

**§ 1901.652 Goals.**

The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 American Indian Outreach Program is a concerted effort to:

(a) Make all FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs more accessible and available to Indians living on and off reservations.

(b) Surface and attempt to correct problems and obstacles that prevent the participation by eligible Indians and Indian tribes in FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs.

(c) Increase the production level of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loans and grants going to American Indians both on and off reservations.

(d) Provide pamphlets, publications and information on FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs to individual Indians, Indian tribes and Tribal leaders, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) personnel, and other interested groups and individuals.

**§ 1901.653 Field action.**

State Coordinators of Indian activities appointed by State Directors will:

(a) Maintain close liaison with local FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 supervisors and officials serving Indian Populations and reservations;

(b) Work closely with local District, State, and National Office representatives to remove obstacles and solve problems that impede the use of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs on Indian reservations;

(c) Be familiar with all FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loan and grant programs available to Indians living on and off reservations, including the types of security and eligibility requirements;

(d) Be aware of any unique relationship that may exist between Indians and the Federal and State governments affecting Indian participation in the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loan and grant programs;

(e) As necessary, attend pertinent meeting of Indian groups, government agencies, and others concerned with

economic and social development of Indians;

(f) If possible, become personally acquainted with Indian leaders and non-Indians leaders in Indian affairs in the State;

(g) Arrange for the training of members of Indian tribes, individuals, and interested groups involved in Indian affairs, in the packaging and distribution of materials for use in FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loan and grant programs.

**§ 1901.654 FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 publications.**

FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 publications, such as "Rural Credit for American Indians," a handbook of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs, and "FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Credit for American Indians," or other materials to be developed, will be used as supplementary training and informational aids for Indian communities, individuals, governmental agencies, and other groups involved in Indian affairs.

**§ 1901.655 Reports.**

(a) State Directors will keep the National Office advised of any problems and obstacles in FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's procedures relating to Indian laws or customs that cannot be resolved locally and which prevent American Indians from participating in the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs on or off the reservations.

(b) Any changes in personnel serving as State Coordinator of Indian activities will be reported to the National Office.

(c) Each State Director will make a semi-annual memorandum report on January 1 and July 1 of each year on activities and accomplishments in his State. The report will specifically reflect what has been done to carry out the items set forth in § 1901.653. The report will be sent to the National Office, Attention, Coordinator of Indian Activities.