

Grant Agreement
Technical Assistance
and Training

This agreement is between _____
(name), _____

_____ (address), (Grantee) and the United States of America acting through the Rural Utilities Service (Grantor or Agency). Grantee has determined to undertake certain Technical Assistance and/or Training at an estimated cost of \$ _____ and has duly authorized such activity. Grantee shall finance \$ _____ of the costs through cash and in-kind contributions. The Grantor agrees to grant to Grantee a sum not to exceed \$ _____ subject to the terms and conditions established by the Grantor; provided, however, that the proportionate share of any grant funds actually advanced and not needed for grant purposes shall be returned immediately to the Grantor. The Grantor may terminate the grant in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the Grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant. In consideration of said grant by Grantor to Grantee, to be made pursuant to Section 306 (a)(16)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 USC 1926 (a)) for the purpose of defraying technical assistance and/or training costs as permitted by applicable Agency regulations:

Part A

Grantor and Grantee agree:

1. This agreement shall be effective when executed by both parties.
2. The scope of work described by the applicant in Exhibit 1 shall be completed within _____ days from the date of this agreement.
3. Use of grant funds for travel which is determined as being necessary to the program for which the grant is established may be subject to the travel policies of the Grantee institution if they are uniformly applied regardless of the source of funds in determining the amounts and types of reimbursable travel expenses of Grantee staff and consultants. Where the Grantee institution does not have such specific policies uniformly applied, the Federal Travel Regulations shall apply in determining the amount charged to the grant.

The information collected through the grant agreement is required to obtain a Technical Assistance and/or Training grant and is used to determine that the grant funds are used for authorized program purposes.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0112. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Grantee may purchase furniture and office equipment only if specifically approved in the scope of work. Approval will be given only when Grantee demonstrates that purchase is necessary. Commercial purchase under these circumstances will be approved only after consideration of Federal supply sources.

(a) Expenses and Purchases Excluded:

- (i) In no event shall the Grantee expend or request reimbursement from Federal-share funds for obligations entered into or for costs incurred or accrued prior to the effective date of this grant.
- (ii) Funds budgeted under this grant may not be used for entertainment expenses or to fund political activities.
- (iii) Funds budgeted under this grant may not be used to pay for capital assets, the purchase of real estate or vehicles, improve or renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately-owned property.
- (iv) Recruit applications for the Agency's water and waste loan and/or grant program.
- (v) Duplicate current services, replacement, or substitution of support previously provided.

(b) Grant funds shall not be used to replace any financial support previously provided for or assured from any other source. The Grantee agrees that the general level of expenditure by the Grantee for the benefit of program area and/or program covered by this agreement shall be maintained and not reduced as a result of the Federal share funds received under this grant.

4. Grant funds will be disbursed by the Agency on a reimbursement basis not to exceed one advance every 30 days. The financial management system of the recipient organization shall provide for effective control over and accountability for all funds, property and other assets.

(a) As needed, but not more frequently than once every 30 days, an original and one copy of Standard Form (SF) 270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement" may be submitted to the Agency.

(b) Grantee shall provide satisfactory evidence to the Agency that all officers of Grantee organization authorized to receive and/or disburse Federal funds are covered by such bonding and/or insurance requirements as are normally required by the Grantee.

(c) Where the Grantee shall have claimed credit for contributions-in-kind to the total cost of allowable expenses, the evaluation of such contributions-in-kind shall be subject to reevaluation by the Grantor at any time, and any deficiency so determined by the Grantor shall be compensated by supplemental contributions by the Grantee as a condition for further disbursements by the Grantor. Specific procedures for establishing the value of in-kind contributions from third parties established in OMB Circular A-110 will govern such an evaluation. Principles for determining cost are set forth in OMB Circular A-122 and will be used in cost evaluation.

(d) If for any reason grant funds are invested, income earned on such investments shall be identified as interest income on grant funds and forwarded to the Finance Office, Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), St. Louis, Missouri.

5. The Grantee will submit Performance and Financial reports as indicated below:

(a) Quarterly, an original and one copy of SF 269, "Financial Status Report," SF 272, "Federal Cash Transactions Report," (due 30 calendar days after end of quarter) and a Project Performance report according to the schedule below:

Period	Date Due
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(b) Final, an original and 1 copy of SF 269, and a Project Performance report (due 90 calendar days after end of last quarter) according to the schedule below:

Due Date

Note: Final reports may serve as the last quarterly reports.

