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**Daniel Whitley,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS–22–BUSINESS–0029]

#### Notice of Processing Timeline Change for the Rural Energy for America Program for Fiscal Year 2024

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (the Agency) is issuing a notice of the Agency's intention to remove the self-imposed restriction that all Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 applications that are submitted under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) prior to June 30, 2024, and were not funded in the national unrestricted pooling competitions, must be withdrawn. The Agency is also updating its approach for application reviews. This Notice also outlines the Agency's prioritization of Underutilized Renewable Energy Technologies (UT) in National Office competitions for FY 2024.

**DATES:** Applicable July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You are encouraged to contact your United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) State Energy Coordinator well in advance of the application deadline to discuss your project and ask any questions about the application process. Contact information for State Office Energy Coordinators can be found at [www.rd.usda.gov/files/RBS\\_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf](http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RBS_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf).

Program guidance and application forms may be obtained at [www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/energy-programs](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/energy-programs). To submit

an electronic application via [grants.gov](http://grants.gov), follow the instructions for the REAP funding announcement located at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Burns, Program Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 774–678–7238 or email [CPgrants@usda.gov](mailto:CPgrants@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Extension for REAP FY 2024 Applications

The Agency published two funding opportunity notices and a correction notice in the **Federal Register** for REAP for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. The first funding notice was published December 16, 2022 (87 FR 77059). The second funding notice was published March 31, 2023 (88 FR 19239), and the correction notice was published May 31, 2023 (88 FR 34823). The second funding notice and the correction notice are applicable to applications received on or after April 1, 2023 (FY 2024). The two notices state that obligations will take place through September 30, 2024, and complete and eligible applications which were not funded in the national unrestricted pooling must be withdrawn.

Due to the continued overwhelming response of the funding opportunity, the Agency continues to experience longer than anticipated turnaround times. The Agency recognizes this may negatively affect applicants and, to provide equitable treatment, the self-imposed deadline on the national unrestricted pooling competitions for FY 2024 will be extended. The Agency will continue processing FY 2024 applications, those received through June 30, 2024, until December 31, 2024. Unlike many prior years, National Office pooling of Unrestricted Funding is estimated to occur within the first quarter of the 2025 calendar year.

Applications received by June 30, 2024, that remain incomplete on January 1, 2025, will be withdrawn. Unfunded applications from the national competitions will not be moved into the FY 2025 funding cycle and must be withdrawn. Those applicants may submit a new application to compete in FY 2025 competition(s) if they have not already started their project or incurred project costs.

##### Agency Approach for Application Reviews

To maximize efficiency and address the backlog of applications, the Agency will use the following processing

procedures effective on the publication date of this Notice.

##### Completeness Application Review

If an application does not meet the definition of complete application, according to 7 CFR 4280.103, the Agency will send a notification identifying those parts of the application that are incomplete and no further action will be taken on the application.

The Agency will give 15 business days for applicants to provide the missing documentation. The application will be withdrawn, and the applicant notified if the required documentation is not received within the 15 business days or if the information submitted by the deadline is insufficient.

Application processing will continue if all documentation is received timely and is sufficient to meet the definition of a complete application.

##### Eligibility Review for Complete Applications

The Agency will review for applicant and project eligibility and financial and technical feasibility. If the Agency requires additional clarification or documentation, the Agency will send a notification and give 15 business days for the applicant to provide the information.

The application will be withdrawn, and the applicant notified if the required information is not received within the 15 business days or if the information submitted by the deadline is insufficient.

Application processing will continue if all information is received timely and is sufficient for determining applicant and project eligibility. The applicant will then receive a notification of the eligibility review outcome.

##### Prioritization of Underutilized Renewable Energy Technologies (UT)

To carry out the Inflation Reduction Act's intention to have set aside competition for UT, the Agency anticipates holding National Office competitions, exclusively for projects proposing the use of UT. These National Office competitions are anticipated to be held through the end of FY 2024, as needed.

In addition, the FY 2024 National Office Unrestricted pooled competition will first consider funding project proposing the use of UT in accordance with the March 31, 2023, REAP NOSA (88 FR 19239). This Unrestricted National Office pooled competition is

anticipated to be held within the first quarter of calendar year 2025.

**Kathryn E. Dirksen Londrigan,**  
Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No.: RHS–24–CF–0022]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Community Facilities Grant Program; OMB Control No.: 0575–0173

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Community Facilities Grant Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 13, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions," enter the following docket number: (RHS–24–CF–0022), and click the "Search" Button. To submit public comments, select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert your comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if applicable). Input your email address and select an identity category then click "Submit Comment." Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MaryPat Daskal, Chief, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–7853. Email [MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320)

implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that will be submitted to OMB for extension.

*Title:* 7 CFR 3570–B, "Community Facilities Grant Program."

*OMB Control Number:* 0575–0173.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 28, 2025.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.82 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Public bodies, nonprofit corporations and associations, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,272.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 7.60.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 9,671.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,680 hours.

*Abstract:* Community Programs, a division of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), is part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development mission area. The Agency is authorized by Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926), as amended, to make grants to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to develop essential community facilities and services for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, child care, hospitals, clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings, and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, consultants, lenders, and public entities. The collection of information is considered the minimum necessary to effectively evaluate the overall scope of the project.

Failure to collect information could have an adverse impact on effectively carrying out the mission, administration, processing, and program requirements.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Rural Development Innovation Center, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–6780. Email [kimble.brown@usda.gov](mailto:kimble.brown@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become matter of public record.

**Joaquin Altoro,**

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No.: RHS–24–CF–0021]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Fire and Rescue Loans; OMB Control No.: 0575–0120

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Fire and Rescue Loans.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 13, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions," enter the following docket number: (RHS–24–CF–0021), and click the "Search" Button. To submit public