

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice BU-723

For: FSA Offices

FY 2011 Funding for Operating Under a Continuing Resolution (CR)

Approved by: Associate Administrator for Operations and Management



1 Overview

A Background

On September 30, 2010, the President signed Pub. L. 111-242, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, which includes a CR to fund the operations of agencies such as USDA that lack regular appropriations at the beginning of FY 2011. CR is effective October 1, 2010, through December 3, 2010, or until a regular appropriations act is in place.

B Purpose

This notice provides general guidance for FSA operations during the CR period.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2011	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Guidance

A FLP Funds

Direct operating, farm ownership, and conservation loan funds will be held in the National Office reserve. Approved loans in the Direct Loan System with "Funds Not Available" status will receive funding contingent upon availability of National Reserve funds.

The following funds may be obligated as loans are approved:

- guaranteed operating, unsubsidized
- guaranteed farm ownership
- guaranteed operating with interest assistance
- guaranteed conservation loans.

Once carryover balances are apportioned by OMB, emergency loans may be obligated as loans are approved in designated areas.

Any funds allotted from October 1, 2010, through December 3, 2010, will be considered part of the State's annual allocation for FY 2011.

B Appropriated Programs

Obligations and payments for ECP are authorized using the carryover unobligated balance brought forward from FY 2010.

Obligations and payments for DIPP are authorized using the carryover unobligated balance brought forward from FY 2010. State Offices may request new allocations from available FY 2011 funding at the National Office level.

Funds provided under CR for the State Mediation Grant, Grassroots Source Water Protection, and Reforestation Pilot Programs will be held at the National Office level. Further instructions on FY 2011 obligations for these programs will be forthcoming.

C CCC-Funded Programs

Full CRP rental and C/S payments will be made. Instructions for making FY 2011 CRP rental payments are provided in Notice CRP-676.

Continue making other CCC program payments with no restrictions.

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2 Guidance (Continued)

D National, State, and Field Office Salaries and Expenses

During the CR period the entire Agency must operate within 17-53 percent of the total FY 2010 salaries and expenses (S&E) appropriated level. Many non-discretionary costs must be covered during the CR within the limited funding availability. Offices are instructed to operate using fiscally responsible management decisions. Discretionary activities such as travel, training, or the purchase of supplies should be limited to mission critical operations. Offices should also be aware that House and Senate action on the appropriations bills so far indicate that full year appropriations may be below the requested level which would impact full year allotment levels. Any funds obligated from October 1, 2010, through December 3, 2010, will be charged against the full year allotment.

The distribution amounts and specific guidance for the FY 2011 S&E allotments will be issued in the future.

Note: Offices shall review additional guidance provided in the following:

- Notice FI-2998 for instructions about travel during the CR period
- Notice BU-720 for instructions about FY 2011 lines of accounting
- Notice BU-721 for instructions on reviewing FY 2011 accounting data in WebTA
- Notice BU-722 for instructions on completing T&A data for pay period 20 in WebTA.