction of a new dwelling.
(5) The loan must not be used to
substitute a water well system for water
service available from collective water
systems. (For example, a loan may not
be used to restore an old well
abandoned when a dwelling was
connected to a water district’s water
line.)
(6) The loan recipient must not be
suspended or debarred from
participation in Federal programs.

IV. Application and Submission
Information

A. Where To Get Application
Information

The Household Water Well System
Grant Application Guide (Application
Guide), copies of necessary forms and
samples, and the HWWS Grant Program
regulation are available from these
sources:
1. Internet for electronic copies:
http://www.grants.gov or http://
www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-
individualwellsystems.htm;
2. Water and Environmental Programs
for paper copies: RUS, Water Programs
Division, STOP 1570, Room 2233–S,
1400 Independence Ave. SW.,
Washington, DC 20250–1570,
Telephone: (202) 720–9589, Fax: (202)
690–0649.

B. Content and Form of Application
Submission

1. Rules and Guidelines
   a. Detailed information on each item
      required can be found in the HWWS
      Grant Program regulation (7 CFR part
      1776) and the Application Guide.
      Applicants are strongly encouraged to
      read and apply both the regulation and
      the application guide. This Notice does
      not change the requirements for a
      completed application for any form of
      HWWS financial assistance specified in
      the regulation. The regulation and
      application guide provide specific
      guidance on each of the items listed.
   b. Applications should be prepared in
      conformance with the provisions in 7
      CFR part 1776, subpart B, and
      applicable regulations including 7 CFR
      parts 3015 and 3019. Applicants should
      use the application guide which
      contains instructions and other
      important information in preparing their
      application. Completed applications
      must include the items found in the
      checklist in the next paragraph.

2. Checklist of Items in Completed
   Application Packages
   a. DUNS Number. The applicant for a
      grant must supply a Dun and Bradstreet
      Data Universal Numbering System
      (DUNS) number as part of an
      application. The Standard Form 424
      (SF–424) contains a field for the DUNS
      number. The applicant can obtain the
      DUNS number free of charge by calling
      Dun and Bradstreet. Please see http://
      fedgov.dnb.com/webform for more
      information on how to obtain a DUNS
      number or how to verify your
      organization’s number.
   b. Prior to submitting an application,
      the applicant must register in the
      System for Award Management (SAM)
      (formerly Central Contractor Registry
      (CCR)).
      (1) Applicants may register for the
      SAM at: https://www.sam.gov/portal/
      public/SAM/.
      (2) The SAM registration must remain
      active with current information at all
times while RUS is considering an
      application or while a Federal Grant
      Award or loan is active. To maintain the
      registration in the SAM database the
      applicant must review and update the
      information in the SAM database
      annually from date of initial registration
      or from the date of the last update. The
      applicant must ensure that the
      information in the database is current,
      accurate, and complete.

   (3) Your organization must be listed in
      the SAM. If you have not used
      Grants.gov before, you will need to
      register with the SAM and the
      Credential Provider. New registrations
      can take 3–5 business days to process.
      Updating or renewing an active
      registration has a shorter turnaround.
      24 hours. Registrations in SAM are active
      for one year. The SAM registers your
      organization, housing your
      organizational information and allowing
      Grants.gov to use the information to
      verify your identity. The DUNS number,
      Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN),
      and name and address of the applicant
      organization must match SAM data
      files.
   c. The electronic and paper
      application process requires forms with
      the prefixes RD and SF as well as
      supporting documents and
      certifications.

