



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Farmers
Home
Administration

Washington
D.C.
20250

FmHA AN No. 1973 (1940)

August 25, 1989

■
SUBJECT: Procedures for Processing Fiscal Yearend
Obligations of Loan Authorizations

TO: State Directors
Assistant Administrator, Finance Office

Purpose/Intended Outcome

This administrative notice (AN) provides guidelines to assure that all fiscal yearend loan and grant obligations are timely and properly recorded in the Finance Office records and that borrowers are officially notified by the field offices of loan and grant approval by close of business (COB) on September 30, 1989.

Implementation Responsibilities

The following procedures MUST BE FOLLOWED in processing all loan and grant obligation requests.

1. All obligation requests, including interest rate buydowns, must be processed through the FmHA field office terminal system NO LATER THAN the dates shown in the following paragraphs. Obligation transactions entered through the field office terminals that show up as rejections on October 2, 1989, must not be reprocessed until the National Office advises you that fiscal year 1990 funding authority is available.
2. Obligation requests for loan and grant programs requiring a 6-workday reservation of funds must be processed through the field office terminal system no later than September 21, 1989, to comply with the 6-workday reservation of funds requirement. Reprocessing of obligation transactions that show up as rejections on September 22, 1989, must be approved/coordinated through the appropriate program division in the National Office as the obligation date will be September 30, 1989, and the reservation of funds would be less than 6 workdays.
3. All interest rate buydowns approved during fiscal year 1989 must be entered through the field office terminal system no later than September 30, 1989, to assure a date of obligation within the same fiscal year as approval date. This procedure is required because of automated system enhancements applicable to interest rate buydowns.

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 1989

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding FmHA Instruction 1940-G



Farmers Home Administration is an Equal Opportunity Lender.
Complaints of discrimination should be sent to:
Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

4. Obligation requests for all other loans and grants must be processed through the field office terminal system no later than COB September 30, 1989. The terminal system will be available on Saturday, September 23, 1989, and Saturday, September 30, 1989, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. central time. The Finance Office User Training Support Section will be staffed on Saturday, September 30, 1989, to resolve any problems related to the manuscripting or discrepancy correcting of obligation transactions.

5. Requests for cancellation of loan and grant obligations with related voucher cancellations for loan and grant programs requiring a 6-workday reservation of funds must be received in the Finance Office no later than September 13, 1989. Obligation-only cancellations entered through the field office terminal system must be processed by COB September 15, 1989. These cutoff dates will ensure that funds are available for processing other obligation requests to comply with the 6-workday reservation of funds requirement.

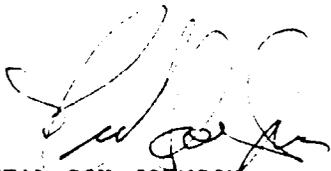
6. Requests for cancellation of loan and grant obligations with related voucher cancellations for all other loans and grants must be received in the Finance Office no later than September 20, 1989. Obligation-only cancellations entered through the field office terminal system must be processed by COB September 22, 1989. It is important to submit cancellation requests as far in advance of the cutoff dates as possible to ensure the funds are available for processing other obligation requests.

7. Forms FmHA 424-4, Request for Compensation for Construction Defects, must be received in the Finance Office no later than September 15, 1989, to ensure payment by September 30, 1989. Any unprocessed Forms FmHA 424-4 in the Finance Office as of October 1, 1989, will be retained for processing from fiscal year 1990 funds.

All loan and grant applicants should be notified that loan and/or grant approval is subject to the availability of funds.

For control purposes and for purposes of keeping the unprocessed inventory of obligation transactions at a manageable level, field offices may continue to manuscript obligation transactions through the field office terminals after September 30, 1989. However, until you are advised that fiscal year 1990 funding authority is available, the transactions should be entered leaving the process code as "C," which will cause the transactions to be held in suspense. After you are notified that funding authority has been received and you determine that you want to process the transactions, change the process code of "C" to "P."

The State Director should advise other personnel as appropriate.



NEAL SOX JOHNSON
Acting Administrator