

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of Community Services**

[Program Announcement No. OCS-2002-07]

Request for Applications Under the Office of Community Services' Fiscal Year 2002 Rural Community Development Activities Program (RF PROGRAM)

AGENCY: Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for competitive applications under the Office of Community Services' Rural Community Development Activities Program.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that competing applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the Secretary's discretionary authority under section 680(a)(3)(A) and (B) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 9921. This announcement contains forms and instructions for submitting an application.

Awards will be contingent on the outcome of the competition and the availability of funds. This announcement is inviting applications for a 12-month budget period and a 36-month project period.

DATES: To be considered for funding applications must be received on or before July 29, 2002. Mail service in the Washington, D.C. area was disrupted a few months ago and for several weeks, all mail deliveries to the Administration for Children and Families stopped. Regular deliveries have resumed, but delays continue due to the irradiation process. It may be some time before the situation corrects itself. Consequently, it is strongly recommended that applicants avail themselves of overnight/express delivery such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service to submit their applications.

Applications received after the due date will not be accepted for consideration for funding. Note that an overnight/express service should be addressed to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, "Attention RF Program," 901 D Street, SW, Fourth Floor West, Washington, DC 20024.

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vterrell@acf.dhhs.gov, or Richard Saul (202) 401-9341, *rsaul@acf.dhhs.gov*, Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447. In addition, this Announcement is accessible on the OCS Web site for reading and downloading at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs>—double click on "Funding Opportunities."

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 93.570. The title is Rural Community Development Activities Program (RF Program).

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

All information collections within this Program Announcement are approved under the following currently valid OMB control number 0970-0139 which expires 12/31/2003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Program Announcement consists of seven parts plus Attachments.

Part I: Background Information

Legislative authority, program purpose, project goals, definition of terms, and program evaluation.

Part II: Program Objectives and Requirements

Program priority areas, eligible applicants, project and budget periods, and funds availability and grant amounts.

Part III: The Project Description, Program Proposal Elements and Review Criteria

Project description, project summary/abstract; objectives and need for assistance; results or benefits expected; approach, organizational profiles; budget and budget justification, indirect costs, program income, non-federal resources; and review criteria.

Part IV: Application Procedures

Application development and availability of forms, application submission, paperwork reduction act of 1995, intergovernmental review, initial OCS screening, consideration of applications and evaluation criteria.

Part V: Instructions for Completing Application Forms

SF424, SF424A, SF424B.

Part VI: Contents of Application and Receipt Process

Content and order of RF program application and acknowledgment of receipt.

Part VII: Post Award Information and Reporting Requirements

Notification of grant award, attendance at technical assistance and evaluation workshops/conferences, reporting requirements, audit requirements, prohibitions and requirements with regard to lobbying and applicable Federal regulations.

Attachments

Application forms and required attachments.

Part I. Background Information*A. Legislative Authority*

The Community Services Block Grant Act, as amended; Sections 680(a)(3)(A) and (B) of the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services (COATES) Act of 1998, authorizes the Secretary to provide "assistance for rural community development activities, which shall include providing—

(A) Grants to private nonprofit corporations to enable the corporations to provide assistance concerning home repair to rural low-income families and concerning planning and developing low-income rural rental housing units; and

(B) Making grants to multi-state, regional, private, nonprofit organizations to enable the organizations to provide training and technical assistance to small rural communities concerning meeting their community facility needs."

B. Program Purpose

The purpose of the program to be funded under this Announcement is to provide assistance under section 680(a)(3)(A) and (B) of the COATES Act, in the form of grants to private nonprofit corporations to enable the corporations to provide assistance concerning home repair to rural low-income families and concerning planning and developing low-income rural rental units; and make grants to multi-state, regional, private, nonprofit organizations to provide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities concerning meeting their community facility needs. Also, faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

C. Project Goals

The ultimate goals of the projects to be funded under this program are:

(1) To provide training and technical assistance in developing and managing community facilities in rural areas, that will help low-income rural communities develop the capability and expertise to establish and/or maintain needed community facilities, which may include: (a) Affordable, adequate, and safe water and waste water treatment facilities; (b) locally owned and controlled transportation systems necessary for access to, and delivery of, essential community health and human services and access to employment and education; and (c) locally owned and

controlled dispersed, renewable, safe reliable and affordable energy development and distribution systems;

(2) To improve the coordination of Federal, state and local agencies' funding resources to assist with: (a) Home repair to rural low-income families and developing low-income rural rental housing units; (b) water and waste water management; (c) transportation issues; and (d) dispersed renewable energy development;

(3) To provide data and information needed for the evaluation of the projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of these activities and interventions and of the project designs through which they were implemented; and to cooperate with the third-party entity carrying out evaluation of the program; and

(4) To distribute information to low-income rural communities on available Federal assistance to support these activities and contribute to developing and sustaining healthy rural communities.

D. Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this announcement:

(1) Budget period: The time intervals into which a project period is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.

(2) Cash contributions: The cash outlay including the money contributed to the project or program by the recipient and third parties.

(3) Community economic development (CED): A process by which a community uses resources to attract capital and increase physical, commercial, and business development and job opportunities for its residents.

(4) Distressed community: An urban neighborhood or rural community of high unemployment and pervasive poverty.

(5) Eligible applicant: A private nonprofit corporation that can provide assistance concerning home repair to rural low-income families and concerning planning and developing low-income rural rental housing units and multi-state, regional, private, non-profit organization that can provide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities concerning their community facility needs. Faith-based organizations that meet the above requirements are eligible to apply for these grants.

