

Rural Utilities Service
Weather Radio Transmitter
Grant Program
Fiscal Year 2001

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***Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program
Application***

(Please Print or Type)

Applicant Information:

Applicant's Legal Name: _____

Non-Profit Organizational Structure:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local or State Governmental Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Federally-recognized Indian Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RUS Electric or Telecommunications Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address: _____

Grant Information:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Grant Funds Requested | _____ |
| Matching Funds | _____ |
| Other Supplemental Funding | _____ |
| Total Project Cost | _____ |

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Site Location:

| Detailed Transmitter Description (Including Manufacturer) | Site Name | County | State | Projected Coverage Area* |
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The estimated signal coverage footprint from the transmitter must cover at least 60% of the hypothetical site area. The hypothetical site area is the area included within a circle with a 45-mile radius around a proposed rural transmitter site on the NOAA Weather Radio site listing, as published in the Notice of Funds Availability on April 4, 2001.

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Community Need (Please provide a detailed discussion of the community's need for the proposed system. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.):

Environmental Impact (Please provide a description of the internal modifications or equipment additions, the size of the site in hectares, and the general nature of the proposed use of the facilities once the project is completed including any hazardous materials to be used, created or discharged, any substantial amount of air emissions, wastewater discharge, or solid waste that will be generated. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.):

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Grant Limitations Per Site

| Site Name (a) | Community Population (b) | Per Capita Income* (c) | Project Cost (d) | Allowable Grant Percentage (e) | Matching Fund Percentage (f) = (100 - e) | Eligible Grant Amount (d x e) | Matching Funds Required (d x f) |
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| | | | | | | <u>Allowable Grant Percentage</u> | |
| If Community Population is 12,000 or less and Per Capita Income is less than \$36,000 | | | | | | 75 | |
| If Community Population is 20,000 or less and Per Capita Income is less than \$38,000 | | | | | | 65 | |
| If Community Population is 50,000 or less and Per Capita Income is less than \$40,000 | | | | | | 55 | |
| * Obtain from the Bureau of Economic Analysis website at: http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis/ | | | | | | | |
| ** Not to exceed \$80,000. | | | | | | | |

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Matching Funds:

| Site Name | Contributor's Name (If Applicant, So State) | Description | Amount |
|-----------|--|-------------|--------|
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Attach all binding commitments from the applicant and the tower and site owners, if other than the applicant, that tower space and electrical power utilized as matching funds will be provided, irrespective of changes in ownership of the facilities, without charge for the life of the transmitter. If tower and equipment building space, donated power, communications, or standby power are utilized as matching funds, please provide the calculation of each value in the space below:

Donated Equipment:

Donated Power:

Other:

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Budget:

| Equipment Description | Quantity | Unit Cost | Total | RUS Grant Funds Requested | Matching Funds |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Site Name: | | | | | |
| Total Site Cost | | | | | |
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| Site Name: | | | | | |
| Total Site Cost | | | | | |
| Total Project Costs | | | | | |

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Funding Certification

The _____ (Grantee), as a prospective recipient under the Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program, certifies that:

- a. It will execute a grant agreement containing technical and other standards satisfactory to RUS;
- b. It is unable to finance a new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio Transmitter from its own resources, or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms, or other funding sources without grant assistance.
- c. The transmitter(s) covers the specified percentage of the hypothetical site area for each of the following:

| Site Name | Percentage of Hypothetical Site Area |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |

(Date)

(Signature)

(Type or Print Name)

(Title)

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Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Certification

All grants made under the Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program are subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (7 CFR Part 15); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 7 CFR Part 15b); and Age Discrimination of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*; 45 CFR Part 90); and as amended by Executive Order 11375 Amending Executive Order 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity (3 CFR, 1966, 1970 Comp., p. 684).

All recipients of financial assistance from RUS, the prospective primary participant commits to carry out RUS' established policy to comply with the requirements of the above laws and executive orders to the effect that no person in the United States shall, "on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program.

The _____ (Grantee)
hereby certifies that, as a prospective recipient under the said Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program, it will comply with the above reference laws and executive orders.

