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2. Fax: (833) 256–1665 or (202) 690–7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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the project is located by 4:30 p.m. (local
time) on the following deadline dates.
The completed application deadline for
the Federally Recognized Tribes and
Mississippi Delta Region Counties
projects is May 31, 2023. It is possible
that funds may also be appropriated by
Congress for projects located in Rural
Empowerment Zone/Enterprise
Communities/Rural Economic Area
Partnership areas. Completed
applications for these projects, subject
to available funding, must be submitted

A. Program Description

1. Purpose of the Program. The
purpose of the program is to provide
direct loans to intermediaries that
establish revolving loan programs for
the purpose of providing loans to
ultimate recipients for business
purposes and community development
in a rural area as defined in 7 CFR
4274.302. All applicable program
requirements in their entirety can be
found at 7 CFR part 4274, subpart D.

2. Statutory and Regulatory Authority.
This program is authorized under
Section 310H of the Consolidated Farm
and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
1936b) and is administered through
regulations at 7 CFR part 4274, subpart D.

3. Definitions. The definitions
applicable to this notice are published
at 7 CFR 4274.302.

4. Application of Awards. The Agency
will review, evaluate and score
applications received in response to this
notice based on the provisions found in
7 CFR 4274.341.

B. Federal Award Information

Type of Award: Loan.
Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2023.

Available Funds: Funding for the IRP
program in FY 2023 will be determined

Award Amounts: The Agency
anticipates a maximum award of $1
Million for eligible Intermediaries
submitting a loan request.

Due Date for Applications: The
deadlines for completed applications to
be received in the USDA RD State Office
for quarterly funding competitions is no
later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on: First
Quarter—September 30, 2022, Second
Quarter—December 31, 2022, Third
Quarter—March 31, 2023, and Fourth

Anticipated Award Dates—
1. Regular Funding: First Quarter—
December 1, 2022, Second Quarter—
March 1, 2023, Third Quarter—June 1,
2023, Fourth Quarter—September 1,
2023.

2. Federally Recognized Tribes and
Mississippi Delta Region Counties
Funding: June 15, 2023.

3. Empowerment Zones/Enterprise
Communities/Rural Economic Area
Partnership Funding: August 1, 2023.

Performance Period: None.
Renewal or Supplemental Awards: None.

Type of Assistance Instrument: Direct
Loan

C. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants. IRP loans may
be made to a private non-profit
corporation, a public agency, an Indian
Tribe, or a cooperative entity, identified
as eligible intermediary in accordance
with 7 CFR 4274.310.

2. Cost Share or Matching. The IRP
revolving fund share of the eligible
project cost of an ultimate recipient’s
project funded under this Notice shall
not exceed the lesser of (a) $400,000;
and (b) Fifty percent of the originally-
approved Agency IRP loan amount to an
intermediary. No more than 75 percent
of the total cost of an ultimate
recipient’s project can be funded from
Agency IRP loan funds. Points awarded
for leveraging will be considered in
accordance with the requirements
specified in 7 CFR 4274.341(b)(4).

3. Discretionary Points: The
Administrator may assign up to 10
discretionary points to an application
when under their approval authority.
Permissible justifications in accordance
with 7 CFR 4274.341(b)(10) are
geographic distribution of funds or
special President/Secretary of
Agriculture initiatives such as local
foods, regional development, persistent
poverty, energy-related, etc. The number
of points to be awarded will be awarded
for either or both items. Secretary of
Agriculture initiatives include:
(a) Assisting rural communities
recover economically through more and
better market opportunities and through
improved infrastructure. Applicant may
receive priority points if the project is
located in or serving one of the top 10
percent of counties or county
equivalents based upon county risk
score in the United States. The website,
https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points,
has the data to confirm if your location
qualifies or not.

(b) Ensuring all rural residents have
equitable access to RD programs and
benefits from RD funded projects.
Applicant may receive priority points if
the project is located in or serving a
community with a score of 0.75 or above
on the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention Social Vulnerability Index.
The website, https://www.rd.usda.gov/
priority-points, has the data to confirm
if your location qualifies or not.
(c) Reduce climate pollution and
increasing resilience to the impacts of
climate change through economic
support to rural communities.
Applicants may receive points through
one of two options. The website,
https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points,
has the options and data to confirm if your
location qualifies or not.

4. Other. Applications will only be
accepted from eligible intermediaries
that will establish, or have established,
revolving loan programs for the purpose
of providing loans to ultimate recipients
for business purposes and community
developments in a rural area.

There are no “responsiveness” or
“threshold” eligibility criteria for these
loans. However, not more than one loan
will be approved by the Agency for an
intermediary in any single fiscal year
unless the additional request is from
this program’s set-aside funding.
Applications will only be considered
for funding if they do not provide
enough information to determine
eligibility, are not suitable for
evaluation, or are missing required
elements as stated in 7 CFR 4274.340.

D. Application and Submission
Information

1. Address to Request Application
Package. For further information,
entities wishing to apply for assistance
should contact the USDA RD State
Office where they are located, provided in
the ADDRESSES section of this notice,
to obtain copies of the application
package. Applicants are also encouraged
to contact their respective RD State
office for an email contact to submit an
electronic application prior to the
submission deadline date(s). Please note
that applicants may locate the
downloadable application package for
this program by the Assistance Listing
Number provided in the Overview
Section above.