(6) Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC): Those communities designated as such by the Secretaries of Agriculture or Housing and Urban Development.

(7) Faith-Based Organizations: Faith-Based organizations that are exempt from taxation under 501(1) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reason of paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c) of such Code and private, nonprofit corporations or organizations are also eligible to apply for funds under this program announcement.

(8) Indian tribe: An Indian tribe or an Indian Tribal organization that is a private, nonprofit corporation or organization.

(9) Job Placement: Placing a person in an existing vacant job of a business, service, or commercial activity not related to new development or expansion activity.

(10) Poverty Income Guidelines: Guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that establish the level of poverty defined as low-income for individuals and their families.

(11) Program Income: Gross income earned by the grant recipient that is directly generated by an activity supported with grant funds.

(12) Project Period: The total time for which a project is approved for OCS support, including any approved extensions. If for more than 17 months, it is frequently divided into "budget periods" of 17 months or less duration for which individual grant actions are made (see "Budget period").

(13) Renewable Energy: Energy derived from solar, biomass, wind, geothermal, and small-scale/low-head hydro electricity generation.

(14) Rural Community: A community or defined rural area with a population under 10,000, although most activities of the Rural Community Assistance Program are carried out in rural areas with populations of 2,000 or less.

(15) Secretary: The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Office of Community Services.

(16) Self-sufficiency: A condition where an individual or family neither needs nor is eligible for public assistance.

(17) Technical Assistance: A problem-solving event intervention utilizing the services of an expert. Such services may be provided on-site, by telephone, or by other communications. These services address specific problems and are intended to assist in immediately resolving a given problem or set of problems.

(18) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): Title I of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193) created the TANF program that transformed welfare into a system that requires work in exchange for time-limited assistance. The law specifically eliminated any individual entitlement

to, or guarantee of assistance, repealed the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, Emergency Assistance (EA), and Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) programs, and replaced them with a Block grant entitlement to States under Title IV of the Social Security Act.

(19) Third Party: Any individual, organization, or business entity that is not the direct recipient of grant funds.

(20) Third Party In-Kind Contributions: The value of non-cash contributions provided by non-federal third parties in the form of real property, equipment, supplies and other expendable property, and the value of goods and services directly benefitting and specifically identifiable to the project or programs.

A. Program Evaluation

Pursuant to the requirements of section 680(b) of the COATES Act, OCS will provide funds to an independent third party research organization to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs and services carried out by the grantees funded pursuant to this announcement, individually and as an overall strategy for improving the quality of life and economic well being of residents in small rural communities, particularly as they affect low-income residents of those communities and contribute to developing and sustaining healthy rural communities.

Pursuant to that requirement, approximately \$400,000 in FY 2002 funds will be made available for developing an evaluation design and the initial stage of its implementation.

Applicants requesting funding under this Announcement are required to include as part of their proposals a signed, written commitment to cooperate with this evaluation, and to provide to the organization carrying out the evaluation the necessary data and information.

Part II. Program Objectives and Requirements.

OCS invites private nonprofit corporations and multi-state, regional, private, nonprofit organizations to submit competing grant applications for new discretionary projects that provide training and technical assistance to small rural communities concerning their community facilities as described in Part I Section C. Project Goals, above.

A. Program Priority Areas

There are two Program Priority Areas under this announcement. Under Program Priority Area 1.0—OCS is requesting applications from private nonprofit corporations for home repair

and developing low-income rural rental housing. Under Program Priority Area 2.0—OCS is requesting applications from multi-state, regional, private, nonprofit organizations for training and technical assistance to meet community facility needs.

B. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include private nonprofit corporations that can provide assistance concerning home repair to rural low-income families and concerning planning and developing low-income rural rental housing units. Also, multi-state, regional, private, nonprofit organizations that can provide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities concerning their community facility needs are eligible to apply. Faith-based organizations that meet the above requirements are eligible to apply for these grants. Any non-profit organization applying must provide proof of its non-profit status in its application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of its listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or, a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or, a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

C. Project and Budget Periods

This announcement invites applications for project period up to three years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period, although project periods may be for three years. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period but within the three-year project period will be entertained in subsequent years on a noncompetitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and a determination that continued funding will be in the best interest of the Government.

D. Funds Availability and Grant Amounts

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Approximately \$6,572,471 is expected to be available for grants for FY 2002. In FY 2002 OCS is requesting applications for grants not to exceed \$1,000,000, under Priority Areas 1.0 and 2.0. As noted above in PART I, Section E, Program Evaluation, approximately \$400,000 will be made available to

cover the cost of an evaluation of the program, as required by section 680(b) of the COATES Act.

For Fiscal Years 2003–2004, OCS anticipates, subject to the availability of funds, that non-competing continuation grants will be made under this program.

Part III. The Project Description, Program Proposal Elements and Review Criteria

A. Project Description

The project description provides the major means by which an application is evaluated and ranked to compete with other applications for available assistance. The project description should be concise, complete, and address the activity for which Federal funds are being requested. Supporting documents should present information clearly and succinctly. Applicants are required to provide information on their organizational structure, staff, related experience, and other relevant information. Awarding offices use this and other information to determine whether the applicant has the capability and resources necessary to carry out the proposed project. It is important, to include this information in the application. However, in the narrative, the applicant must distinguish resources directly related to the proposed project from those that will not be used specifically to support the project for which funds are requested.

B. Project Summary/Abstract

Provide a summary project description (a page or less) with reference to the funding request.

