

§ 1944.536

agency under Public Law 103-354 Appeal Procedure contained in subpart B of part 1900 of this chapter.

[44 FR 36891, June 22, 1979, as amended at 47 FR 36415, Aug. 20, 1982]

**§ 1944.536 Grant closing.**

Closing is the process by which FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 determines that applicable administrative actions have been completed and the Grant Agreement is signed. The Grant Agreement (Exhibit A) will be executed by the State Director at the time the Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-1 and Grant Agreement is sent to the Grantee in accordance with §1944.533 (f)(4). An executed original of the Grant Agreement shall be sent to the District Director and one copy to the grantee.

[44 FR 36891, June 22, 1979, as amended at 55 FR 13504, April 11, 1990]

**§ 1944.537 [Reserved]**

**§ 1944.538 Extending and revising grant agreements.**

(a) All requests extending the original grant agreement or revising the TSA program must be in writing. Such requests will be processed through the District Director. Any such requests will be processed in accordance with the processing procedure specified in §1944.526 (b) and (c) of this subpart. The State Office will respond to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the request in the State Office.

(b) An extension of a grant beyond the two year term may be granted by the State Director when:

(1) There are grant funds remaining and the grantee requests an extension at the end of the grant period,

(2) The grantee has demonstrated its ability to conduct a comprehensive program of technical and supervisory assistance in accordance with the terms of its grant agreement and in a manner satisfactory to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354,

(3) The grantee is likely to complete the goals outlined in the initial proposal,

(4) There is an unmet need to continue the delivery of the technical and

supervisory assistance being provided by the grantee, and

(5) The District Director recommends continuation of the grant until the grantee has expended all of the remaining grant funds.

(c) Upon approval of the extension, the State Director will authorize the District Director to amend the ending date of the grant agreement and revise the budgets, if necessary, on behalf of the Government.

(d) If the grant agreement must be revised and amended other than by extension, including any changes in the scope and objectives of the TSA program, the grantee will submit a revised budget and TSA program together with any information necessary to justify its requests. Such requests will be submitted to the State Director through the District Director.

(e) The State Office will advise the National Office of all requests to extend or modify the original grant agreement. Prior concurrence of the National Office is not required unless the State Director so desires, in which case the State Director will advise the applicant that the request has been forwarded to the National Office for concurrence. The State Director's recommendation will accompany such requests.

(f) Exhibit D to this subpart shall be executed upon approval of an extension of the grant period, or significant change in either the project budget or the objectives of the approved technical and supervisory activities.

(g) If extension or modification is not approved, the State Office will notify the applicant in writing of the decision and advise the applicant of the appeal procedures under subpart B of part 1900 of this chapter.

**§ 1944.539 [Reserved]**

**§ 1944.540 Requesting TSA checks.**

(a) The initial TSA check may cover the applicant's needs for the first calendar month. If the first calendar month is a partial month, the check will cover the needs for the partial month and the next whole month.

(b) The initial advance of TSA grant funds may not be requested simultaneously with the request for obligation