

Rural Housing Service, USDA

§ 3570.90

§ 3570.76 Planning, bidding, contracting, and construction.

Planning, bidding, contracting, and construction will be handled in accordance with 7 CFR 1942.9, 1942.18, and 1942.126.

§§ 3570.77–3570.79 [Reserved]

§ 3570.80 Grant closing and delivery of funds.

(a) “Community Facilities Grant Agreement” will be used as the grant agreement between the Agency and the grantee and will be signed by the grantee before grant funds are advanced.

(b) Approval officials may require applicants to record liens or other appropriate notices of record to indicate that personal or real property has been acquired or improved with Federal grant funds and that use and disposition conditions apply to the property as provided by 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, or 3019, as subsequently modified.

(c) Agency grant funds will be disbursed and monitored in accordance with 7 CFR 1942.17(p), 1942.123, and 1942.127.

(d) Grant funds will not be disbursed until they are actually needed by the applicant and all borrower, Agency, or other funds are expended, except when:

(1) Interim financing of the total estimated amount of loan funds needed during construction is arranged,

(2) All interim funds have been disbursed, and

(3) Agency grant funds are needed before RHS or other loans can be closed.

(e) If grant funds are available from other agencies and are transferred for disbursement by RHS, these grant funds will be disbursed in accordance with the agreement governing such other agencies’ participation in the project.

§§ 3570.81–3570.82 [Reserved]

§ 3570.83 Audits.

(a) Audits will be conducted in accordance with 7 CFR 1942.17(q)(4), except as provided in this section.

(b) Grantees who are not required to submit an audit report will, within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year in which any grant funds were ex-

pendent, furnish RHS with annual financial statements, consisting of a verification of the organization’s balance sheet and statement of income and expense report signed by an appropriate official of the organization or other documentation as determined appropriate by the approval official.

§ 3570.84 Grant servicing.

Grants will be serviced in accordance with 7 CFR part 1951, subparts E and O.

§ 3570.85 Programmatic changes.

The grantee shall obtain prior Agency approval for any change to the objectives of the approved project. (For construction projects, a material change in approved space utilization or functional layout shall be considered such a change.) Failure to obtain prior approval of changes to the approved project or budget may result in suspension, refund, or termination of grant funds.

§ 3570.86 [Reserved]

§ 3570.87 Grant suspension, termination, and cancellation.

Grants may be suspended or terminated for cause or convenience in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, or 3019, as applicable.

§ 3570.88 Management assistance.

Grant recipients will be supervised to the extent necessary to ensure that facilities are constructed in accordance with approved plans and specifications and to ensure that funds are expended for approved purposes.

§ 3570.89 [Reserved]

§ 3570.90 Exception authority.

An RHS official may request, and the Administrator or designee may make, in individual cases, an exception to any requirement or provision of this subpart or address any omission of this subpart if the Administrator determines that application of the requirement or provision, or failure to take action in the case of an omission, would adversely affect the Government’s interest.