C. Objectives and Need for Assistance

Clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, instructional, and/or other problem(s) requiring a solution. The need for assistance must be demonstrated and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly stated. Supporting documentation, such as letters of support and testimonials from concerned interests other than the applicant, may be included. Any relevant data based on planning studies should be included or referred to in the endnotes/footnotes. Demographic data and participant/beneficiary information, should be incorporated as needed. In developing the project description, the applicant may volunteer or be requested to provide information on the total range of projects currently being conducted and supported (or to be initiated), some of which may be outside the scope of the program announcement.

D. Results or Benefits Expected

Identify the results and benefits to be derived.

E. Approach

Outline a plan of action describing the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished. Account for all functions or activities identified in the application. Cite factors which might accelerate or decelerate the work and state your reason for taking the proposed approach rather than others. Describe any unusual features of the project such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary social and community involvement.

Provide quantitative monthly or quarterly projections of the accomplishments to be achieved for each function or activity. When accomplishments cannot be quantified by activity or function, list them in chronological order to show the schedule of accomplishments and their target dates.

List organizations, cooperating entities, consultants, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

F. Organization Profiles

Provide information on the applicant organization(s) and cooperating partners, such as organizational charts, financial statements, audit reports or statements from CPAs/Licensed Public Accountants, Employer Identification Numbers, names of bond carriers, contact persons and telephone numbers, child care licenses and other documentation of professional accreditation as appropriate, information on compliance with Federal/State/local government standards, documentation of experience in the program area, and other pertinent information. Any non-profit organization applying must provide proof of its non-profit status in its application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of its listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or, a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or, a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

G. Budget and Budget Justification

Provide a line item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information

form. Detailed calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculations to be duplicated. The detailed budget must also include a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 15 of the SF-424.

Provide a narrative budget justification describing how categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs.

The following guidelines are for preparing the budget and budget justification. Both Federal and non-Federal resources shall be detailed and justified in the budget and the narrative justification. For purposes of preparing the budget and budget justification, "Federal resources" refers only to the ACF grant for which you are applying. Non-Federal resources are all other Federal (where the authorizing statute permits) and non-Federal resources. It is suggested that budget amounts and computations be presented in a columnar format: first column, object class categories; second column, Federal budget; next column(s), non-Federal budget(s), and last column, total budget. The budget justification should be a narrative.

Personnel

Description: Costs of employee salaries and wages.

Justification: Identify the project director or principal investigator, if known. For each staff person, provide the title, time commitment to the project (in months), time commitment to the project (as a percentage or full-time equivalent), annual salary, grant salary, wage rates, etc. Do not include the costs of consultants or personnel costs of delegate agencies or of specific project(s) or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

Fringe Benefits

Description: Costs of employee fringe benefits unless treated as part of an approved indirect cost rate.

Justification: Provide a breakdown of the amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs such as health insurance, FICA, retirement insurance, taxes, etc.

Travel

Description: Costs of project-related travel by employees of the applicant organization (does not include costs of consultant travel).

Justification: For each trip, show the total number of traveler(s), travel destination, duration of trip, per diem, mileage allowances, if privately owned

vehicles will be used, and other transportation costs and subsistence allowances. Travel costs for key staff to attend ACF-sponsored workshops should be detailed in the budget.

Equipment

Description: "Equipment" means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of (a) the capitalization level established by the organization for the financial statement purposes, or (b) \$5,000. **Note:** Acquisition cost means the net invoice unit price of an item of equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it is acquired. Ancillary charges, such as taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, freight, and installation shall be included in or excluded from acquisition cost in accordance with the organization's regular written accounting practices.

Justification: For each type of equipment requested, provide a description of the equipment, the cost per unit, the number of units, the total cost, and a plan for use on the project, as well as use or disposal of the equipment after the project ends. An applicant organization that uses its own definition for equipment should provide a copy of its policy or section of its policy which includes the equipment definition.

Supplies

Description: Costs of all tangible personal property other than that included under the Equipment category.

Justification: Specify general categories of supplies and their costs. Show computations and provide other information which supports the amount requested.

Contractual

Description: Costs of all contracts for services and goods except for those which belong under other categories such as equipment, supplies, construction, etc. Third-party evaluation contracts (if applicable) and contracts with secondary recipient organizations, including delegate agencies and specific project(s) or businesses to be financed by the applicant, should be included under this category.

Justification: All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition, and must comply with provisions of 45 CFR Part 74. Recipients and sub recipients, other than States

that are required to use Part 92 procedures, 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. 403(11) (currently set at \$100,000). Recipients might be required to make available to ACF pre-award review and procurement documents, such as request for proposals or invitations for bids, independent cost estimates, etc.

Note: Whenever the applicant intends to delegate part of the project to another agency, the applicant must provide a detailed budget and budget narrative for each delegate agency, by agency title, along with the required supporting information referred to in these instructions.

Other

Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable and appropriate, may include but are not limited to insurance, food, medical and dental costs (non contractual), professional services costs, space and equipment rentals, printing and publication, computer use, training costs, such as tuition and stipends, staff development costs, and administrative costs.

Justification: Provide computations, a narrative description and a justification for each cost under this category.

H. Indirect Costs

Total amount of indirect costs. This category should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant Federal agency.

Justification: An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the applicant is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, it should immediately upon notification that an award will be made, develop a tentative indirect cost rate proposal based on its most recently completed fiscal year in accordance with the principles set forth in the cognizant agency's guidelines for establishing indirect cost rates, and submit it to the appropriate agency. Applicants awaiting approval of their indirect cost proposals may also request indirect costs. It should be noted that when an indirect cost rate is requested, those costs included in the indirect cost pool should not also be charged as direct costs to the grant. Also, if the applicant is requesting a rate which is less than what is allowed under the program, the authorized representative of the applicant organization must submit a signed acknowledgment that

the applicant is accepting a lower rate than allowed.