(Date)

(Authorized Representative's Signature)

(Name Typed or Printed)

(Title)

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Certificate Regarding Architectural Barriers

All facilities financed with RUS grants that are open to the public, or in which physically handicapped persons may be employed or reside, must be designed, constructed, and/or altered to be readily accessible to, and usable by handicapped persons. Standards for these facilities must comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4151 *et seq.*) and with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), (Appendix A to 41 CFR subpart 101-19.6).

As a prospective primary participant recipient of financial assistance from RUS, this organization commits to carry out RUS' established policy to comply with the requirements of the above referenced law to the effect that all facilities must be readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons.

The _____ (Grantee) hereby certifies, that, as a prospective recipient under the Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program, it is in compliance, or will be in compliance upon completion of the project, with the above referenced law.

(Date)

(Authorized Representative's Signature)

(Name Typed or Printed)

(Title)

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Certificate Regarding Flood Hazard Area Precautions

If the project is located in an area subject to flooding, flood insurance must be provided to the extent available and required under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 through 4128). If applicable, the insurance must cover, in addition to the buildings, any machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in the buildings. RUS will comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management (3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 117), and 7 CFR 1794.41, of this chapter in considering the application for the project.

Please check the appropriate line below:

- ___ a) The project is not located in a 100 year flood plain; therefore, no Flood Insurance is required.
- ___ b) The project is located in a 100 year flood plain and the required insurance is or will be provided by:

The _____ (Grantee) hereby certifies, that, as a prospective recipient under the Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program, it is in compliance, or will be in compliance during construction and/or installation of equipment and upon completion of the project, with the above referenced law.

(Date)

(Authorized Representative's Signature)

(Name Typed or Printed)

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***Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition
Policies Act of 1970 Certification***

The _____ (Grantee) assures that it will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (Uniform Act), 42 U.S.C. 4601-4655, and with implementing Federal regulations in 49 CFR Part 24 and 7 CFR Part 21.

Specifically, the _____ (Grantee) assures that:

Whenever Federal financial assistance is used to pay for any part of the cost of a program or project which will result in the displacement of any person:

- (a) Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons in accordance with sections 202, 203, and 204 of the Uniform Act;
- (b) Relocation assistance programs offering the services described in section 205 of the Uniform Act shall be provided to displaced persons; and
- (c) Within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings will be available to displaced persons in accordance with section 205(c) (3) of the Uniform Act.

Date

(Authorized Representative's Signature)

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***Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
Alternative I – For Grantees Other than Individuals***

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*), 7 CFR Part 3017, Subpart F, Section 3017.600, Purpose. The January 31, 1989, regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990, Federal Register (pages 21681-21691). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the grant.

ALTERNATIVE I

- A. The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than 5 calendar days after such conviction;
 - (e) Notifying the Agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 - (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

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(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance:

Street Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Organization Name

Authorized Representative's Signature

Date

Name Typed or Printed

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***Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other
Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions***

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' Responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, Federal Register (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed transaction.

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for Debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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***Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants,
Loans, and Cooperative Agreements***

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant or loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. (Copies of this form may be obtained from RUS.)
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Federal Obligations Certification on Delinquent Debt

IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? _____ YES _____ NO

Note: Example of debts include, but are not limited to, delinquent taxes, guaranteed or direct government loans (more than 31 days past due) and other administrative debts.

If Yes, provide explanatory information.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION
FEDERAL COLLECTION POLICIES FOR COMMERCIAL DEBT

The Federal Government is authorized by law to take any or all of the following actions in the event that a borrower's loan payments become delinquent or the borrower defaults on its loan: (1) Report the borrower's delinquent account to a credit bureau; (2) Assess additional interest and penalty charges for the period of time that payment is not made; (3) Assess charges to cover additional administrative costs incurred by the Government to service the borrower's account; (4) Offset amounts owed to the borrower under other Federal programs; (5) Refer the borrower's debt to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against any amount owed to the borrower as an income tax refund; (6) Refer the borrower's account to a private collection agency to collect the amount due; and (7) Refer the borrower's account to the Department of Justice for litigation in the courts.

All of these actions can and will be used to recover any debts owed when it is determined to be in the interest of the Government to do so.

Certification

I have read and understand the actions the Federal Government can take in the event that I fail to meet my scheduled payments in accordance with the terms and conditions of my agreements.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Date: _____

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