

population or an increase in the affordable rental housing supply, for example, a place that experiences the closing of a military base or other major employer.

(e) *List of designated places.* A list of designated places may be obtained by contacting the State Office or any Rural Development office in the state.

(f) *Partnership designated place list.* States with an active leveraging program and formal partnership agreement with the state agency may establish a partnership designated place list consisting of places identified by the partnership as high need areas based on criteria consistent with the Agency's and the state's authorizing statutes. The partnership agreement and partnership designated place list must have the concurrence of the Administrator. Ranking and selection of loan requests for places on the partnership designated place list will be in accordance with §1944.231(b)(3)(iii) and §1944.231(b)(6) of this subpart.

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**§ 1944.230 Application submission deadline and availability of funds.**

(a) *Application submission and funding cycle.* Dates governing the submission and funding cycle of Section 515 loan requests will be published annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be obtained from any Rural Development office.

(b) *Availability of funds.* The amount of funds available for each State, as well as any limits on the amount of individual loan requests, will be published as a notice annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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**§ 1944.231 Processing loan requests.**

(a) *Actions by the applicant.* Loan requests may be submitted for designated areas when the availability of funds is announced. The loan request will consist of an application form prescribed by the Agency and the items listed in exhibit A-7 of this subpart. If an application is selected, the applicant will be required to provide the additional items required by exhibit A-9 of this

subpart within the timeframes established by the Agency.

(b) *Actions by the Agency—(1) Actions by the Agency on loan requests received.* Loan requests received after the deadline announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER will not be considered for funding in that funding cycle and will be returned to the applicant.

(2) *Review and scoring of loan requests.* Loan requests will be reviewed:

(i) To determine if the loan request is complete and includes the additional information required in NOFA;

(ii) To determine if the request is for an authorized purpose; and

(iii) To establish a point score based on the following factors:

(A) The presence and extent of leveraged assistance for the units that will serve RHS income-eligible tenants at basic rents comparable to those if RHS provided full financing. Eligible types of leveraged assistance include loans and grants from other sources, contributions from the borrower above the required contribution indicated by the Sources and Uses Comprehensive Evaluation, and tax abatements or other savings in operating costs provided that, at the end of the abatement period when the benefit is no longer available, the basic rents are comparable to or lower than the basic rents if RHS provided full financing. Scoring will be based on the presence and extent of leveraged assistance for each loan request compared to the other loan requests being reviewed, computed as a percentage of the total development cost of the units that will serve RHS income-eligible tenants. A total monetary value will be determined for leveraged assistance such as tax abatements or services in order to compare such items equitably with leveraged funds. As part of the loan application, the applicant must include specific information on the source and value of the services for this purpose. Proposals will then be ranked in order of the percent of leveraged funds and assigned a point score accordingly. Loan proposals that include secondary funds from other sources that have been requested but have not yet been committed will be processed as follows: the proposal will be scored based on the