(c) The original and 1 copy of reports and forms are to be submitted to the Assistant Administrator, Water and Waste, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250.

6. The budget covered by this agreement is:

(a)

Federal Contribution	
Grantee Contribution:	
Cash	
In-Kind	
TOTAL	

(b) Budget.

Budget Categories		Federal Funds	Non-Federal Share		Total
Direct Charges			Cash	In-Kind	
1	Personnel				
2	Fringe benefits				
3	Travel				
4	Equipment				
5	Supplies				
6	Contractual				
7	Other				
	Total Direct Charges				
	Total				

(c) In accordance with OMB Circular A-122, compensation for employees will be considered reasonable to the extent that such compensation is consistent with that paid for similar work in the organization's other activities or is comparable to that paid for similar work in the labor markets in which the organization completed for the employees involved.

(d) In accordance with OMB Circular A-110, Attachment J, transfers among direct cost budget categories of more than 5 percent of the total budget must have prior written approval by the Assistant Administrator, Water and Waste, Rural Utilities Service.

7. Grantee responsibility.

(a) The scope of work is described in the attachment to this Bulletin. The Grantee accepts responsibility for providing technical assistance and/or establishing and implementing a training program as set forth in scope of work. The Grantee shall:

- (i) Identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas.
- (ii) Provide technical assistance and/or training to improve operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas.
- (iii) Assist rural communities that have decided to submit an application for the Agency's Water and Waste Disposal grant program in preparing such application.
- (iv) Provide continuing information to the Agency on the status of Grantee programs, projects, related activities, and problems.

(b) The Grantee shall inform the Grantor as soon as the following types of conditions become known:

(i) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially affect the ability to attain program objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules or goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken or contemplated, and any Grantor assistance needed to resolve the situation.

(ii) Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals sooner than anticipated or producing more work units than originally projected.

Part B

Grantee agrees:

1. To comply with property management standards established by Attachment N of OMB Circular A-110 for expendable and nonexpendable personal property. "Personal property" means property of any kind except real property. It may be tangible--having physical existence--or intangible--having no physical existence, such as patents, inventions, and copyrights. "Nonexpendable personal property" means tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$300 or more per unit. A Grantee may use its own definition of nonexpendable personal property provided that such definition would at least include all tangible personal property as defined above. "Expendable personal property" refers to all tangible personal property other than nonexpendable property. When nonexpendable tangible property is acquired by a Grantee with project funds, title shall not be taken by the Federal Government but shall be vested in the Grantee subject to the following conditions:

(a) Right to transfer title. For items of nonexpendable personal property having a unit acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more, The Agency may reserve the right to transfer the title to the Federal Government or to a third party named by the Federal Government when such third party is otherwise eligible under existing statutes. Such reservation shall be subject to the following standards:

(i) The property shall be appropriately identified in the grant or otherwise made known to the Grantee in writing.

(ii) The Agency shall issue disposition instructions within 120 calendar days after the end of the Federal support of the project for which it was acquired. If the Agency fails to issue disposition instructions within the 120 calendar day period, the Grantee shall apply the standards of Part B 1. (b) and (c) of this bulletin.

(iii) When the Agency exercises its right to take title, the personal property shall be subject to the provisions for federally owned nonexpendable property discussed in Part B 1. (b) and (c) of this bulletin.

(iv) When title is transferred either to the Federal Government or to a third party and the Grantee is instructed to ship the property elsewhere, the Grantee shall be reimbursed by the benefiting Federal agency with an amount which is computed by applying the percentage of the Grantee participation in the cost of the original grant project or program to the current fair market value of the property, plus any reasonable shipping or interim storage costs incurred.

(b) Use of other tangible nonexpendable property for which the Grantee has title.

(i) The Grantee shall use the property in the project or program for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal funds. When it is no longer needed for the original project or program, the Grantee shall use the property in connection with its other Federally sponsored activities, in the following order of priority:

(1) Activities sponsored by the Agency.

(2) Activities sponsored by other Federal agencies.

(ii) Shared use. During the time that nonexpendable personal property is held for use on the project or program for which it was acquired, the Grantee shall make it available for use on other projects or programs if such other use will not interfere with the work on the project or program for which the property was originally acquired. First preference for such other use shall be given to projects or programs sponsored by the Agency second, preference shall be given to projects or programs sponsored by other Federal agencies. If the property is owned by the Federal Government, use on other activities not sponsored by the Federal Government shall be permissible if authorized by the Agency. User charges should be considered if appropriate.

