

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

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of applicant's legal existence and authority to provide technical assistance and/or training. The legal opinion will be obtained from the Regional Attorney servicing the area where the applicant's headquarters is located; and

(3) Normally, respond to the applicant within 45 days after December 31 of each year using Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action," indicating the action taken on the preapplication.

(d) Applicants whose preapplications are found to be ineligible will be given notice by use of Form AD-622 and advised of their appeal rights under subpart B of part 1900 of this title.

(e) Applicants who are eligible, but do not have the priority necessary for further consideration will be notified with Form AD-622, which includes the following statements:

"Your proposal cannot be funded within the available funds."

"You are advised against incurring obligations which cannot be fulfilled without Agency funds."

(f) Applicants that are eligible for funding within the available funds will be provided forms and instructions for filing a complete application. Applicants should be advised against incurring obligations which cannot be fulfilled without Agency funds.

(g) Applicants who have filed preapplications for solid waste management grant funds that cannot be funded within the available funds will be notified, using Form AD-622, that their preapplication will not be retained. They will also be notified that they may file a new preapplication when funds again become available using the following statement:

"If the Agency receives funding for the program in FY __, you may file a new preapplication on or after October 1, 19__."

§ 1775.14 Priority.

(a) The preapplication and supporting information will be used to determine the applicant's priority for available funds for the Technical Assistance and Training Grant program. The following specific criteria will be considered in the competitive selection of Technical Assistance and Training Grant recipients:

(1) Applicant's demonstrated capability and past performance in providing technical assistance and/or training to rural associations.

(2) The extent to which the population of the associations served have low income.

(3) Applicant's financial and if applicable, in-kind resource that will maximize use of technical assistance and/or training funds for direct staffing of activities that are delivered to the associations.

(4) The extent to which the project will be cost effective, including but not limited to the ratio of proposed personnel to the cost of the project, the cost per associations served by the project, and the expected benefits from the project.

(5) How well the proposal coincides with the objectives of the Agency's Water and Waste Disposal program authorized in part 1780 of this chapter.

(6) Applicants proposing to serve multi-state, regional, or nationwide areas.

(7) Applicants whose timeframe for completion of the technical assistance and/or training grant project is 12 months or less.

(b) Preapplications received from local governmental-based, multi-jurisdictional organizations for the SWM grant program will be given priority within the available funds.

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§ 1775.16 Application processing.

(a) Upon notification on Form AD-622 that the applicant is eligible for funding, the following will be submitted to the National Office by the applicant:

(1) SF-424.1.

(2) Proposed scope of work detailing the training and/or technical assistance to be accomplished and timeframes for completion of each task.

(3) Proposed budget.

(4) Other requested information needed by the Agency to make a grant award determination.

(b) The following forms and documents will be part of the grant docket:

(1) Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement."

(2) Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."