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CFR 2.23; delegation of authority by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, 7 CFR 2.70; 5 U.S.C. 301.

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§ 1942.301 Purpose.

This subpart outlines Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 policies and authorizations and sets forth procedures for making grants to finance and facilitate development of private business enterprises. Any processing or servicing activity conducted pursuant to this subpart involving authorized assistance to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this chapter. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employee.

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§ 1942.302 Policy.

(a) The grant program will be used to support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas.

(b) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 officials will maintain liaison with officials of other federal, state, regional and local development agencies to coordinate related programs to achieve rural development objectives.

(c) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 officials shall cooperate with appropriate State agencies in making grants that support State strategies for rural area development.

(d) Funds allocated for use in accordance with this subpart are also to be considered for use of Indian tribes within the State regardless of whether State development strategies include Indian reservations within the State's boundaries. Indians residing on such reservations must have equal opportunity along with other rural residents to participate in the benefits of these programs. This includes equal applica-

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tion of outreach activities of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 County and District Offices.

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§ 1942.303 Authorities, delegation, and redelegation.

The State Director is responsible for implementing the authorities contained in this subpart and to issue State supplements redelegating these authorities to appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employees. Grant approval authorities are contained in subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter.

§ 1942.304 Definitions.

Project. For rural business enterprise grants, the result of the use of program funds, *i.e.*, a facility whether constructed by the applicant or a third party from a loan made with grant funds, technical assistance, startup operating costs, or working capital. A revolving fund established in whole or in part with grant funds will also be considered a project for the purpose of Intergovernmental and Environmental Review under § 1942.310 (b) and (c), of this subpart as well as the specific uses of the revolving funds. For television demonstration grants, television programming developed on issues of importance to farmers and rural residents.

Regional Commission grants. Grants made from funds made available to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) or other Federal Regional Commissions designated under title V of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

Rural and Rural Area. Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town according to the latest decennial census of the United States.

Rural Business Enterprise (RBE) grants. Grants made to finance and facilitate development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas. Grants are made from FmHA or its successor agency under