

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

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resources by establishing rural forestry and economic diversification action teams which prepare action plans. Action plans are intended to provide opportunities to promote economic diversification and enhance local economies dependent upon national forest resources.

§ 1775.11 Equal opportunity requirements.

The policies and regulations contained in subpart E of part 1901 of this title apply to grants made under this part.

§ 1775.12 Environmental requirements.

The policies and regulations contained in subpart G of part 1940 of this title apply to grants made for the purposes in § 1775.8.

§ 1775.13 Preapplications.

(a) Applicants will file an original and one copy of SF-424.1, "Application for Federal Assistance (For Non-construction)," with the appropriate Agency office between October 1 and December 31 each fiscal year. This form is available in all Agency offices. Applicants proposing to provide technical assistance and/or training in only one State will apply through the appropriate State Office. The State Office will review and forward preapplications, with their recommendations, within seven working days to the National Office, Attention: Water and Waste Disposal. Applicants providing technical assistance and/or training in more than one State will forward the preapplication to the Assistant Administrator, Water and Waste, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, DC 20250. Preapplications for Solid Waste Management grants that cannot be funded in the fiscal year received will not be retained for consideration for funding in the following fiscal year and will be handled as outlined in paragraph (g) of this section.

(b) All preapplications shall be accompanied by:

(1) Evidence of applicant's legal existence and authority in the form of certified copies of organizational documents and a certified list of directors and officers with their respective terms.

(2) Evidence tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

(3) Brief written narrative which includes items such as:

(i) The proposed service(s) to be provided, including the benefits of the technical assistance and/or training.

(ii) Area to be served.

(iii) Name of association(s) or type of association(s) that will be served.

(iv) Median household income of the population to be served by each association(s).

(v) Grantee's experience, including experience of key staff members and person(s) providing the technical assistance and/or training.

(vi) The number of months duration of the project or service and the estimated time it will take from grant approval to beginning of service.

(vii) Method used to select the association(s) that will receive the service.

(viii) Brief description of how the service will be provided, such as, through currently employed personnel or some other method.

(ix) Method to be used for delivery of the service, including personnel to be utilized and tasks to be contracted, if any.

(4) Latest financial information to show the organization's financial capacity to carry out the proposed work. As a minimum, the information should include a balance sheet and an income statement. A current audit report is preferred.

(5) Estimated breakdown of costs including those to be funded by grantee as well as other sources.

(6) Budget and accounting system in place or proposed.

(7) Evaluation method to determine if objective(s) of the proposed activity is being accomplished.

(c) Upon receipt of a preapplication, the National Office will:

(1) Review and evaluate the preapplication and accompanying documents;

(2) Request from the Office of General Counsel (OGC), a legal determination 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