   Application Items
   1. SF–424, “Application for Federal
      Assistance”.
   2. SF–424A, “Budget Information—
      Non-Construction Programs”.
   3. SF–424B, “Assurances—Non-
      Construction Programs”.
   4. SF–LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying
      Activity”.
   5. Form RD 400–1, “Equal
      Opportunity Agreement”.
   6. Form RD 400–4, “Assurance
      Agreement (Under Title VI, Civil Rights
      Act of 1964).”
   7. Project Proposal, Project Summary,
      Needs Assessment, Project Goals and
      Objectives, Project Narrative.
   9. Budget and Budget Justification.
   10. Evidence of Legal Authority and
       Existence.
   11. Documentation of private non-
       profit status and Internal Revenue
       Service (IRS) Tax Exempt Status.
   12. List of Directors and Officers.
   13. Financial information and
       sustainability (narrative).
   14. Assurances and Certifications of
       Compliance with Other Federal
       Statutes.
   The forms in items 1 through 6 must
   be completed and signed where
   appropriate by an official of your
   organization who has authority to
   obligate the organization legally. RD
   forms are used by programs under the
   Rural Development mission area.
   Standard forms (SF) are used
   Government-wide. In addition to the
   sources listed in section A, the forms
   may be accessed electronically through
   the Rural Development Web site at
   http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/
   FormsAndPublications.html.
   See section V, “Application Review
   Information,” for instructions and
guidelines on preparing Items 7 through
13.
   3. Compliance with Other Federal
      Statutes. The applicant must provide
evidence of compliance with other
      Federal statutes and regulations,
      including, but not limited to the following:
   a. 7 CFR part 15, subpart A—
      Nondiscrimination in Federally
      Assisted Programs of the Department of
      Agriculture—Effectuation of Title VI of
      the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
   b. 7 CFR part 3015—Uniform Federal
      Assistance Regulations.
   c. 7 CFR part 3017—Governmentwide
      Debarment and Suspension (Non-
      procurement).
   d. 7 CFR part 3018—New Restrictions
      on Lobbying.
   e. 7 CFR part 3019—Uniform
      Administrative Requirements for Grants
      and Other Agreements with Institutions
      of Higher Education, Hospitals, and
      Non-profit Organizations.
   f. 7 CFR part 3021—Governmentwide
      Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace
      (Financial Assistance).

h. Federal Obligation Certification on Delinquent Debt

C. How many copies of an application are required?

1. Applications Submitted on Paper.
   Submit one signed original and two additional copies. The original and each of the two copies must include all required forms, certifications, assurances, and appendices, be signed by an authorized representative, and have original signatures. Do not include organizational brochures or promotional materials.

2. Applications Submitted Electronically. Additional paper copies are unnecessary if the application is submitted electronically through http://www.grants.gov

D. How and Where to Submit an Application

   a. For paper applications, mail or ensure delivery of an original paper application (no stamped, photocopied, or initialed signatures) and two copies by the deadline date:
   b. Administrative expenses incurred by an authorized representative, and have original signatures. Do not include organizational brochures or promotional materials.

2. Submit paper applications marked “Attention: Water and Environmental Programs.”

b. Applications must show proof of mailing or shipping by one of the following:
   (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark;
   (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the USPS;
   or,
   (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

c. If a deadline date falls on a weekend, it will be extended to the following Monday. If the date falls on a Federal holiday, it will be extended to the next business day.

d. Due to screening procedures at the Department of Agriculture, packages arriving via the USPS are irradiated, which can damage the contents and delay delivery. RUS encourages applicants to consider the impact of this procedure in selecting an application delivery method.

2. Submitting Electronic Applications
   a. Applications will not be accepted by fax or electronic mail.

b. Electronic applications for grants will be accepted if submitted through Grants.gov at http://www.grants.gov.

c. Applicants must preregister successfully with Grants.gov to use the electronic applications option. Application information may be downloaded from Grants.gov without preregistration.

d. Applicants who apply through Grants.gov should submit their electronic applications before the deadline.

e. Grants.gov contains full instructions on all required passwords, credentialing, and software. Follow the instructions at Grants.gov for registering and submitting an electronic application.

f. Grants.gov has two preregistration requirements: a DUNS number and an active registration in SAM. See the “Checklist of Items in Completed Application Packages” for instructions on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in the SAM.

