

established time periods, and a description of the action taken or planned to resolve the situation;

(d) Objectives and timetable established for the next reporting period;

(e) A final Project and financial status report within 90 days after the expiration or termination of the grant in accordance with 2 CFR 200.344; and

(f) Outcome Project performance reports and final deliverables.

#### G. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this notice and for program technical assistance, please see the contact information in the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** sections of this notice.

#### H. Other Information

1. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), the information collection requirements associated with the program, as covered in this notice, have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570–0052.

2. *National Environmental Policy Act.* All recipients under this notice are subject to the requirements of 7 CFR part 1970. However, awards for Technical Assistance and training under this notice are classified as a Categorical Exclusion according to 7 CFR 1970.53(b), and usually do not require any additional documentation. RBCS will review each grant application to determine its compliance with 7 CFR part 1970. The applicant may be asked to provide additional information or documentation to assist RBCS with this determination.

3. *Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act.* All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must be registered in SAM and have a UEI 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 executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170.

4. *Civil Rights Compliance Requirements.* All grants made under this notice are subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as required by the USDA in accordance with 7 CFR part 15, subpart A and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title IX, Executive Order 13166 (Limited English Proficiency), Executive Order 11246, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974.

5. *Nondiscrimination Statement.* In accordance with Federal civil rights laws and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Mission Areas, agencies, staff offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English upon request. All requirements found in 2 CFR 200.111 must be adhered to. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the responsible Mission Area, agency, or staff office; or the 711 Relay Service.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form AD–3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at [www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf), from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632–9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD–3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

(1) *Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–9410; or

(2) *Fax:* (833) 256–1665 or (202) 690–7442; or

(3) *Email:* [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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#### Notice for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS, Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published in the **Federal Register**, a Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) program for fiscal year (FY) 2024 on January 2, 2024 that invited applications for funding subject to the availability of funding. However, the Agency did not receive any funding for FY24, so it will not be accepting applications this cycle.

**DATES:** Completed applications were to be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time April 1, 2024 through [grants.gov](https://grants.gov). Effective now, RBCS is not accepting applications and any applications submitted to date will not be funded through the RISE program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel Reister, Program Management Division, RBCS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop-3226, Washington, DC 20250–3226, (202) 720–1400 or email: [rachel.reister@usda.gov](mailto:rachel.reister@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agency invited applications for the RISE program for FY24 on January 2, 2024, 89 FR 43, in anticipation of funding appropriations. However, the program did not receive any funding for FY24, so it will not be accepting applications this cycle.

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