

the grant award. In specifying alternatives that may be used, the provisions of the grant award may distinguish between income earned by the recipient and income earned by sub-recipients and between the sources, kinds, or amounts of income.

(2) The provisions of a subgrant award may restrict the use of general program income earned by the sub-recipient to only one or some of the alternatives permitted by the provisions of the grant, but the alternative in paragraph (c) of this section shall always be permitted.

(c) *Deduction alternative.* (1) Under this alternative, the income is used for allowable costs of the project or program. If there is a cost-sharing or matching requirement, costs supported by the income may not count toward satisfying that requirement. Therefore, the maximum percentage of Federal cost-sharing is applied to the net amount determined by deducting the income from total allowable costs and third party in-kind contributions. The income shall be used for current costs unless the awarding agency authorizes the income to be used in a later period.

(2) To illustrate this alternative, assume a project in which the recipient incurs \$100,000 of allowable costs and receives no third party in-kind contributions. If the recipient earns \$10,000 in general program income and this alternative applies, that \$10,000 must be deducted from the \$100,000 before applying the maximum percentage of Federal cost-sharing. If that percentage is 90 percent, the most that could be paid to the recipient would therefore be \$81,000 (90 percent times \$90,000).

(d) *Cost-sharing or matching alternative.* (1) Under this alternative, the income is used for allowable costs of the project or program but, in this case, the costs supported by the income may count toward satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement. Therefore, the maximum percentage of Federal cost-sharing is applied to total allowable costs and third party in-kind contributions. The income shall be used for current costs unless the awarding agency authorizes its use in a later period.

(2) To illustrate this alternative, assume the same situation as in para-

graph (c)(2) of this section. Under this alternative, the 90 percent maximum percentage of Federal cost-sharing would be applied to the full \$100,000, and \$90,000 could therefore be paid to the recipient.

(e) *Additional costs alternative.* Under this alternative, the income is used for costs which are in addition to the allowable costs of the project or program but which nevertheless further the objectives of the Federal statute under which the grant was made. Provided that the costs supported by the income further the broad objectives of that statute, they need not be of a kind that would be permissible as charges to Federal funds. Examples of purposes for which the income may be used are:

- (1) Expanding the project or program.
- (2) Continuing the project or program after grant or subgrant support ends.
- (3) Supporting other projects or programs that further the broad objectives of the statute.
- (4) Obtaining equipment or other assets needed for the project or program or for other activities that further the statute's objectives.

#### **§ 3015.42 Proceeds from sale of real property and from sale of equipment and supplies acquired for use.**

The following kinds of program income shall be governed by Subpart R of this part:

- (a) Proceeds from the sale of real property purchased or constructed under a grant or subgrant.
- (b) Proceeds from the sale of equipment and supplies created or purchased under a grant or subgrant and intended primarily for use in the grant or subgrant-supported project or program rather than for sale or rental.

#### **§ 3015.43 Royalties and other income earned from a copyrighted work.**

(a) This section applies to royalties, license fees, and other income earned by a recipient from a copyrighted work developed under the grant or subgrant. Income of that kind is covered by this section whether a third party or the recipient acts as the publisher, seller, exhibitor, or performer of the copyrighted work. In some cases the recipient incurs costs to earn the income but does not charge these costs to USDA

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grant funds, to required cost-sharing or matching funds, or to other program income. Costs of that kind may be deducted from the gross income in order to determine how much must be treated as program income.

(b) The provisions of the grant award govern the disposition of income subject to this section. If the provisions of the grant award do not treat this kind of income, there are no USDA requirements governing its disposition. A recipient is not prohibited from imposing requirements of its own on the disposition of this kind of income which is earned by its subrecipients provided those requirements are in addition to, and not inconsistent with, any requirements imposed by the provisions of the grant award.

#### **§ 3015.44 Royalties or equivalent income earned from patents or from inventions.**

Disposition of royalties or equivalent income earned on patents or inventions arising out of activities assisted by a grant or subgrant shall be governed by the provisions of the grant or subgrant agreement. If the agreement does not provide for the disposition of the royalties or equivalent income, the disposition shall be in accordance with the recipient's own policies.

#### **§ 3015.45 Other program income.**

(a) This section applies to program income not treated elsewhere in this part which subsequently results from an activity supported by a grant or subgrant but which does not accrue until after the period of grant or subgrant support. An example is proceeds from the sale or rental of a residual inventory of merchandise created or purchased by a grant-supported workshop during the period of support.

(b) The provisions of the grant award govern the disposition of income subject to this section. If the provisions do not treat this kind of income, there are no USDA requirements governing its disposition. A recipient may impose requirements of its own on the disposition of this kind of income which is earned by its subrecipients provided those requirements are in addition to and not inconsistent with any require-

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ments imposed by the provisions of the grant award.

#### **§ 3015.46 Interest earned on advances of grant funds.**

(a) Except when exempted by Federal statute (see paragraph (b) of this section for the principal exemption), recipients shall remit to the Federal government any interest or other investment income earned on advances of USDA grant funds. This includes any interest or investment income earned by subrecipients and cost-type contractors on advances to them that result from advances of USDA grant funds to the recipient. Unless the recipient receives other instructions from the responsible USDA awarding agency, the recipient shall remit the amount due by check or money order payable to the awarding agency. This requirement may not be administratively waived.

(b) In accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4213), States, as defined in the Act, shall not be accountable to the Federal government for interest or investment income earned by the State itself, or by its subrecipients, where this income is attributable to grants-in-aid, as defined in the Act.<sup>1</sup>

(c) Recipients are cautioned that they are subject to the provisions of Subpart L for minimizing the time between the transfer of advances and their disbursement. Those provisions apply even if there is no accountability to the Federal government for interest or other investment income earned on the advances.

### **Subpart G—Cost-Sharing or Matching**

#### **§ 3015.50 Scope.**

This subpart contains rules reflecting Federal requirements for cost-sharing

<sup>1</sup>“State” is defined in the Act to include any agency or instrumentality of a State, and the definition does not exclude a hospital or institution of higher education which is such an agency or instrumentality. “Grant-in-aid” is defined in the Act to exclude payments under research and development contracts or grants which are awarded directly and on similar terms to all qualifying organizations, whether public or private. (42 U.S.C. 4201)