g. You must be registered with Grants.gov before you can submit an electronic grant application.
   (1) You must register at http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp
   (2) Organization registration user guides and checklists are available at http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp
   (3) Grants.gov requires some credentialing and online authentication procedures. When an applicant organization is registered with SAM, the organization designates a point of contact who receives a password authorizing the person to designate staff members who are allowed to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov. These authorized organization representatives must be registered with Grants.gov to receive a username and password to submit applications. These procedures may take several business days to complete.
   (4) Some or all of the SAM and Grants.gov registration, credentialing and authorizations require updates. If you have previously registered at Grants.gov to submit applications electronically, please ensure that your registration, credentialing and authorizations are up to date well in advance of the grant application deadline.

h. To use Grants.gov:
   (1) Follow the instructions on the Web site to find grant information.
   (2) Download a copy of an application package.
   (3) Complete the package off-line.
   (4) Upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site.

(5) If a system problem or technical difficulty occurs with an electronic application, please use the customer support resources available at the Grants.gov Web site.

(6) Again, RUS encourages applicants to take early action to complete the sign-up, credentialing and authorization procedures at http://www.grants.gov before submitting an application at the Web site.

E. Deadlines

The deadline for paper and electronic submissions is July 26, 2013. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than the closing date to be considered for FY 2013 grant funding. Electronic applications must have an electronic date and time stamp by midnight of July 26, 2013 to be considered on time. RUS will not accept applications by fax or email. Applications that do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications and will not be considered. RUS will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered.

F. Funding Restrictions

1. Eligible Grant Purposes
   a. Grant funds must be used to establish and maintain a revolving loan fund to provide loans to eligible individuals for household water well systems.

b. Individuals may use the loans to construct, refurbish, rehabilitate, or replace household water well systems up to the point of entry of a home. Point of entry for the well system is the junction where water enters into a home water delivery system after being pumped from a well.

c. Grant funds may be used to pay administrative expenses associated with providing Household Water Well loans.

2. Ineligible Grant Purposes
   a. Administrative expenses incurred in any calendar year that exceed 10 percent of the household water well loans made during the same period do not qualify for reimbursement.

b. Administrative expenses incurred before RUS executes a grant agreement with the recipient do not qualify for reimbursement.

c. Delinquent debt owed to the Federal Government does not qualify for reimbursement.

d. Grant funds may not be used to provide loans for household sewer or septic systems.

e. Household Water Well loans may not be used to pay the costs of water well systems for the construction of a new house.
f. Household Water Well loans may not be used to pay the costs of a home plumbing system.

V. Application Review Information

A. Criteria

This section contains instructions and guidelines on preparing the project proposal, work plan, and budget sections of the application. Also, guidelines are provided on the additional information required for RUS to determine eligibility and financial feasibility.

1. Project Proposal. The project proposal should outline the project in sufficient detail to provide a reader with a complete understanding of the loan program. Explain what will be accomplished by lending funds to individual well owners. Demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed loan program in meeting the objectives of this grant program. The proposal should include the following elements:

   a. Project Summary. Present a brief project overview. Explain the purpose of the project, how it relates to RUS’ purposes, how the project will be executed, what the project will produce, and who will direct it.

   b. Needs Assessment. To show why the project is necessary, clearly identify the economic, social, financial, or other problems that require solutions. Demonstrate the well owners’ need for financial and technical assistance. Quantify the number of prospective borrowers or provide statistical or narrative evidence that a sufficient number of borrowers will exist to justify the grant award. Describe the service area. Provide information on the household income of the area and other demographical information. Address community needs.

   c. Project Goals and Objectives. Clearly state the project goals. The objectives should clearly describe the goals and be concrete and specific enough to be quantitative or observable. They should also be feasible and relate to the purpose of the grant and loan program.

   d. Project Narrative. The narrative should cover in more detail the items briefly described in the Project Summary. Demonstrate the grant applicant’s experience and expertise in promoting the safe and productive use of individually-owned household water well systems. The narrative may describe the systems that are in place for the full life cycle of a loan from loan origination through servicing. If a servicing contractor will service the loan portfolio, the arrangement and services provided must be discussed.

