

For: FSA Offices

FY 2000 Funding for Operating Under a Continuing Resolution

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Overview

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Background**

The President has signed a Continuing Resolution for FY 2000 effective October 1 through October 21, 1999. Conference action on a regular USDA appropriations bill for FY 2000 is nearing completion, but some time may elapse before the Act is signed by the President. FSA will operate under provisions of the Continuing Resolution until the regular appropriation is enacted. Additional instructions for full-year operations will be issued at that time.

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Purpose**

This notice:

- provides guidance for FSA operations during the Continuing Resolution period
- issues initial County Office administrative check limitations for administrative expenses through October 21, 1999 (Exhibit 1).

2 Guidance

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SSB**

FSA is awaiting specific USDA guidance on SSB during the period of the Continuing Resolution. However, unless a full-year appropriations bill including authority for the operation of SSB (or the absence of a prohibition) is enacted before the expiration of the Continuing Resolution, it would appear that agencies can take no special actions regarding SSB.

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Disposal Date November 1, 1999	Distribution All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices
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FLP Funds

The following FLP funds will be held in the National Office Reserve:

- direct and guaranteed farm ownership
- direct operating
- guaranteed operating with interest assistance.

Emergency loans may be obligated as loans are approved in designated areas.

Allocations of direct and guaranteed operating loan funds, provided by the Emergency Supplemental (Pub. L. 106-31), are available for use in FY 2000.

State allocations of direct and guaranteed operating loan funds, both subsidized and unsubsidized, which were not obligated in FY 1999, will be allocated to State Offices for immediate use in FY 2000. These funds will be in addition to the State's FY 2000 allocation provided in the annual appropriations process.

For guaranteed operating unsubsidized loan funds, an amount authorized under the Continuing Resolution through October 21, 1999, will be entered into the Appropriation Accounting System.

For contractual and noncontractual program loan costs, all funds will be held in the National Reserve.

Any funds allotted from October 1 through October 21, 1999, will be considered part of the State's annual allocation for FY 2000.

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Appropriated Programs

Obligations and payments for ECP and DIPP are authorized using carryover unobligated balances brought forward from FY 1999. State Offices may request new allocations from available FY 2000 funding at the National level.

State Mediation Grant funds provided under the Continuing Resolution will be held at the National level. Further instructions on FY 2000 obligations for this program will be forthcoming. FY 1999 TAP funds expired for obligation purposes on September 30, 1999.

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CCC-Funded Programs

Full CRP rental and C/S payments will be made. Do not make payments until instructions for making FY 2000 CRP rental payments are provided in a forthcoming CRP notice.

Continue making:

- EQIP and Farmland Protection Program payments for prior FY's

Note: FY 2000 EQIP allocations will be issued at a later date.

- WRP payments for FY 1999 and prior FY's

Note: FY 2000 WRP payments should not be issued until further instructions are received.

- other CCC program payments with no restrictions.
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Salaries and Expenses

Operating costs at the National Office, State Offices, and Field Offices, such as travel and training, may continue at necessary levels in advance of specific allotments. Offices should prudently monitor all administrative obligations while operating under the Continuing Resolution.

See Notice FI-2393 for instructions about travel during the Continuing Resolution period. **Travel associated with consent decree activities**, such as details into Washington, DC, should be charged as follows:

- non-Federal travel will be charged to the County Office Administrative check limitation
- FLP State Office employees' travel will be charged to the **new** Farm Loan Washington-Controlled travel index code using the **new** project code "DN"

Note: The new index codes can be found on BBS in the Travel, State, and Actech Forums.

- FP State Office employees' travel will be charged to the Washington-Controlled travel index code using the **new** project code "DN".
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Salaries and Expenses (Continued)

Non-Federal County Office allotments are being issued to State Offices based on the current on-board employment in County Offices as of September 11, 1999. Check limitation is being issued on a per-day basis through a 15 workday period. State Offices should subdivide the allotment to County Offices as they have done in past years issuing only check limitation for payroll expenses and nonpayroll expenses through pay period 20.

Starting with pay period 21, County Offices shall issue only nonpayroll expense checks because payroll will be transmitted via the PC-TARE system to NFC beginning on October 25, 1999. State Offices shall estimate and allot check limitations to County Offices only for **all other nonpayroll expenses for pay period 21**. After pay period 20 and continuing throughout FY 2000, check limitations for personnel costs and withholdings and agency contributions will **not** be issued to individual County Offices, but will be monitored by the State Offices and National Office.

County Offices shall enter check limitations in the CCC-514 ledger as they have normally done. This will allow County Offices to continue to use the automated ledger system and the County Office Expense (COE) system for all nonpayroll expenses. The COE report will continue to be prepared by KCMO and distributed to State Offices, County Offices, and the National Office for all nonpayroll expenses.

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3 Action

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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- determine the amount of **check** limitation needed in FY 2000 during the period of the Continuing Resolution in individual County Offices to pay administrative expenses:
 - including payroll expense through pay period 20
 - excluding payroll expense in pay period 21
 - advise County Offices, by a State notice:
 - to open FY 2000 CCC-514 by recording initial check limitation through option 6, "Check Limitation and Ledger Control", on Menu NAA000
 - that FY 2000 CCC-184's issued before receiving the initial allotment will be applied to the total allotment
 - promptly advise KCMO, on FSA-510, of the initial check limitation issued to County Offices
 - advise BUD, in writing, through EDSO, of any needed adjustments in check limitation, including the reasons for the adjustment.
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FY 2000 Initial County Office Allocations

FY 2000 COUNTY OFFICE CHECK LIMITATION			
STATE	FY 2000 CHECK LIMITATION	STATE	FY 2000 CHECK LIMITATION
ILLINOIS	\$1,373,000	ALABAMA	\$511,000
INDIANA	833,000	ARKANSAS	582,000
IOWA	1,511,000	FLORIDA	298,000
MICHIGAN	697,000	GEORGIA	767,000
MINNESOTA	1,093,000	KENTUCKY	881,000
MISSOURI	1,093,000	LOUISIANA	468,000
OHIO	837,000	MISSISSIPPI	716,000
WISCONSIN	838,000	NORTH CAROLINA	1,026,000
TOTAL MWA	\$8,275,000	PUERTO RICO	33,000
CONNECTICUT	\$44,000	SOUTH CAROLINA	380,000
DELAWARE	28,000	TENNESSEE	762,000
MAINE	114,000	VIRGINIA	582,000
MARYLAND	136,000	TOTAL SEA	\$7,006,000
MASSACHUSETTS	64,000	ARIZONA	\$110,000
NEW HAMPSHIRE	53,000	CALIFORNIA	451,000
NEW JERSEY	70,000	COLORADO	343,000
NEW YORK	457,000	HAWAII	35,000
PENNSYLVANIA	511,000	KANSAS	1,430,000
RHODE ISLAND	7,000	NEVADA	49,000
VERMONT	80,000	NEW MEXICO	168,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	3,000	OKLAHOMA	757,000
WEST VIRGINIA	232,000	TEXAS	2,223,000
TOTAL NEA	\$1,799,000	UTAH	160,000
ALASKA	\$21,000	TOTAL SWA	\$5,726,000
IDAHO	352,000	TOTAL ALL AREAS	\$27,408,000
MONTANA	629,000		
NEBRASKA	1,152,000		
NORTH DAKOTA	870,000		
OREGON	248,000		
SOUTH DAKOTA	890,000		
WASHINGTON	274,000		
WYOMING	166,000		
TOTAL NWA	\$4,602,000		

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