I. Program Income

The estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project.

Justification: Describe the nature, source and anticipated use of program income in the budget or refer to the pages in the application which contain this information.

J. Non-Federal Resources

Amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used to support the project as identified in Block 15 of the SF-424. The firm commitment of these resources must be documented and submitted with the application in order to be given credit in the review process. A detailed budget must be prepared for each funding source.

K. Review Criteria and Program Proposal Elements—listed according to UPD priority order

Review Criteria 1: Organizational Profiles

Element I—Organizational Experience in Program Area and Staff Responsibilities (Maximum: 30 points)

A. Organizational Experience in Program Area (sub-rating: 0–15 points)

Documentation provided indicates that previous projects were relevant and effective and provided permanent benefits to the low-income population.

Organizations that propose providing training and technical assistance have detailed competence in the specific program priority area and as a deliverer with expertise in the fields of training and technical assistance. If applicable, information provided by these applicants also addresses related achievements and competence of each cooperating or sponsoring organization.

B. Staff Skills, Resources and Responsibilities (sub-rating 0–15 points)

The application describes in brief resume form the experience and skills of the Project Director who is not only well qualified, but possesses professional capabilities relevant to successfully implementing the project. If the key staff person has not yet been identified, the application contains a comprehensive position description indicating the relevance of the responsibilities to be assigned to the Project Director to the successfully implementing the project. The applicant has adequate facilities and resources (i.e., space and equipment) to successfully carry out the work plan. The assigned responsibilities of the staff are appropriate to the tasks

identified for the project and sufficient time of senior staff will be budgeted to assure timely implementation and cost-effective management of the project.

Review Criteria 2: Objectives and Need for Assistance

Element II—Analysis of Need (Maximum: 15 points)

The application must precisely identify the target population(s) and/or communities to be served. The geographic area to be impacted should then be briefly described, citing the percentage of low-income residents and/or communities that will be impacted and providing any other data relevant to the project design. The applicant should describe the needs of the communities and how they plan to address these needs in each relevant area of activity—housing, water, transportation, and distributed energy.

Review Criteria 3: Approach

Element III—Approach 1—Project Implementation (Maximum: 20 points)

The Work Plan is both sound and feasible. The project responds to the needs identified in the Analysis of Need. It sets forth realistic quarterly time targets for task completion. Critical issues or potential problems that might impact negatively on the project are defined and the project objectives can be reasonably attained despite such potential problems.

Element IV—Approach 2—Public Private Partnerships (Maximum: 10 Points)

The application documents that the applicant will mobilize from public and/or private sources cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants documenting that the fair value of such contributions will at least equal the OCS funds requested will receive the maximum number of points for this Element. Applications proposing to mobilize contributions that are valued less than the total amount of Federal grant funds requested will receive prorated points in this element.

Element V—Budget Appropriateness and Reasonableness (Maximum: 5 Points)

Funds requested are commensurate with the level of effort necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project. The application includes a narrative detailed budget break-down for each of the budget categories in the SF-424A. The applicant presents a reasonable administrative cost. The estimated cost to the government of the

project also is reasonable in relation to the anticipated results.

Review Criteria VI—Cooperation With Project Evaluation (Maximum: 5 Points)

The applicant should provide a well thought through outline of a plan for collecting, validating and reporting or providing data concerning its activities, services and constituent services to recipients. The applicant must indicate its willingness to cooperate with the organization developing the national evaluation design in identifying performance goals and measures. As noted in Part I above, to be considered for funding the applicant must provide a signed statement agreeing to cooperate with the organization evaluating the national program by providing the data and information necessary for carrying out the evaluation.

Review Criteria 3: Results or Benefits Expected

Element I—Significant and Beneficial Impact (Maximum: 15 Points)

The application contains a full and accurate description of the proposed use of the requested financial assistance. The proposed project will produce permanent and measurable results that will reduce the incidence of poverty in the areas targeted and significantly enhance the health of the communities served and the well-being of their residents. Results are quantifiable in terms of program area expectations, for example, number of water systems or waste water treatment facilities begun, in construction, or completed; measurable improvement in water quality and health of watershed; amount of resources successfully mobilized for facilities improvement; and number of transportation or energy facilities established or under development. The OCS grant funds, in combination with private and/or other public resources, are targeted into rural low-income and/or distressed rural communities and/or designated empowerment zones and enterprise communities and the new “Renewal Communities” (second round of empowerment zones grants awarded).

Part IV. Application Procedures

A. Application Development and Availability of Forms

To be considered for a grant under this Program Announcement, an application must conform to the Program Requirements set out in Part II and be prepared in accordance with the Review Criteria and Program Proposal Elements set out in Part III K, above. It must be submitted on the forms supplied in the attachments to this

Announcement and in the manner prescribed below. Attachments B through K contain all of the standard forms necessary to applying for awards under this OCS program. These attachments and Parts IV and V of this announcement contain all the instructions required for submitting applications.

Additional copies of the Program Announcement may be obtained by writing or telephoning the office listed under the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** at the beginning of this Announcement. In addition, this Announcement is accessible for reading or downloading on the Internet through the OCS Website at: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs double click on "Funding Opportunities".

The applicant must be aware that in signing and submitting the application for this award, it is certifying that it will comply with the Federal requirements concerning drug-free workplace, the Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke, and debarment regulations set forth in Attachments E, I and F.