(c) Disposition of other nonexpendable property. When the Grantee no longer needs the property as provided in Part B 1. (b) of this bulletin, the property may be used for other activities in accordance with the following standards:

(i) Nonexpendable property with a unit acquisition cost of less than \$1,000. The Grantee may use the property for other activities without reimbursement to the Federal Government or sell the property and retain the proceeds.

(ii) Nonexpendable personal property with a unit acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more. The Grantee may retain the property for other use provided that compensation is made to the Agency or its successor. The amounts of compensation shall be computed by applying the percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the original project or program to current fair market value of the property. If the Grantee has no need for the property and the property has further use value, the Grantee shall request disposition instructions from the original Grantor agency.

(iii) The Agency shall determine whether the property can be used to meet the agency's requirements. If no need exists within the Agency, the General Services Administration's Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) will be used by the Agency to determine whether a need for the property exists in other Federal agencies. The Agency shall issue instructions to the Grantee no later than 120 days after the Grantee request and the following procedures shall govern:

(1) If so instructed or if disposition instructions are not issued within 120 calendar days after the Grantee's request, the Grantee shall sell the property and reimburse the Agency an amount computed by applying to the original project or program. However, the Grantee shall be permitted to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$100 or ten percent of the proceeds, whichever is greater, for the Grantee's selling and handling expenses.

(2) If the Grantee is instructed to dispose of the property other than as described in Part B 1. (b) and (c) of this bulletin, the Grantee shall be reimbursed by the Agency for such costs incurred in its disposition.

(3) Property management standards for nonexpendable property. The Grantee's property management standards for nonexpendable personal property shall include the following procedural requirements:

(d) Property records shall be maintained accurately and shall include:

(i) A description of the property.

(ii) Manufacturer's serial number, model number, Federal stock number, national stock number, or other identification number.

(iii) Sources of the property including grant or other agreement number.

(iv) Whether title vests in the Grantee or the Federal Government.

(v) Acquisition date (or date received, if the property was furnished by the Federal Government) and cost.

(vi) Percentage (at the end of the budget year) of Federal participation in the cost of the project or program for which the property was acquired. (Not applicable to property furnished by the Federal Government.)

(vii) Location, use and condition of the property, and the date the information was reported.

(viii) Unit acquisition cost.

(ix) Ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sales price or the method used to determine current fair market value where a Grantee compensates the Federal agency for its share.

(e) Property owned by the Federal Government must be marked to indicate Federal ownership.

(f) A physical inventory of property shall be taken and the results reconciled with the Property records at least once every two years. Any differences between quantities determined by the physical inspection and those shown in the accounting records shall be investigated to determine the causes of the difference. The Grantee shall, in connection with the inventory, verify the existence, current utilization, and continued need for the property.

(g) A control system shall be in effect to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss; damage, or the theft of nonexpendable property shall be investigated and fully documented; if the property was owned by the Federal Government, the Grantee shall promptly notify the Agency.

(h) Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in good condition.

(i) Where the Grantee is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures shall be established which would provide for competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible return.

(j) Expendable personal property shall vest in the grantee upon acquisition. If there is a residual inventory of such property exceeding \$1,000 in total aggregate fair market value, upon termination or completion of the grant and if the property is not needed for any other federally sponsored project or program, the Grantee shall retain the property for use on nonfederally sponsored activities, or sell it, but must in either case compensate the Federal Government for its share. The amount of compensation shall be computed in the same manner as nonexpendable personal property.

2. To provide Financial Management Systems which will include:

(a) Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each grant. Financial reporting will be on an accrual basis.

(b) Records which identify adequately the source and application of funds for grant-supported activities. Those records shall contain information pertaining to grant awards and authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays, and income.

(c) Effective control over and accountability for all funds, property and other assets. Grantees shall adequately safeguard all such assets and shall assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

(d) Accounting records supported by source documentation.

3. To retain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the grant for a period of at least three years after grant closing except that the records shall be retained beyond the three-year period if audit findings have not been resolved. The Grantor and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Grantee which are pertinent to the specific grant program for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts.