2. Content and Form of Application
Submission. An application must
contain all the required elements and
each selection priority criterion outlined
in 7 CFR 4274.340 must be addressed in
the application. An original copy of the
application must be filed with a RD
State Office for the state where the
Intermediary is located.

The applicant documentation and
forms needed for a complete application
are located in 7 CFR 4274.340. There are
no specific formats or limitations on the
number of pages required for an
application narrative, and applicants
may request any Agency forms and
addresses from the ADDRESSES section
of this notice. Any form that requires an
original signature, but is signed electronically in the application submission, must be signed in ink by the authorized person prior to the disbursement of funds.

3. System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier. At the time of application, each applicant must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting its application in accordance with 2 CFR part 23. In order to register in SAM, entities will be required to create a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Instructions for obtaining the UEI are available at https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration.

(a) Applicant must maintain an active SAM registration, with current, accurate and complete information, at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration by a Federal awarding agency.

(b) Applicant must ensure it completes the Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representations in SAM.

(c) Applicants must provide a valid UEI in its application, unless determined exempt under 2 CFR 25.110.

(d) The Agency will not make an award until the applicant has complied with all SAM requirements including providing the UEI. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the Agency is ready to make an award, the Agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant.


Applications, including applications for set-aside funding, must be received by the specified USDA RD State Office by the dates and times as indicated above to compete for available funds in a fiscal quarter. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday, the application is due the next business day. The Agency will determine the application receipt date based on the actual date an application is received electronically, in person, or when a paper application is postmarked.

5. Intergovernmental Review.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,” applies to this program. This E.O. requires that Federal agencies provide opportunities for consultation on proposed assistance with State and local governments. Many states have established a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to assist with this consultation. For a list of States that maintain a SPOC, please see the White House website: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/management/office-federal-financial-management/. If your State has a SPOC, you may submit a copy of the application directly for review. Any comments obtained through the SPOC must be provided to your State Office for consideration as part of your application. If your state has not established a SPOC, you may submit your application directly to the Agency. Indian Tribes are exempt from this requirement.

6. Funding Restrictions. The intent of the Intermediary Relending Program is identified above in Section A. 1 above. There are no funding restrictions beyond that the loan proceeds be used for eligible type purposes stated in RD Instruction 4274–D, § 4274.320. Building construction is an eligible use of funds under the program and all projects must be located in a rural area of a State. Any administrative costs must be approved annually by the Agency.

7. Other Submission Requirements. Please note that applicants may locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Assistance Listing Number provided in the Application and Submission Information, Content and Form of Application Submission Section above.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria. All eligible and complete applications will be evaluated and scored based on the selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR 4274.341(b). Failure to address any of the application criteria by the application deadline will result in the application being determined ineligible, and the application will not be considered for funding.

2. Review and Selection Process. The RD State Offices will review applications to determine if they are eligible for assistance based on the requirements contained in 7 CFR part 4274, subpart D. If determined eligible, your application will be submitted to the National Office for funding competition with all eligible applications received by the quarterly application deadline. The Agency Administrator reserves the right to award up to 10 discretionary points as identified under 7 CFR 4274.341(b)(10).

In order to distribute funds among the greatest number of projects possible, State application submissions will be reviewed, ranked and in order from highest to lowest and funded up to the maximum funding available.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

1. Federal Award Notices. Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the USDA RD State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the loan award will be obligated. An eligible application competing for regular IRP funds, but not selected, will be reconsidered in three subsequent quarterly funding competitions, for a total of four competitions (and may be considered in a following fiscal year), provided the application and eligibility requirements have not changed. After competing in four quarterly competitions, any unsuccessful applicant for regular funds will receive written notification indicating that its application will no longer be considered for funding. Applicants competing for set-aside funding have only one application period per fiscal year to apply for set-aside funding. Unsuccessful applicants for set-aside funding will receive written notification indicating that their application was not successful. An unsuccessful applicant for set-aside funding may elect, in writing, to submit its project for IRP regular fund competitions commencing with the next quarterly application period.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements. Additional requirements that apply to intermediaries selected for this Program can be found in 7 CFR part 4274, subpart D. All successful applicants will be notified by letter which will include a Letter of Conditions, and a Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions, which are not approval determinations. The loan will be considered approved when all conditions in the Letter of Conditions have been met and the Agency obligates the funding for the project.

3. Reporting. In addition, all recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation (see 2 CFR part 170). You will be required to have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109–282) reporting requirements (see 2 CFR 170.200(b), unless you are exempt under 2 CFR 170.110(b)).

Intermediaries must collect and maintain data provided by Ultimate Recipients on race, sex, and national origin and also ensure that Ultimate Recipients collect and maintain this data. Race and ethnicity data will be collected in accordance with the Office
I. Other Information

1. Paperwork Reduction Act. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this notice is approved by OMB under OMB Control Number 0570–0021.

2. National Environmental Policy Act: All recipients under this Notice are subject to the requirements of 7 CFR part 1701 et seq.

3. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, must be registered in SAM and have a CAGE number as stated in Section D.3. of this notice. All recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to report information about first-tier subawards and subcontractors in accordance with 2 CFR part 200.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Solicitation of Nominations To Serve on the BEA Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) requests nominations of individuals to the