Part III contains instructions for the substance and development of the project narrative. PART V contains instructions for completing application forms. Part VI, Section A, describes the contents and format of the application as a whole.

B. Application Submission

(1) Number of Copies Required. Applicants must submit the original and two copies of any applications unless additional copies are required pursuant to 45 CFR part 1320.

(2) Deadline. To be considered for funding applications must be *received* on or before July 29, 2002. Applicants must make sure that the applications are submitted by the Closing Date mentioned in the beginning of the announcement under "Closing Date." Mail service in the Washington, D.C. area was disrupted a few months ago and for several weeks, all mail deliveries to the Administration for Children and Families stopped. Regular deliveries have resumed, but delays continue due to the irradiation process. It may be some time before the situation corrects itself. Consequently, it is strongly recommended that applicants avail themselves of overnight/express delivery such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service to submit their applications. Applications received after the due date will not be accepted for consideration for funding.

As previously, noted applications submitted via overnight/express delivery services should be addressed to

the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, "Attention RF Program", 901 D Street SW., Fourth Floor West, Washington, DC 20024.

Mailed applications must be sent to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, "Attention: RF Program", 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

Applications hand carried by applicants, applicant couriers, or by other representatives of the applicant shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, Mailroom, 2nd Floor (near loading dock), Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). The address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application with the note "Attention: RF Program".

ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

(3) Late applications. Applications which do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

(4) Extension of deadlines. ACF may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God such as floods and hurricanes, or when there is widespread disruption of the mails. A determination to waive or extend deadline requirements rests with ACF's Chief Grants Management Officer. A decision to extend an application deadline, extends the deadline for all applicants.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, the Department is required to submit to OMB for review and approval any reporting and record keeping requirements in regulations including program announcements. All information collections within this program announcement are approved under the following current valid OMB

control number 0970-0139 which expires 12/31/2003.

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed and reviewing the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

D. Intergovernmental Review

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Program and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

*All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Palau, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming have elected to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these twenty-seven jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or indicate "not applicable" if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which

may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule. When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., 4th floor East, Washington, DC 20447.

A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory is included as Attachment J to this Announcement.

E. Initial OCS Screening

Each application submitted under this Program Announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that the application was postmarked by the closing date and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this Announcement.

All applications that meet the published deadline requirements as provided in this Program Announcement will be screened for completeness and conformity with the following requirements. Only complete applications that meet the requirements listed below will be reviewed and evaluated competitively. Other applications will be returned to the applicants with a notation that they were unacceptable and will not be reviewed.

The following requirements must be met by all Applicants except as noted:

(1) The application must contain a signed Standard Form 424 "Application for Federal Assistance" (SF-424), a budget (SF-424A), and signed "Assurances" (SF 424B) completed according to instructions published in Part V and Attachments B and D of this Program Announcement. The SF-424 and the SF-424B must be signed by an official of the organization applying for the grant who has authority to obligate the organization legally. Applicants must also be aware that the applicant's legal name as required on the SF-424 (Item 5) must match that listed as corresponding to the Employer Identification Number (Item 6).

(2) A project narrative must also accompany the standard forms. OCS requires that the narrative portion of the application be limited to 30 letter-size pages, numbered consecutively, and typewritten on one side of the paper only with one-inch margins and type face no smaller than 12 characters per inch (c.p.i.) or equivalent. Applications with project narratives (excluding Project Summaries and appendices) of more than 30 letter-sized pages of 12 c.p.i. type or equivalent on a single side will not be reviewed for funding.

(3) Application must contain documentation of the applicant's non-

profit status as required under PART II, Section B.

F. Consideration of Application

Applications which pass the initial OCS screening will be reviewed and rated by an independent review panel on the basis of the specific review criteria described and discussed in Part III, above. Applications will be reviewed and rated under the Program Elements and Review Criteria set forth in PART III Section I. The review criteria were designed to assess the quality of a proposed project, and to determine the likelihood of its success. The review criteria are closely related and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. Points are awarded only to applications which are responsive to the review criteria and program elements within the context of this Program Announcement. The results of these reviews will assist the Director and OCS program staff in considering competing applications. Reviewers' scores will weigh heavily in funding decisions, but will not be the only factors considered.

Applications generally will be considered in order of the average scores assigned by reviewers. However, highly ranked applications are not guaranteed funding because other factors are taken into consideration, including, but not limited to, the timely and proper completion by applicant of projects funded with OCS funds granted in the last five (5) years; comments of reviewers and government officials; staff evaluation and input; the amount and duration of the grant requested, the proposed project's consistency and harmony with OCS goals and policy; geographic distribution of applications; previous program performance of applicants; compliance with grant terms under previous HHS grants, including the actual dedication to program of mobilized resources as set forth in project applications; audit reports; investigative reports; and applicant's progress in resolving any final audit disallowances on previous OCS or other Federal agency grants.

Since non-Federal reviewers will be used for review of applications, applicants may omit from the application copies which will be made available to the non-Federal reviewers, the specific salary rates or amounts for individuals identified in the application budget. Rather, only summary information is required. OCS reserves the right to discuss applications with other Federal or non-Federal funding sources to verify the applicant's performance record and the documents submitted.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposal Elements and Review Criteria for Applications under Priority Area 1.0

Each application which passes the initial screening will be assessed and scored by three independent reviewers. Each reviewer will give a numerical score for each application reviewed. These numerical scores will be supported by explanatory statements on a formal rating form describing major strengths and weaknesses under each applicable criterion published in the Announcement. Scoring will be based on a total of 100 points, and for each application will be the average of the scores of the three reviewers.

