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Department of Agriculture, herein called "FmHA," or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 amends the Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grant Agreement" between the parties hereto dated _____ 19____, hereinafter called the "Agreement."

Said Agreement is amended by changing the ending date specified in paragraph 2 of part B of the Agreement from _____ to _____ and/or by making the following changes noted in the attachments hereto: (List and identify proposal and any other documents pertinent to the grant which are attached to the Amendment.)

Agreed to this _____ day of _____ 19____.

(Name of Grantee)
By _____
(Signature)

(Title)
United States of America
By _____

(Signature)
(Title)

Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354

(Date)

**EXHIBIT E TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—
GUIDE LETTER TO DELINQUENT
FMHA OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY
UNDER PUBLIC LAW 103-354 SINGLE
FAMILY HOUSING LOAN BORROWERS**

Dear _____
(name of borrower):

This is to advise you that (name of TSA grantee) is available to provide independent counseling services to Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 borrowers in need of financial management assistance. These services may assist you in resolving your present delinquency in your housing loan.

This organization is prepared to provide financial and budget counseling at no charge to you. Their counseling services include advice on debt levels and credit purchases, consumer and cost awareness, debt adjustment procedures, and other financial information and services.

You are urged to take advantage of this program. However, your participation is voluntary and does not relieve you of any of your loan obligations to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 or limit the remedies FmHA or its successor

agency under Public Law 103-354 has to bring your loan current or recover the loan in full. Any plan altering your repayment schedule in any way must be approved by this office. However, it is our intention to work with you and the counseling organization in every way we can to resolve your delinquency.

If you want to participate in this program, please sign the attached copy of this letter and return it to this office. At that time we will advise (name of TSA grantee) that you are interested in their services and provide them with the information they need to contact you. Only information available to the general public will be released.

We are sure you agree that it is in your interest to make every effort to bring your account current. We look forward to your return of the attached copy of this letter.

Sincerely,
County Supervisor
Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354
Enclosure

(On attached copy only:)
I desire to participate in the counseling program with (name of TSA grantee).

Borrower

Date

Subparts L-M [Reserved]

Subpart N—Housing Preservation Grants

SOURCE: 58 FR 21894, Apr. 26, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1944.651 General.

(a) This subpart sets forth the policies and procedures for making grants under section 533 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1490(m), to provide funds to eligible applicants (hereafter also referred to as grantee(s)) to conduct housing preservation programs benefiting very low- and low-income rural residents. Program funds cover part or all of the grantee's cost of providing loans, grants, interest reduction payments or other assistance to eligible homeowners, owners of single or multiple unit rental properties or for the benefit of owners (as occupants) of consumer cooperative housing projects (hereafter also referred to as co-ops). Such assistance will be used to reduce the cost of repair and rehabilitation, to

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remove or correct health or safety hazards, to comply with applicable development standards or codes, or to make needed repairs to improve the general living conditions of the resident(s), including improved accessibility by handicapped persons. Such assistance will be used to reduce the cost of repair and rehabilitation, to remove or correct health or safety hazards, to comply with applicable development standards or codes, or to make needed repairs to improve the general living conditions of the residents, including improved accessibility by persons with a disability. Individual housing that is owner occupied may qualify for replacement housing when it is determined by the grantee that the housing is not economically feasible for repair or rehabilitation.

(b) The Rural Housing Service (RHS) will provide Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) assistance to grantees who are responsible for providing assistance to eligible persons without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status, or disability.

(c) The preapplication must only address a proposal to finance repairs and rehabilitation activities to individual housing or rental properties or co-ops. Any combination proposal will not be accepted.

(d) Any processing or servicing activity conducted pursuant to this subpart involving authorized assistance to RHS employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this chapter. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an RHS employee.

[58 FR 21894, Apr. 26, 1993, as amended at 62 FR 26208, May 13, 1997]

§ 1944.652 Policy.

(a) The policy of RHS is to provide HPG's to grantees to operate a program which finances repair and rehabilitation activities to individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops for very low- and low-income persons. Individual housing that is owner occupied may qualify for replacement housing when it is determined by the grantee

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that the housing is not economically feasible for repair or rehabilitation. Grantees are expected to:

(1) Coordinate and leverage funding for repair and rehabilitation activities, as well as replacement housing, with housing and community development organizations or activities operating in the same geographic area; and

(2) Focus the program on rural areas and smaller communities so that it serves very low and low-income persons.

(b) RHS intends to permit grantees considerable latitude in program design and administration. The forms or types of assistance must provide the greatest long-term benefit to the greatest number of persons residing in individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops needing repair and rehabilitation or replacement of individual housing.

(c) Repairs and rehabilitation or replacement activities affecting properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places will be accomplished in a manner that supports national historic preservation objectives as specified in § 1944.673.

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§ 1944.653 Objective.

The objective of the HPG program is to repair or rehabilitate individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by very low- and low-income rural persons. Grantees will provide eligible homeowners, owners of rental properties, and owners of co-ops with financial assistance through loans, grants, interest reduction payments or other comparable financial assistance for necessary repairs and rehabilitation. Further, individual housing that is owner occupied may qualify for replacement housing when it is determined by the grantee that the housing is not economically feasible for repair or rehabilitation, except as specified in § 1944.659.

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§ 1944.654 Debarment and suspension—drug-free workplace.

(a) For purposes of this subpart, exhibit A of RD Instruction 1940-M