4. Provide an audit report prepared in accordance with OMB Circular A-110, Attachment F, within 90 days after project completion.
5. To account for and to return to Grantor interest earned on grant funds pending their disbursement for program purposes. See Part A 4.(d) of this bulletin.
6. Not to encumber, transfer, or dispose of the property or any part thereof, furnished by the Grantor or acquired wholly or in part with Grantor funds without the written consent of the Grantor except as provided in Part B 1 of this bulletin.
7. To provide Grantor with such periodic reports as it may require of Grantee operations by designated representative of the Grantor.
8. To execute Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement," and to execute any other agreements required by Grantor to implement the civil rights requirements.
9. That, upon any default under its representations or agreements set forth in this instrument, Grantee, at the option and demand of Grantor, will to the extent legally permissible, repay to the Grantor forthwith the original principal amount of the grant stated herein above, with interest accruing thereon from the date of default at the market rate for water and waste loan assistance in effect on the date hereof or at the time the default occurred. Default by the Grantee will constitute termination of the grant thereby causing cancellation of Federal assistance under the grant. The provisions of this Grant Agreement may be enforced by the Grantor, at its option and without regard to: (a) prior waivers by it of previous defaults of Grantee, (b) by judicial proceedings to require specific performance of the terms of this Grant Agreement, (c) by such other proceedings in law or equity, in either Federal or State courts, as may be deemed necessary by Grantor to assure compliance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement and, (d) the laws and regulations under which this grant is made.
10. That no member of Congress shall be permitted any share or part of this grant or any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to bar as a contractor under the Grant a private nonprofit organization whose membership might include a member of Congress.
11. That all nonconfidential information resulting from its activities shall be made available to the general public on an equal basis.
12. That the purpose and scope of work for which this grant is made shall not duplicate programs for which monies have been received, are committed, or are applied for from other sources, public and private.
13. That the Grantee shall relinquish any and all copyrights and/or privileges to the materials developed under this grant, such material being the sole property of the Federal Government. In the event anything developed under this grant is published in whole or in part, the material shall contain notice and be identified by language to the following effect: "The material is the result of tax-supported research and as such is not copyrightable. It may be freely reprinted with the customary crediting of the source."

14. That the Grantee shall abide by the policies promulgated in OMB Circular A-110, Attachment O, which provides standards for use by Grantees in establishing procedures for the procurement of supplies, equipment, and other services with Federal grant funds.

15. To the following termination provisions:

(a) Termination for cause. The Grantor agency may terminate any grant in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, wherever it is determined that the Grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant. The Grantor agency shall promptly notify the Grantee in writing of the determination and the reasons for the termination, together with the effective date. Grants can be terminated for cause such as: failure to use funds for authorized purposes, poor progress, untimely reports, no progress, and failure to properly account for expenditures or property.

(b) Termination for convenience. The Grantor agency or Grantee may terminate grants in whole, or in part, when both parties agree that the continuation of the project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination's, the portion to be terminated. The Grantee shall not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The Grantor agency shall allow full credit to the Grantee for the Federal share of the noncancelable obligations, properly incurred by the Grantee prior to termination. Disposition of expandable and nonexpendable personal property will be in accordance with the standards of Part. B 1. of this bulletin.

16. As a condition of this grant or Cooperative Agreement, the recipient assures and certifies that it is in compliance with and will comply in the course of the Agreement with all applicable laws, regulations, Executive Orders and other generally applicable requirements, including those set out in 7 CFR 3015.205 b, which hereby are incorporated in this Agreement by reference, and such statutory provisions as are specifically set for herein.

Part C

Grantor Agrees:

1. That it will assist Grantee, within available appropriations , with such technical assistance as Grantor deems appropriate in planning the project.

2. That at its sole discretion, Grantor may at any time give any consent, deferment, subordination, release, satisfaction, or termination of any or all of Grantee's grant obligations, with or without valuable consideration, upon such terms and conditions as Grantor may determine to be (a) advisable to further the purposes of the grant or to protect Grantor's financial interest therein, and (b) consistent with both the statutory purposes of the grant and the limitations of the statutory authority which it is made.

This agreement is subject to current Grantor regulations and any future regulations not inconsistent with the express terms hereof.

Grantee on _____, _____, has caused this agreement to be executed by its
duly authorized _____ and attested and its corporate seal affixed by
its duly authorized _____,

Attest:

Grantee

By _____
(Title)

Grantor
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

By _____

(Title)