

- Level of Training by employee position (e.g., employee, manager, etc.)

The manager user has the ability to enter multiple names for one specific training without having to repeatedly enter training information. Certificates of completion are printed for all employees once the annual required training hours are met. The tool also provides the user the ability to export and save results in multiple file formats, including PDF (.pdf), Excel and Word 2000 or higher (.docx). It has a user-centered, simple, intuitive interface. Streamlined and intuitive navigation is offered for easy access to all functionality.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Government. Respondent groups include state agency personnel and school nutrition professionals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 10,006. This includes 6 State agency personnel and 10,000 school nutrition professionals who voluntarily choose to utilize this tracking tool. All respondents will be offered a 60-minute training refresher webinar to highlight enhancements.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Total estimated number of responses per respondent across the entire collection is 7. The estimated number of responses per respondent for the tracking tool is five. The tracking tool users will first be required to create their user profile, which will be saved for future use. It is estimated that the user will be updating and managing their records on a quarterly basis. The estimated number of responses per respondent for the training webinar and the recording of trainings is one.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 70,042.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time per response across the entire collection is approximately 14 minutes (0.24 hours). For the training tracker tool, the estimated time of response varies from five to ten minutes depending on familiarity of the tool and the amount of reports created with an average estimated time of 7.5 minutes (0.125 hours) for all participants. The training refresher webinar of 60 minutes (1 hour) will be available for all participants. Participants will record trainings into the tracking tool, which is estimated to take 5 minutes (0.083 hours) to complete.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 17,090.25 hours (rounded to 17,090 hours). See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Respondent	Estimated # respondent	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses (Col. bxc)	Estimated Avg. # of hours per response	Estimated total hours (Col. dxe)
Reporting Burden for State, Local, and Tribal Govt					
State agency Personnel	6	5	30	0.125	3.75
Training Webinar	6	1	6	1	6
Recording of Trainings on the Tool	6	1	6	0.083	0.498
School Nutrition Professionals	10,000	5	50,000	0.125	6,250
Training Webinar	10,000	1	10,000	1	10,000
Recording of Trainings on the Tool	10,000	1	10,000	0.083	830
Total Reporting Burden	10,006	7	70,042	0.24	17,090.25

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Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2020, Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2020, Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2020

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice helps to improve applicants' awareness of the Guarantee Fee rates for Guaranteed Loans for fiscal year (FY) 2020, the Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for FY 2020, and the Annual Renewal Fee for FY 2020 when applying for guaranteed loans under the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

The Agency has the authority to charge a guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the current appropriated authority, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program.

The initial guarantee fee is paid at the time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued. The annual renewal fee is paid by the lender to the Agency once a year. Payment of the annual renewal fee is required in order to maintain the enforceability of the guarantee.

DATES: This rule is effective February 20, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Griffin, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Business and Industry Division, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202) 720-6802, email *tanner.hinkel@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120, the Agency has the authority to charge an initial guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the current appropriated authority, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Unless precluded by a subsequent FY 2020 appropriation, these rates will apply to all loans obligated in FY 2020 that are made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. As established in 7 CFR 4279.120(b)(1), the amount of the annual fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the annual fee rate by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percentage of guarantee.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120(a) and 4279.119(b), each fiscal year, the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of B&I guarantee

authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a reduced guarantee fee or guaranteed loans with an increased percentage of guarantee. The Agency has established that not more than 5 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for loan guarantee requests with a reduced fee, and not more than 5 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with an increased percentage of guarantee. The funds set aside for increased percentages of guarantee and reduced guarantee fees, which were set at 15 percent and 12 percent, respectively pursuant to the 2019 Agency notice, now will change to 5 percent for both with this notice. Once the respective limits are reached, all additional loans will be at the standard fee and guarantee limits. These changes will have the effect of reducing the need for USDA to reprogram funds, which can delay when funds are made available to borrowers at regular terms and are based on past experience in this program. Allowing a reduced guarantee fee or increased percentage of guarantee on certain B&I guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120 and 4279.119 will increase the Agency's ability to focus guarantee assistance on projects that the Agency has found particularly meritorious. Subject to annual limits set by the Agency in this notice, the Agency may charge a reduced guarantee fee if requested by the lender for loans of \$5 million or less when the borrower's business supports value-added agriculture and results in farmers benefitting financially, promotes access to healthy foods, or is a high impact business development investment located in a rural community that is experiencing long-term population decline; has remained in poverty for the last 30 years; is experiencing trauma as a result of natural disaster; is located in a city or county with an unemployment rate 125 percent of the statewide rate or greater; or is located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation or within tribal trust lands or within land owned by an Alaska Native Regional or Village Corporation as defined by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Subject to annual limits set by the Agency in this notice, the Agency may allow increased percentages of guarantee for high-priority projects or loans where the lender needs the increased percentage of guarantee due to its legal or regulatory lending limit.

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this notice as not major, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS-20-CF-0002]

Announcement of the Availability of Disaster Relief Act 2019 Grant Funds for the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability.

SUMMARY: As part of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, dated June 6, 2019, the Rural Housing Service's Community Facilities (CF) Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Grant Program is making available \$7,500,000 in supplemental grant funding for eligible expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural disasters. Any funds not awarded under this funding notice will be transferred to the CF Disaster Grant Program. The authority for the Agency to administer the CF TAT Grant Program is provided in Section 6006 of the Agriculture Act of 2014. The grant funds will be administered in accordance with this notice of funds availability.

DATES: The Agency must receive applications in paper postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight by 4:00 p.m. local time on May 5, 2020. Electronic applications must be submitted via grants.gov by Midnight Eastern time on April 30, 2020. Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the Agency, as long as such requests are made prior to April 27, 2020. Technical assistance is not meant to be an analysis or assessment of the quality of the materials submitted, a substitute for agency review of completed applications, nor a determination of eligibility, if such determination requires in-depth analysis. The Agency will not solicit or consider scoring or eligibility information that is submitted after the application deadline. The Agency reserves the right to contact applicants to seek clarification information on materials contained in the submitted application.

ADDRESSES: Applications will be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where the applicant's headquarters is located. A listing of each State Office