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### § 1942.129 Borrower supervision and servicing.

Loans under this subpart are subject to the provisions of §1942.17(r) of subpart A of this part 1942 and subpart E of part 1951 of this chapter.

### §§ 1942.130–1942.131 [Reserved]

### § 1942.132 Subsequent loans.

Subsequent loans will be processed under this subpart.

### § 1942.133 Delegation and redelegation of authority.

Loan approval authority is in subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter. State Directors may delegate approval authority to District Directors to approve fire and rescue loans regardless of whether authority to approve other community facility loans is delegated. Except for loan approval authority, District Directors may redelegate their duties to qualified staff members.

### § 1942.134 State supplements and guides.

State Directors will obtain National Office clearance for all State supplements and guides under FmHA Instruction 2006-B (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Office).

(a) *State supplements.* State Directors may supplement this subpart to meet State and local laws and regulations and to provide for orderly application processing and efficient service to applicants. State supplements shall not contain any requirements pertaining to bids, contract awards, and materials more restrictive than those in this subpart.

(b) *State guides.* State Directors may develop guides for use by applicants if the guides to this subpart and subpart A of part 1942 are not adequate. State Directors may prepare guides for items needed for the application; items necessary for the docket; and items required prior to loan closing or construction starts.

### §§ 1942.135–1942.149 [Reserved]

### § 1942.150 OMB control number.

The collection of information requirements in this regulation have

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been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and have been assigned OMB control number 0575–0120.

### Subparts D–F [Reserved]

### Subpart G—Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants

**AUTHORITY:** 7 U.S.C. 1989; delegation of authority by the Secretary of Agriculture, 7 CFR 2.23; delegation of authority by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, 7 CFR 2.70; 5 U.S.C. 301.

**SOURCE:** 45 FR 73637, Nov. 6, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

### § 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 application 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 Public Law 103-354 funds under authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, sec. 310B(c) (7 U.S.C. 1932).

*Small and emerging private business enterprise.* Any private business which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues.

*Technical Assistance.* A function performed for the benefit of a private business enterprise and which is a problem solving activity, such as market research, product and/or service improvement, feasibility study, etc.

*Television demonstration program.* Grants made for television programming developed to demonstrate the effectiveness of providing information on agriculture and other issues of importance to farmers and other rural residents. Grants are made from FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 funds under authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, sec. 310B(j) (7 U.S.C. 1932).

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**§ 1942.305 Eligibility and priority.**

(a) *Eligibility.* (1) RBE grants may be made to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations serving rural areas. Public bodies include States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated town and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other Federally recognized Indian Tribal groups in rural areas.

(2) The end result of the project must finance or develop a small and emerging private business enterprise. The small business receiving assistance