Part V. Instructions for Completing Application Forms

The standard forms attached to this Announcement shall be used to apply for funds under this Program Announcement.

It is suggested that you reproduce single-sided copies of the SF-424 and SF-424A, and type your application on the copies. Please prepare your application in accordance with instructions provided on the forms (Attachments B and C) as modified by the instructions set forth in PART III G., above, and the OCS specific instructions set forth below:

Provide line item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information form. Detailed calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. The detailed budget must also include a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 15 of the SF-424.

Provide a narrative budget justification which describes how the categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs. (Note: The Budget detail and Narrative Budget Justification should follow the SF 424 and 424A, and are not counted as part of the Project Narrative.)

A. SF-424—Application for Federal Assistance (Attachment B)

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Where the applicant is a previous Department of Health and Human Services grantee, enter the Central Registry System Employee Identification Number (CRS/EIN) and the Payment Identifying Number, if one has been assigned, in the Block entitled Federal Identifier located at the top right hand

corner of the form (third line from the top).

Item 1. For the purposes of this announcement, all projects are considered Applications; there are no Pre-Applications.

Item 7. If applicant is a State, enter "A" in the box. If applicant is an Indian Tribe enter "K" in the box. If applicant is a non-profit organization enter "N" in the box.

Item 9. Name of Federal Agency—Enter DHHS—ACF/OCS.

Item 10. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for OCS programs covered under this announcement is 93.570. The title is "Rural Community Development Activities Program" (RF Program).

Item 11. In addition to a brief descriptive title of the project, indicate the priority area for which funds are being requested.

Item 13. Proposed Project—The project start date must begin on or before September 30, 2002; the ending date should be calculated on the basis of 36-month Project Period.

Item 15a. This amount should be no greater than \$1,000,000 under Priority Area 1.0 and 2.0.

Item 15b—e. These items should reflect both cash and third-party, in-kind contributions for the Project Period (36 months).

B. SF-424A—Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (Attachment C)

In completing these sections, the Federal Funds budget entries will relate to the requested OCS funds only, and Non-Federal will include mobilized funds from all other sources—applicant, State, local, and other. Federal funds (only if statutory authority permits) other than requested OCS funding should be included in *Non-Federal* entries. Sections A, B, and C of SF-424A should reflect budget estimates for each year of the Project Period.

Section A—Budget Summary

You need only fill in lines 1 and 5 (with the same amounts) Col. (a): Enter "RF Program" as Item number 1. (Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 should be left blank.) Col. (b): Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.570. Col. (c) and (d): not relevant to this program. Column (e)—(g): enter the appropriate amounts in items 1. and 5. (Totals) Column e should not be more than \$1,000,000 under Priority Area 1.0 and 2.0.

Section B—Budget Categories

(Note that the following information supersedes the instructions provided with the Form in Attachment C)

Columns (1)—(5): For each of the relevant Object Class Categories:

Column 1: Enter the OCS grant funds for the full 1-year budget period.

Columns 2, 3 and 4 are not relevant to this program.

Column 5: Enter the Total

Section C—Non Federal Resources

This section is to record the amounts of "non-Federal" resources that will be used to support the project, including any "additional resources" which will bring additional support to the project, which may be cash or in-kind, non-Federal or Federal. In this context, "Non-Federal" resources mean any and all resources other than the OCS funds for which the applicant is applying. Therefore, mobilized funds from other Federal (only if statutory authority permits) programs, should be entered on these lines. Provide a brief listing of these "non-Federal" resources on a separate sheet and describe whether it is a grantee cost or a third-party cash or in-kind contribution. The firm commitment of these resources must be documented and submitted with the application in order to be given credit in the review process under the Public-Private Partnerships program element.

Sections D, E, and F may be left blank by Applicants under Priority Area 1.0 and 2.0. As noted in Part VI, a supporting Budget Justification must be submitted providing details of expenditures under each budget category, with justification of dollar amounts which relate the proposed expenditures to the work program and goals of the project.

C. SF-424B Assurances: Non-Construction Programs

Applicants requesting financial assistance for a non-construction project must file the Standard Form 424B, "Assurances: Non-Construction Programs." (Attachment D) Applicants must sign and return the Standard Form 424B with their applications.

Applicants must provide a certification concerning Lobbying. Prior to receiving an award in excess of \$100,000, applicants shall furnish an executed copy of the lobbying certification. (See Attachments G and H)

Applicants must sign and return the certification with their applications. Applicants should note that the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 has simplified the lobbying information required to be disclosed under 31 U.S.C. 1352.

Applicants must make the appropriate certification on their compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Pro-Children Act of 1994

(Certification Regarding Smoke Free Environment). (See Attachments E and I) By signing and submitting the applications, applicants are attesting to their intent to comply with these requirements and need not mail back the certification with the applications.

Applicants must make the appropriate certification that they are not presently debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible for award. (See Attachment F) By signing and submitting the applications, applicants are providing the certification and need not mail back the certification with the applications.

Copies of the certifications and assurances are located at the end of this announcement.

