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(8) To pay the salaries of any employee or owner of the Borrower, its subsidiaries, or affiliates. This restriction does not prohibit the use of loan or grant funds for printing and similar costs for project feasibility studies it has prepared, commissioned or purchased if specifically approved by the Administrator. This restriction is subject to the operating expense allowance for revolving loan funds set forth in §1703.22 (a)(6);

(9) To fund feasibility studies and technical assistance as set forth in §1703.18 independently of projects which are funded under the zero-interest loan and grant program;

(10) For community antenna television systems or facilities except as provided in §1703.17(d) of this subpart;

(11) For proposed projects located in areas covered by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*); or

(12) For anything other than an approved purpose.

(b) [Reserved]

[59 FR 11707, Mar. 14, 1994, as amended at 59 FR 53930, Oct. 27, 1994]

§ 1703.21 Limitations on the use of zero-interest loan and grant funds.

(a) A borrower may not charge interest for the use of the proceeds of the zero-interest loan provided under this program; however, it may charge reasonable loan servicing charges, reasonable legal fees involved in providing the RUS funds to the recipient, and the amount paid for an irrevocable letter of credit made payable to RUS and issued on behalf of the borrower that guarantees repayment of an RUS zero-interest loan, all as determined by the Administrator. A borrower may require the recipient of a pass-through-loan to provide and/or obtain adequate security for the zero-interest loan funds.

(b) A borrower must calculate any costs to charge in connection with the use of grant funds under this program for the project and must temporarily deposit the grant funds in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015, Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations, and 3016, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, as appropriate. Grant funds will be dis-

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bursed to the Borrower in accordance with §1703.61(b).

(c) A borrower may not make a profit from any zero-interest loan or grant provided from the subaccount, with the exception of the \$500 interest income exclusion in paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) The Borrower may not requisition zero-interest loan funds unless those funds are deposited into the Borrower's RUS construction fund trustee account. The Borrower will be required to set up a separate Federally insured account called the Rural Economic Development Account, if loan funds are not expected to be disbursed within two months after receipt from RUS. All interest earned on temporarily deposited zero-interest loan funds in excess of \$500 per 12-month period must be used for approved purposes or returned to RUS. Interest earned in excess of \$500 per 12 month period and returned to RUS will not be used to reduce the Borrower's principal indebtedness. Grant funds will be disbursed by RUS in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015 and 3016, and §1703.61(b).

(e) The borrower may not condition the receipt of the proceeds of a zero-interest loan or grant under this subpart with the requirement that the recipient take electric or telephone service from the borrower.

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§ 1703.22 Revolving loan program.

Grant funds under this section will be provided only to RUS Borrowers on a non pass-through basis. RUS Borrowers will, in turn, provide loans to foster rural economic development in accordance with this subpart and the specific requirements of this section.

(a) *General.* Grant funds disbursed to RUS Borrowers to establish revolving loan programs under this section are subject to the following requirements:

(1) The uses, restrictions and limitations for zero-interest loans set forth in §§1703.17, 1703.20 and 1703.21 respectively;

(2) Loans made by RUS Borrowers initially lending grant funds disbursed by RUS are limited to types of projects specified in §1703.18 (d), (e), (f), (g) and