   (2) Show evidence of the availability of funds from sources other than the HWWS grant. Describe the contributions the project will receive from your organization, state agencies, local government, other federal agencies, non-government organizations, private industry, and individuals. The documentation should describe how the contributions will be used to pay your operational costs and provide financial assistance for projects.

   (3) Demonstrate that the organization has secured commitments of significant financial support from other funding sources.

   (4) List the fees and charges that borrowers will be assessed.

2. Work Plan. The work plan or scope of work must describe the tasks and activities that will be accomplished with available resources during the grant period. It must include who will carry out the activities and services to be performed and specific timeframes for completion. Describe any unusual or unique features of the project such as innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary community involvement.

3. Budget and Budget Justification. Use the Form SF–424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs, to show your budget cost elements. The form summarizes resources as Federal and non-Federal funds and costs. “Federal” refers only to the HWWS Grant Program for which you are applying. “Non-Federal” refers to resources from your organization, state agencies, local government, other Federal agencies, non-government organizations, private industry, and individuals. Both Federal and non-Federal resources shall be detailed and justified in the budget and narrative justification.

   a. Provide a budget with line item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified in section B of the Budget Information form (SF–424A). Detailed calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. Also include a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 15 of the SF–424.

   b. Provide a narrative budget justification that describes how the categorical costs are derived for all capital and administrative expenditures, the matching contribution, and other sources of funds necessary to complete the project. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs. Consult OMB Circular A–122: “Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations” for information about appropriate costs for each budget category.

   c. If the grant applicant will use a servicing contractor, the fees may be reimbursed as an administrative expense as provided in 7 CFR 1776.13. These fees must be discussed in the budget narrative. If the grant applicant will hire a servicing contractor, it must demonstrate that all procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. Recipients must justify any anticipated procurement action that is expected to be awarded without competition and exceed the simplified acquisition threshold fixed at 41 U.S.C. 134 (currently set at $100,000).

   d. The indirect cost category should be used only when the grant applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Agriculture or another cognizant Federal agency. A grant applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the grant applicant is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, the grant applicant shall submit its indirect cost proposal to the cognizant agency immediately after the applicant is advised that an award will be made. In no event, shall the indirect cost proposal be submitted later than three months after the effective date of the award. Consult OMB Circular A–122 for information about indirect costs.

4. Evidence of Legal Authority and Existence. The applicant must provide satisfactory documentation that it is legally recognized under state or Tribal and Federal law as a private non-profit organization. The documentation also must show that it has the authority to enter into a grant agreement with the RUS and to perform the activities proposed under the grant application. Satisfactory documentation includes, but is not limited to, certificates from the Secretary of State, copies of state/Tribal statutes or laws establishing your organization, and copies of your organization’s articles of incorporation and bylaws. Letters from IRS awarding tax-exempt status are not considered adequate evidence.

5. List of Directors and Officers. The applicant must submit a certified list of directors and officers with their respective terms.

6. IRS Tax Exempt Status. The applicant must submit evidence of tax
exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

7. Financial Information and Sustainability. The applicant must submit pro forma balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements for the last three years and projections for three years. Additionally, the most recent audit of the applicant’s organization must be submitted.

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<td>Degree of expertise and successful experience in making and servicing loans to individuals.</td>
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<td>Percentage of applicant contributions. Points allowed under this paragraph will be based on written evidence of the availability of funds from sources other than the proceeds of a HWWS grant to pay part of the cost of a loan recipient’s project. In-kind contributions will not be considered. Funds from other sources as a percentage of the HWWS grant and points corresponding to such percentages are as follows:</td>
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C. Review Standards

1. Incomplete applications as of the deadline for submission will not be considered. If an application is determined to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified in writing and the application will be returned with no further action.