Part VI. Contents of Application and Receipt Process

Application pages should be numbered sequentially throughout the application package, beginning with a Summary/Abstract of the proposed project as page number one; and each application must include all of the following, in the order listed below:

A. Content and Order of RF Program Application

1. A Project Summary/Abstract—brief, not to exceed one page, on the Applicant's letterhead (that will not be counted as a part of the Project Narrative/Description) and that includes the following information:

2. Table of Contents;

3. A completed Standard Form 424 (Attachment B) which has been signed by an official of the organization applying for the grant who has authority to obligate the organization legally; [Note: The original SF-424 must bear the original signature of the authorizing representative of the applicant organization];

4. A completed Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A) (Attachment C);

5. A Budget Justification, including narrative budget justification for each object class category included under Section B, as described in PART III, Program Element III;

6. Proof of current non-profit status of Applicant (See PART IV, Section D, paragraph (3);

7. A project narrative, limited to 30 pages as specified above in Part IV, Section D, paragraph (2) which includes all of the required elements described in Part III. [Specific information/data required under each component is described in Part III Section I, Evaluation Criteria.]

8. Appendices, which should include the following: (a) Filled out, signed and dated Assurances—Non-Construction

Programs (SF-424B), (Attachment C); (b) *Instructions for Completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities*: filled out, signed and dated form found at Attachment G;

(c) *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, SF-LLL*: Filled out, signed and dated form found at Attachment H, if appropriate (omit Items 11–15 on the SF LLL and ignore references to continuation sheet SF-LLL-A)

(d) Resumes and/or position descriptions (see Part III Program Element I);

(e) Any letters and/or supporting documents from collaborating or partnering agencies in target communities, providing additional information on staffing and experience in support of narrative under PART III Element I. [Such documents are not part of the Narrative and should be included in the Appendices. These documents are therefore not counted against the page limitations of the Narrative.]; and

(f) Single points of contact comments, if applicable.

Applications must be uniform in composition since OCS may find it necessary to duplicate them for review purposes. Therefore, applications must be submitted on white 8½ x 11 inch paper only (See PART IV D. (2), above, concerning margins, type size, etc.). They must not include colored, oversized or folded materials. Do not include organizational brochures or other promotional materials, slides, films, clips, etc. in the proposal. They will be discarded if included. The applications should be two-hole punched at the top center and fastened separately with a compressor slide paper fastener, or a binder clip. The submission of bound applications, or applications enclosed in binders is specifically discouraged.

B. Acknowledgment of Receipt

Acknowledgment of Receipt—All applicants will receive an acknowledgment with an assigned identification number. Applicants are requested to supply a self-addressed mailing label with their Application, or a FAX number or e-mail address which can be used for acknowledgment. The assigned identification number, along with any other identifying codes, must be referenced in all subsequent communications concerning the Application. If an acknowledgment is

not received within three weeks after the deadline date, please notify ACF by telephone at (202) 401–5307 or 5295.

Part VII. Post Award Information and Reporting Requirements

A. Notification of Grant Award.

Following approval of the applications selected for funding, notice of project approval and authority to draw down project funds will be made in writing. The official award document is the Financial Assistance Award which provides the amount of Federal funds approved for use in the project, the project and budget period for which support is provided, the terms and conditions of the award, and the total project period for which support is contemplated.

For Fiscal Years 2003–2004 the grantee will be notified of the requirements for submission of the continuation application by February of the pertinent fiscal year.

B. *Attendance at Technical Assistance and Evaluation Workshops/Conferences*. OCS hopes to sponsor at least one national evaluation workshop in Washington, DC or in other locations, if necessary during the course of the project period. Project Directors will be expected to attend such workshops and should include the expenses of attending as a part of your original budget request.

C. *Reporting Requirements*. Grantees will be required to submit a semi-annual program progress and financial report (SF 269) throughout the project period, as well as a final program and financial report 90 days after the end of the project period. Program progress and financial reports are due 30 days after the reporting period.

D. *Audit Requirements*. Grantees are subject to the audit requirements in 45 CFR Part 74 (non-profit organizations) or Part 92 (governmental entities) which require audits under OMB Circular A–133.

E. *Prohibitions and Requirements with regard to Lobbying*. Section 319 of Public Law 101–121, signed into law on October 23, 1989, imposes prohibitions and requirements for disclosure and certification related to lobbying on recipients of Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and loans. It provides limited exemptions for Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Current and prospective recipients (and their

subtier contractors and/or grantees) are prohibited from using appropriated funds for lobbying Congress or any Federal agency in connection with the award of a contract, grant, cooperative agreement or loan. In addition, for each award action in excess of \$100,000 (or \$150,000 for loans) the law requires recipients and their subtier contractors and/or subgrantees (1) to certify that they have neither used nor will use any appropriated funds for payment to lobbyists, (2) to submit a declaration setting forth whether payments to lobbyists have been or will be made out of non-appropriated funds and, if so, the name, address, payment details, and purpose of any agreements with such lobbyists whom recipients or their subtier contractors or subgrantees will pay with the non-appropriated funds and (3) to file quarterly up-dates about the use of lobbyists if an event occurs that materially affects the accuracy of the information submitted by way of declaration and certification.

The law establishes civil penalties for noncompliance and is effective with respect to contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and loans entered into or made on or after December 23, 1989. See Attachment G and H for certification and disclosure forms to be submitted with the applications for this program.

F. *Applicable Federal Regulations*. Attachment K indicates the regulations which apply to all applicants/grantees under the Rural Community Assistance Program.

Dated: May 23, 2002.

Robert Mott,

Deputy Director, Office of Community Services.

