

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Solution for Funding Opportunity Announcement” (0503-00028)

TITLE: Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.

USDA Agency: Farm Service Agency.

PURPOSE: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) anticipates providing a minimum of \$300,000,000 to be available for the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program through this funding opportunity (FO). USDA is committed to funding projects that support a diverse set of farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners (producers) on the edge moving them from surviving to thriving as they address core barriers to attain land, capital, and market access. This is a one-time-funding, and the agreements are for a 5 year period.

The primary focus of this funding opportunity is to strengthen land access with additional opportunities to focus on capital access and market access for use in agriculture. The ability to access capital and markets allows landowners and operators to retain access to their lands or seek new lands/expansion of existing operations. These issues are inextricably intertwined. Projects must focus on strengthening land access with at least one of the following related areas of concern:

USDA will also entertain project applications that extend or expand existing projects that are distinct and complementary to existing USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs. USDA will achieve this goal by funding organizations, to be known as Awardees, that will develop and run programs that are designed to align with and respond to land, capital, and market access needs of the target audience while concurrently providing wraparound technical assistance to ensure that program participants have the information, training, and customized support they require.

To start, FSA received applications for the grants, using the following forms in the Grants.gov: Request for Advance or Reimbursement (OMB #4040-0012), SF-270, Application for Federal Assistance (OMB #4040-0020), SF-424, Budget Information for Non-Construction (OMB #4040-0006), Federal Financial Report (OMB # 4040-0014) SF-425/SF425A, and Certificate Regarding Lobby (OMB #4040-0013) and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (OMB # 4040-0013), SF-LLL.

USDA will now submit the Request for Common Forms (RCFs) in ROCIS for the additional information collection for the applications.

Due to the number of cooperative agreements that will be awarded, we will start the process for the full 3-year approval for the resulting future information collection from awardees, for example progress reports.

ANNOUNCEMENT DATES: August 24, 2022. The acceptance of application was closed by 11/18/2022. FSA anticipates making selections by late winter 2022/2023 and expects to execute awards by spring 2023.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

Grant.

Cooperative agreement.

Other: _____

Announcement:

Notice of Funding of Opportunity (NOFO).

Grants.gov

Other: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify this grant or cooperative agreement to be true:

Yes. No.

The application documents were collected from the applicants (grantees) with the application (Grants.gov).

This Gen IC is requesting approval for the Notification of Award (Signature Only) issues to the applicants to grant the award.

BURDEN HOURS/FORMATS/REPORTING

	Forms number or None	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden hours per responses	Total Burden hours
Notification of Award (Signature Only)	FSA-ADS-093	112	1	112	0.50	56
TOTAL Burden Hours				112		56