

award, a recipient may enter into collaborative arrangements with other organizations to jointly carry out activities with grant or cooperative agreement funds. In this kind of situation, the arrangement between the recipient and each collaborating organization is subject to the rules in this part that apply to subgrants awarded by the recipients. (See the example shown in § 3015.195.)

(2) This paragraph (e) does not apply to arrangements where the organizations receive an award jointly. In this case, they are not a recipient and sub-recipient but, as the award notice states, joint recipients.

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### § 3015.3 Conflicting policies and deviations.

(a) *Statutory provisions.* Federal statutes that apply to some USDA grant programs may contain provisions that conflict with this part. Those statutory provisions take precedence over this part.

(b) *Nonstatutory provisions.* USDA awarding agencies occasionally develop grant provisions that are inconsistent with this part. USDA attempts to keep these provisions to a minimum by internal procedures that require these provisions to be justified to appropriate officials of USDA and OMB. If the conflicting provisions are of long-term and general applicability, O&F may require that the awarding agency (1) publish the conflicting provision as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER and (2) give the public an opportunity to comment before making the regulations final.

(c) *Nonstatutory provisions-subgrants.* If a provision of a subgrant conflicts with this part, the recipient is considered as violating the provisions of the grant, unless the subgrant provision is authorized in writing, by the awarding agency.

(d) *OMB exceptions.* In some cases, OMB grants exceptions from the requirements of the Circulars, when permissible under existing laws. In those instances where a program receives an exception to a particular provision of a

Circular, the exception takes precedence over this part.

### § 3015.4 Special restrictive terms.

(a) Occasionally an awarding agency, or a recipient awarding a subgrant, may find that a particular recipient:

- (1) Is financially unstable,
- (2) Has a history of poor performance, or
- (3) Has a management system that does not meet the standards in this part.

In these cases the awarding agency may impose special conditions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted by this part. If so, the awarding agency must tell the recipient in writing why it is imposing the special conditions and what corrective action is needed.

(b) At the time an awarding agency imposes a special grant condition under paragraph (a) of this section, the awarding agency, through O&F, shall notify OMB and other interested parties.

(c) At the time a recipient imposes a special restrictive subgrant condition under paragraph (a) of this section, it must notify the awarding agency, giving full particulars. The awarding agency, through O&F, shall then notify OMB and other interested parties.

(d) A special restrictive grant or subgrant condition under paragraph (a) of this section is considered consistent with this part.

## Subpart B—Cash Depositories

### § 3015.10 Physical segregation and eligibility.

Except as provided in § 3015.11, awarding agencies shall not impose grant or subgrant conditions which:

- (a) Require the recipient to use a separate bank account for the deposit of grant or subgrant funds, or
- (b) Establish any eligibility requirements for banks or other financial institutions in which recipients deposit grant or subgrant funds.

### § 3015.11 Separate bank accounts.

A separate bank account shall be required when applicable letter of credit agreements provide that funds will not