List of Attachments

- A. Income Poverty Guidelines
- B. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- C. Budget Information—Non Construction Programs (SF-424A)
- D. Assurances—Non Construction Programs (SF-424B)
- E. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
- F. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
- G. Certification Regarding Lobbying
- H. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- I. Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- J. Single Points of Contact Listing
- K. Applicable Federal Regulations

ATTACHMENT A

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
2002 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
1	\$8,860
2	11,940
3	15,020
4	18,100
5	21,180
6	24,260
7	27,340
8 ¹	30,420
2002 Poverty Guidelines for Alaska ²	
1	11,080
2	14,930

ATTACHMENT A—Continued

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
3	18,780
4	22,630
5	26,480
6	30,330
7	34,180
8	38,030
2002 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii	
1	10,200
2	13,740
3	17,280
4	20,820
5	24,360
6	27,900
7	31,440

ATTACHMENT A—Continued

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
8 ³	34,980

¹ For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,080 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above).

² For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,850 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above).

³ For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,540 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above).

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Please do not return your completed form to the office of management and budget. Send it to the address provided by the sponsoring agency.

This is a standard form used by applicants as a required facesheet for preapplications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item and Entry

1. Self-explanatory.
2. Data application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) & applicant's control number (if applicable).
3. State use only (if applicable).
4. If this application is to continue or revise an existing award, enter present

Federal identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.

5. Legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity, complete address of the applicant, and name and telephone number of the person to contact on matters related to this application.

6. Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by Internal Revenue Service.

7. Enter the appropriate letter in the space provided.

8. Check appropriate box and enter appropriate letter(s) in the space(s) provided:

—“New” means a new assistance award.

—“Continuation” means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date.

—“Revision” means any change in the Federal Governments financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation.

9. Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.

10. Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.

11. Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.

12. List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).

13. Self-explanatory

14. List the applicant's Congressional District and District(s) affected by the program or project.

15. Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate *only* the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.

16. Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.

17. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.

18. To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

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BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds			New or Revised Budget	
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES						
GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY						Total (5)
6. Object Class Categories (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Total (5)
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits						
c. Travel						
d. Equipment						
e. Supplies						
f. Contractual						
g. Construction						
h. Other						
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)						
j. Indirect Charges						
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)						
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					(e) TOTALS
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS	
8.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
9.					
10.					
11.					
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT				
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	\$	\$	\$	\$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION				
21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:			
23. Remarks:				

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data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office Of Management and Budget, Paperwork

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections, A, B, C and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4.

Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a single Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and not requiring a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the catalog program title and the catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a single program requiring budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the catalog program title on each line in Column (a) and the respective catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to multiple programs where one or more programs require a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g.)

For new applications, leave Columns (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal Funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5—Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B. Budget Categories

In the column heading (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Lines 6a-1—Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j—Show the amount of indirect cost. Line 6k—Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7—Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount.

Show under the program narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11—Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

Column (a)—Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.

Column (b)—Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.

Column (c)—Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

Column (d)—Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.

Column (e)—Enter total of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

Line 12—Enter the total for each of columns (b)—(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13—Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14—Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15—Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

Lines 16-19—Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in column in (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

Line 20—Enter the total for each of the columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21—Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object-class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22—Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

Line 23—Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.

Assurances—Non-Construction Programs

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

Please do not return your completed form to the Office of Management and Budget. Send it to the address provided by the sponsoring agency.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standard or agency directives.

3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4728–4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standard for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 CFR 900, Subpart F).

6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88–352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681–1683, and 1685–1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §§ 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101–6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;

(e) the Drug Abuse Office and treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92–255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91–616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd–3 and 290ee–3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Title II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91–646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or

whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501–1508 and 7324–7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act 940 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a–7), the Copeland Act 940 U.S.C. §§ 327–333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93–234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91–190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetland pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program development under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93–523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93–205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§ 469a–1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93–348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89–544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official _____
Title _____
Applicant Organization _____
Date Submitted _____

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Divisions of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517–D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department

while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction,

without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the

statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [Page 33043] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to,

check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause.

The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Attachment G

Instructions for Completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.

2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.

3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report

caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.

4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.

5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.

6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.

7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number

for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.

8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 [e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency]. Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the

cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet

Reporting Entity: _____
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Attachment H

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Approved by OMB
0348-0046Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: Year _____ Quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:	
Congressional District, if known:		Congressional District, if known:
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description:	
CFDA Number, if applicable: _____		
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a.)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		
Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)

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Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103-227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or

local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. By signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee

certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

Intergovernmental Review (SPOC List)

It is estimated that in 2001 the Federal Government will outlay \$305.6 billion in grants to State and local governments. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," was issued

with the desire to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. Below is the official list of those entities. For those States that have a home page for their designated entity, a direct link has been provided below.

States that are not listed on this page chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within one of these States, you may still send application materials directly to a Federal awarding agency.

Contact information for Federal agencies that award grants can be found in Appendix IV of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Arkansas

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California

Grants Coordination
State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 222
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Attachment K

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Regulations Applying to All Applicants/Grantees Under

Rural Community Development Activities Program (RF PROGRAM)

Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations

Part 16—DHHS Grant Appeals Process

Part 74—Administration of Grants (grants with subgrants to entities)

Part 75—Informal Grant Appeal Procedures

Part 76—Debarment and Suspension from Eligibility For Financial Assistance

Subpart F—Drug Free Workplace Requirements

Part 80—Non-discrimination Under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through Department of Health and Human Services Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Part 81—Practice and Procedures for Hearings Under Part 80 of this Title

Part 83—Regulation for the Administration and Enforcement of Sections 799A and 845 of the Public Health Service Act

Part 84—Non-discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

Part 85—Enforcement of Non-discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by Department of Health and Human Services

Part 86—Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance

Part 91—Non-discrimination on the Basis of Age in Health and Human Services Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

Part 92—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local Governments (**Federal Register**, March 11, 1988)

Part 93—New Restrictions on Lobbying
OMB Circular A-122—Cost Principles for Non-Profits

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