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total amount of funds appropriated for and allocated to this program.

§ 1948.56 Program purposes.

(a) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will make grants for assistance to approved designated areas in accordance with criteria contained in this subpart by providing assistance to fill gaps in growth management and housing planning, and to provide supplementary support for acquisition and development of sites for housing and public facilities and services by States, local governments, and councils of local government.

(b) Efforts will be made to provide comprehensive assistance to approved designated areas through the coordination power of the Secretary of Agriculture by utilizing existing plans, State and local programs, and other Federal programs to the maximum extent possible. Particular attention will be given to the utilization of existing FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 authorities under other FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs in conjunction with this subpart for providing assistance to approved designated areas in accordance with the Governor's approved State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.

(c) Where existing plans are unsuitable or nonexistent, and other assistance programs are inadequate or unavailable on a timely basis, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will provide assistance under this subpart to States, councils of local governments, and local governments for the modification, updating, and/or development of growth management and/or housing plans to deal with problems resulting from coal or uranium development within approved designated areas according to the criteria contained in this subpart.

(d) Where needed, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will provide assistance for the development of sites and/or the acquisition of sites for housing and public facilities and services within approved designated areas according to the criteria contained in this subpart. Such assistance for site development and acquisition

will be made in accordance with FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approved plans and State Investment Strategies for Energy Impacted Areas in accordance with the criteria contained in the subpart.

(e) At the request of the Governor of the appropriate State, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will take action to acquire real property directly for sites for housing and/or public facilities and services in accordance with procedures set forth in this subpart.

(f) At the request of the Governor of the appropriate State, where neither the State nor local government has power to do so for this purpose, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may take action through condemnation to acquire real property for sites necessary for housing, public facilities, or services.

§ 1948.57 Eligible activities.

Grant Funds may be used for:

(a) The preparation of growth management and/or housing plans (or aspects thereof) for which financial resources are not available for approved designated areas as set forth in the grant agreement, including but limited to:

(1) One hundred percent of the total cost of developing growth management and/or housing plans.

(2) One hundred percent of the cost of developing aspects of growth management plans and/or housing plans including but not limited to:

- (i) Sewer plans;
- (ii) Water plans;
- (iii) Recreation plans;
- (iv) Transportation plans;
- (v) Education plans; and
- (vi) Subdivision plans.

(3) Payment of salaries of professional, technical, and clerical staff to carry out growth management and housing planning and evaluation;

(4) Payment of necessary reasonable office expenses such as office rental, office utilities, and office equipment rental;

(5) Purchase of office supplies;