

## §314.7

mortgage or deed of trust or otherwise be used as collateral or encumbered except to secure a grant or loan made by a State or Federal agency or other public body participating in the same project. This provision does not prevent projects from being developed on previously encumbered property, if the requirements of §314.7(b) are met.

(b) Encumbering project property other than as permitted in this section is an unauthorized use of the property requiring compensation to the Federal Government as provided in §§314.4 and 314.5.

(c) EDA may waive the provisions of §314.6(a) for good cause when EDA determines all of the following:

(1) All proceeds from the grant/loan to be secured by the encumbrance on the property shall be available only to the recipient, and all proceeds from such secured grant/loan shall be used only on the project for which the EDA grant was awarded or on related activities of which the project is an essential part;

(2) The grantor/lender would not provide funds without the security of a lien on the project property; and

(3) There is a reasonable expectation that the borrower/recipient will not default on its obligation.

(d) EDA may waive the provisions of §314.6(a) as to an encumbrance on property which is acquired and/or improved by an EDA grant when EDA determines that the encumbrance arises solely from the requirements of a pre-existing water or sewer facility or other utility encumbrance which by its terms extends to additional property connected to such facilities.

### Subpart B—Real Property

#### §314.7 Title.

(a) The recipient must hold title to the real property required for a project, except in limited cases as provided in paragraph 314.7(c) of this section. Except in those limited cases, the recipient must furnish evidence, satisfactory in form and substance to EDA, that title to real property required for a project (other than property of the United States) is vested in the recipient, and that such easements, rights-of-way, State permits, or long-term

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leases as are required for the project have been or will be obtained by the recipient within an acceptable time as determined by EDA.

(b)(1) The recipient must disclose to EDA all:

- (i) Liens,
- (ii) Mortgages,
- (iii) Other encumbrances,
- (iv) Reservations,
- (v) Reversionary interests, or
- (vi) Other restrictions on title or the recipient's interest in the property.

(2) No such encumbrance or restriction will be acceptable if, as determined by EDA, the encumbrance or restriction will interfere with the construction, use, operation or maintenance of the project during its estimated useful life.

(c) EDA may determine that a long-term leasehold interest for a period not less than the estimated useful life of the project, or an agreement for the recipient to purchase the property, will be acceptable, but only if fee title is not obtainable and the lease or purchase agreement provisions adequately safeguard the Federal Government's interest in the project. Also, EDA may permit the following exceptions to the requirement that the recipient hold title to the real property required for a project.

(1) When a project includes construction within a railroad's right-of-way or over a railroad crossing, it may be acceptable for the work to be completed by the railroad and for the railroad to continue to own, operate and maintain that portion of the project, if required by the railroad, and provided that this is a minor but essential component of the project.

(2) When a project includes construction on a State-owned or local government-owned highway, it may be acceptable for the State or local government to own, operate and maintain that portion of the project, if required by the State or local government, provided that this is a minor but essential component of the project, the construction is completed in accordance with EDA requirements, and the State or local government provides assurances to EDA:

(i) That the State or local government will operate and maintain the improvements for the useful life of the project as determined by EDA;

(ii) That the State or local government will not sell the improvements for the useful life of the project, as determined by EDA; and

(iii) That the use of the property will be consistent with the authorized purpose of the project.

(3) When the authorized purpose of the project is to construct facilities to serve industrial or commercial parks or sites owned by the recipient for sale or lease to private parties, such sale or lease is permitted so long as EDA requirements continue to be met. EDA may require evidence that the recipient has title to the park or site prior to such sale or lease.

(4) When the authorized purpose of the project is to construct facilities to serve privately owned industrial or commercial parks or sites for sale or lease, such ownership, sale or lease is permitted so long as EDA requirements continue to be met. EDA may require evidence that the private party has title to the park or site prior to such sale or lease, and may condition the award of project assistance upon assurances by the private party relating to the sale or lease that EDA determines are necessary to assure consistency with the project purposes.

#### § 314.8 Recorded statement.

(a) For all projects involving the acquisition, construction or improvement of a building, as determined by EDA, the recipient shall execute a lien, covenant or other statement of EDA's interest in the property acquired or improved in whole or in part with the funds made available under the award. The statement shall specify in years the estimated useful life of the project and shall include, but not be limited to disposition, encumbrance, and compensation of Federal share requirements of this part 314. The statement shall be satisfactory in form and substance to EDA.

(b) The statement of EDA's interest must be perfected and placed of record in the real property records of the jurisdiction in which the property is located, all in accordance with local law.

(c) Facilities in which the EDA investment is only a small part of a large project, as determined by EDA, may be exempted from the requirements of this section.

### Subpart C—Personal Property

#### § 314.9 Recorded statement—Title.

For all projects which EDA determines involve the acquisition or improvement of significant items of tangible personal property, including but not limited to ships, machinery, equipment, removable fixtures or structural components of buildings, the recipient shall execute a security interest or other statement of EDA's interest in the property, acceptable in form and substance to EDA, which statement must be perfected and placed of record in accordance with local law, with continuances refiled as appropriate. Whether or not a statement is required by EDA to be recorded, the recipient must hold title to the personal property acquired or improved as part of the project, except as otherwise provided in this part.

#### § 314.10 Revolving loan funds.

(a) With EDA's consent, recipients holding revolving loan fund (RLF) property (including but not limited to money, notes, and security interests) may sell such property or encumber such property as part of a securitization of the RLF portfolio. The net transaction proceeds must be used for additional loans as part of the RLF project;

(b) When a recipient determines that it is no longer necessary or desirable to operate an RLF, the RLF may be terminated; provided that, unless otherwise stated in the award, the recipient must compensate the Federal Government for the Federal share of the value of the RLF property. The Federal share is that percentage of the capitalized RLF contributed by EDA applied to all RLF property, including the present value of all outstanding loans. However, with EDA's prior approval, upon termination the recipient may use for other economic development purposes that portion of such RLF property that EDA determines is attributable to the payment of interest.