

**§§ 1943.78–1943.82**

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in processing loans to a mutual applicant or borrower. When an SW loan is made at the same time as a loan from another lender, that lender's lien will have priority over the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 lien unless otherwise agreed upon. The lender's lien priority can cover the following in addition to principal and interest: Advances for payment of taxes, property insurance, reasonable maintenance to protect the security, and reasonable foreclosure costs including attorney's fees.

**§§ 1943.78–1943.82 [Reserved]**

**§ 1943.83 Loan approval or disapproval.**

(a) *Loan approval authority.* Initial and subsequent loans may be approved as authorized by subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter, provided:

(1) Section 1943.67 of this subpart, containing loan limitations, is not violated.

(2) No significant changes have been made in the development plan considered by the appraiser when real estate will be taken as security.

(b) *Loan approval action.* (1) The loan approval official must approve or disapprove applications within the deadlines set out in §1910.4 of subpart A of part 1910 of this chapter. The loan approval official is responsible for reviewing the docket to determine whether the proposed loan complies with established policies and all pertinent regulations. When reviewing the docket, the loan approval official will determine that:

(i) The Agency has certified the applicant eligible;

(ii) Funds are requested for authorized purposes;

(iii) The proposed loan is based upon a feasible plan. Planning forms other than Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 432-2, "Farm and Home Plan" may be used when they provide the necessary information.

(iv) The security is adequate;

(v) Necessary supervision is planned; and

(vi) All other pertinent requirements have been met or will be met.

(2) [Reserved]

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**§ 1943.84 Requesting title service.**

When the loan is approved and real estate will serve as security, the County Supervisor will request the applicant to obtain title clearance as provided in subpart B of part 1927 of this chapter, when required if this has not been done. If an option is involved, the applicant will sign and send to the seller Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 440-35, "Acceptance of Option," or other suitable forms.

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**§ 1943.85 Action after loan approval.**

(a) *Requesting check.* If the County Supervisor is reasonably certain that the loan can be closed within 20 working days from the date of the check, loan funds may be requested at the time of loan approval through the field office terminal system. If funds are not requested when the loan is approved, advances in the amount needed will be requested through the field office terminal system. Loan funds must be provided to the applicant(s) within 15 days after loan approval, unless the applicant(s) agrees to a longer period. If no funds are available within 15 days of loan approval, funds will be provided to the applicant as soon as possible and within 15 days after funds become available, unless the applicant agrees to a longer period. If a longer period is agreed upon by the applicant(s), the same will be documented in the case file by the County Supervisor.

(1) When all loan funds can be disbursed at, or within 30 days after loan closing or if the amount of funds that cannot be disbursed does not exceed \$5,000, the total amount of the loan will be requested in a single advance.

(2) When loan funds cannot be disbursed as outlined in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the amount needed to meet the immediate needs of the borrower will be requested through the field office terminal system. The amount of each advance should meet

the needs of the borrower as much as is possible, so the amount in the supervised bank account will be kept to a minimum. The Finance Office will continue to supply Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 440-57 until the entire loan has been disbursed. The County Supervisor should tell the borrower to notify the County Office of amounts needed on a timely basis to avoid delays in receiving loan checks.

(b) *Handling loan checks.* (1) When the loan check or the borrower's personal funds are to be deposited in the designated loan closing agent's escrow account, this will be done no later than the date of loan closing. If loan funds or the borrower's personal funds are to be deposited in a supervised bank account, this will be done in accordance with subpart A of part 1902 of this chapter as soon as possible, but in no case later than the first banking day following the date of loan closing.

(2) If a loan check is received and the loan cannot be closed within 20 working days from the date of the check, the County Supervisor will take appropriate action in accordance with FmHA Instruction 2018-D, (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office). The applicant must agree to a delayed loan closing and the same will be documented in the case file by the County Supervisor.

(3) When a check is returned and the loan will be closed at a subsequent date, another check will be requested in accordance with FmHA Instruction 2018-D, a copy of which may be obtained as stated in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) *Cancellation of loan.* If, for any reason a loan check or obligation will be cancelled, the County Supervisor will take the following actions:

(1) The County Supervisor will notify the State Office of loan cancellation by using Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-10, "Cancellation of U.S. Treasury Check and/or Obligation." The County Office will send a copy of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-10 to the designated attorney, Regional Attorney, or the title insurance company representative providing loan closing instructions to

indicate the loan has been canceled. If a check received in the County Office is to be canceled, the check will be returned as prescribed in FmHA Instruction 2018-D (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office).

(2) Interested parties will be notified of the cancellation as provided in subpart B of part 1927 of this chapter.

(d) *Cancellation of advances.* When an advance is to be cancelled the County Supervisor must take the following actions:

(1) Complete and distribute Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 194-10 in accordance with the FMI.

(2) When necessary, prepare and execute a substitute promissory note reflecting the revised total of the loan and the revised repayment schedule. When it is not possible to obtain a substitute promissory note, the County Supervisor will show on Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 440-57 the revised amount of the loan and the revised repayment schedule.

(e) *Increase or decrease in amount of loan.* If it becomes necessary to increase or decrease the amount of the loan prior to loan closing, the County Supervisor will request that all distributed docket forms be returned to the County Office and reprocessed unless the change is minor and replacement forms can readily be completed and submitted. In the latter case, a memorandum explaining the change will be attached to the revised forms and sent to the Finance Office.

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#### §§ 1943.86-1943.87 [Reserved]

#### § 1943.88 Loan closing actions.

When a loan closing date has been agreed upon, the County Supervisor will notify the borrower of the loan closing date. The following appropriate actions will be taken in connection with, and after loan closing:

(a) *Real estate mortgage loans.* When a loan is to be secured by a real estate mortgage, it will be closed in accordance with the applicable provisions of