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agency under Public Law 103-354 executes the grant agreement.

(7) Paying any debts, expenses, or costs which should be the responsibility of the individual families receiving technical and supervisory assistance.

(8) Any type of political activities.

(9) Other costs including contributions and donations, entertainment, fines and penalties, interest and other financial costs, legislative expenses and any excess of cost from other grant agreements.

(b) Advice and assistance may be obtained from the National Office where ineligible costs are proposed as part of the TSA project or where a proposed cost appears ineligible.

(c) The grantee may not charge fees or accept compensation or gratuities from TSA recipients for the grantee's assistance under this program.

**§ 1944.521 [Reserved]**

**§ 1944.522 Equal opportunity requirements.**

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

**§ 1944.523 Other administrative requirements.**

The following policies and regulations apply to grants made under this subpart:

(a) The policies and regulations contained in subpart F of part 1901 of this chapter regarding historical and archaeological properties.

(b) The policies and regulations contained in subpart G of part 1940 of this chapter regarding Environmental Assessments.

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**§ 1944.524 [Reserved]**

**§ 1944.525 Targeting of TSA funds to States.**

(a) The Administrator will determine, based on the most current available information (generally that information used to determine the allocation to States of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 hous-

ing loan funds), those States with the highest degree of substandard housing and persons in poverty in rural areas eligible to receive FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 housing assistance. The Administrator will distribute a portion of the available funds for TSA to these States, leaving the balance available for national competition.

(b) The Administrator will provide annual notice through a published Notice on the distribution of appropriated TSA funds, the number of preapplications to be submitted to the National Office from the State Offices, and the maximum grant amount per project.

**§ 1944.526 Preapplication procedure.**

(a) *Preapplication submission.* (1) All applicants will file an original and two copies of SF 424.1, "Application for Federal Assistance (For Non-construction)," and supporting information detailed below with the appropriate District Office serving the proposed TSA area. A preapplication packet including SF 424.1 is available in all District and State Offices.

(i) The applicant will provide informational copies of the preapplication to the County Supervisor(s) of the area to be served by the TSA project at the time of submittal to the appropriate District Office.

(ii) If the TSA area encompasses more than one District Office, the preapplication will be filed at the District Office which serves the area in which the grantee will provide the greatest amount of TSA efforts. Additional informational copies of the preapplication will be sent by the applicant to the other affected District Office(s).

(2) All preapplications shall be accompanied by the following information which will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility to undertake a TSA program and to determine whether the applicant might be funded.

(i) A narrative presentation of the applicant's proposed TSA program, including:

- (A) The technical and supervisory assistance to be provided;
- (B) The time schedule for implementing the program;