2. Ineligible applications will be returned to the applicant with an explanation.

3. Complete, eligible applications will be evaluated competitively by a review team, composed of at least two RUS employees selected from the Water Programs Division. They will make overall recommendations based on the program elements found in 7 CFR part 1776 and the review criteria presented in this notice. They will award points as described in the scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1776.9 and this notice. Each application will receive a score based on the averages of the reviewers’ scores and discretion points awarded by the RUS Administrator.

4. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

5. Regardless of the score an application receives, if RUS determines that the project is technically infeasible, RUS will notify the applicant, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

RUS will notify a successful applicant by an award letter accompanied by a grant agreement. The grant agreement will contain the terms and conditions for the grant. The applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the award letter or grant agreement.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. This notice, the 7 CFR part 1776, and the application guide implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements. Grant recipients are subject to the requirements in 7 CFR part 1776.

2. Direct Federal grants, sub-award funds, or contracts under the HWWS Grant Program shall not be used to fund inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. Therefore, organizations that receive direct assistance should take steps to separate, in time or location, their inherently religious activities from the services funded under the HWWS Grant Program. Regulations for the Equal Treatment for Faith-based Organizations are contained in 7 CFR part 16, which includes the prohibition against Federal funding of inherently religious activities.

C. Reporting

1. Performance Reporting. All recipients of HWWS Grant Program financial assistance must provide quarterly performance activity reports to RUS until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required. The final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project.

2. Financial Reporting. All recipients of HWWS Grant Program financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. The grantee will provide an audit report or financial statements as follows:

   a. Grantees expending $500,000 or more Federal funds per fiscal year will submit an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The audit will be submitted within 9 months after the grantee’s fiscal year. Additional audits may be required if the...
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Basic Requirements for Special Exemption Permits and Authorizations to Take, Import, and Export Marine Mammals, Threatened and Endangered Species, and for Maintaining a Captive Marine Mammal Inventory under the Marine Mammal Protection, the Fur Seal, and the Endangered Species Acts.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0084.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 536.

Average Hours per Response: Permit applications: scientific research/enhancement (SR/EN), 50 hours; public display, 30; photograph and general authorization, 10 hours each; major permit amendments, 35; minor amendments, 3; reports: SR/EN, 12; general authorization, 8; all others, 2; recordkeeping for each permit, 2; documentation of marine mammal transport/transfer, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 7,730.

Needs and Uses: This request for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.; MMPA), Fur Seal Act (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.; FSA), and Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA) prohibit certain activities affecting marine mammals and endangered and threatened species, with exceptions. Pursuant to section 104 of the MMPA and Section 10 of the ESA, special exception permits can be obtained for scientific research and enhancing the survival or recovery of a species or stock of marine mammals or threatened or endangered species.

Section 104 of the MMPA also includes permits for commercial and educational photography of marine mammals; import and capture of marine mammals for public display; and, Letters of Confirmation under the General Authorization for scientific research that involves minimal disturbance to marine mammals. This information collection applies to protected species for which NMFS is responsible, including the marine mammal species of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), sea turtles (in water), white abalone, black abalone, smalltooth sawfish, largetooth sawfish (imports only), shortnose sturgeon, and Atlantic sturgeon. The information collection may be used for proposed listed species (e.g., corals).

This information collection is being revised to include submission of Letters of Intent under the General Authorization via the existing online application system, Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species (APPS), in addition to the current usage for SR/EN applications. This revision also includes adding Atlantic sturgeon and largetooth sawfish.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to retain or obtain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Joyce M. Taylor, 202–720–0499, JoyceM.Taylor@wdc.usda.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 20, 2013.

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Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Survey of Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to the U.S. Environmental Industry.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0241.

Form Number(s): ITA–4150P.