

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

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the National office and allocated on a project case basis. These funds are not available for obligation by States.

§ 1775.7 Eligibility.

(a) Entities eligible for Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) grants are private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States.

(b) Entities eligible for Solid Waste Management (SWM) grants are nonprofit organizations, including:

(1) Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the IRS; and

(2) Public bodies including local governmental-based multi-jurisdictional organizations.

(c) Applicants for either TAT or SWM grants must also have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations as provided in § 1775.3.

§ 1775.8 Purpose.

(a) Technical Assistance and/or Training Grants may be used to:

(1) Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems of associations in rural areas relating to:

- (i) Source.
- (ii) Storage.
- (iii) Treatment.
- (iv) Distribution.

(2) Identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems of associations in rural areas relating to:

- (i) Collection.
- (ii) Treatment.
- (iii) Disposal.

(3) Assist associations that have filed a preapplication with the Agency in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications.

(4) Provide training to association personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities.

(5) To pay the expenses associated with providing the technical assistance and/or training authorized in paragraphs (a) (1) through (4) of this section.

(b) Solid Waste Management grants may be used to:

(1) Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources.

(2) Provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills.

(3) Provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream.

(4) Provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

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§ 1775.10 Limitations.

Grant funds may not be used to:

(a) Recruit applications for the Agency's water and waste loan and/or any loan and/or grant program.

(b) Duplicate current services, replacement or substitution of support previously provided such as those performed by an association's consultant in developing a project.

(c) Fund political activities.

(d) Pay for capital assets, the purchase of real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately-owned property.

(e) Pay for construction or operation and maintenance costs.

(f) Pay costs incurred prior to the effective date of grants made under this part.

(g) Pay for technical assistance as defined in this part which duplicates assistance provided to implement an action plan funded by Forest Service (FS) under the National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act (7 U.S.C. 6601 note) for 5 continuous years from the date of grant approval by the FS. To avoid duplicate assistance, the grantee shall coordinate with the FS and RUS to ascertain if a grant has been made in a substantially similar geographical or defined local area in a State for technical assistance under the above program.