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New York State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 477-6419.

North Carolina State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873-2062.

North Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, PO Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502, (701) 250-4771.

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South Carolina State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-5690.

South Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 308, 200 Fourth Street, SW, Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-1132.

Tennessee State Office, Suite 300, 3322 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203-1071, (615) 783-1375.

Texas State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (817) 774-1305.

Utah State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Room 5438, Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-3242.

Vermont State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-6020.

Virgin Islands (Served by Vermont State Office)

Virginia State Office, Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287-1582.

Washington State Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW., Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512-5717, (360) 704-7707.

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West Virginia State Office, Federal Building, 75 High Street, Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505-7500, (304) 291-4793.

Wisconsin State Office, 4949 Kirschiling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 345-7620.

Wyoming State Office, 100 East B, Federal Building, Room 1005, PO Box 820, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 261-6315.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue M. Harris-Green, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, USDA, Stop 0781, Room 5337, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1606. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N provides details on what information must be contained in the preapplication packages. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. Eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants include State and local governments, nonprofit corporations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia of eligible entities.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.433, Rural Housing Preservation Grants. This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V). Applicants are referred to 7 CFR §§ 1944.674 and 1944.676 (d) and (e) for specific guidance on these requirements relative to the HPG program.

The funding instrument for the HPG program will be a grant agreement. The term of the grant can vary from 1 to 2 years, depending on available funds and demand. No maximum or minimum grant levels have been established; although, based on fiscal year (FY) 1998 funding availability, the Agency anticipates that the average grant will be \$75,000 for a 1-year proposal. For FY 98, \$10,820,000 is available and has been distributed under a formula allocation to States pursuant to 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L, "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds." Decisions on funding will be based on the preapplications, and notices of action on the preapplications should be made no earlier than 66 days prior to the closing date.

December 15, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Interest Rate for FY 1998 RUS Cost-of-Money Loans and Maximum Amount of an RUS Cost-of-Money or Rural Telephone Bank Loan for FY 1998

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces that interest rates on cost-of-money loans approved during fiscal year (FY) 1998 may exceed the 7 percent per year statutory limit, and also announces the maximum loan amount that may be made available to a single borrower in FY 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken B. Chandler, Acting Assistant Administrator-Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, Room 4056, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that under Title III of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998 (Appropriations Act of 1998) (Pub. L. 105-86, November 18, 1997), the interest rate for RUS cost-of-money loans approved during FY 1998 may exceed the 7 percent per year ceiling established by Pub. L. 103-129 (see 7 CFR 1735.31(c)(1)). The Appropriations

Act of 1998 removes the 7 percent interest rate ceiling for loans made during FY 1998 only (October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998).

Further, in accordance with 7 CFR 1610.6(d) and 1735.31(d), RUS has determined the maximum amount of an application for an RUS cost-of-money or Rural Telephone Bank loan that will be considered for funding during FY 1998 as \$30,000,000 and \$17,500,000, respectively.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: FY 1997 DLT applications receiving financial assistance.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 1997, in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 32434) the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announced availability of fiscal year 1997 funds for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Loan and Grant Program to promote modern telecommunication interconnectivity to educational and medical facilities in rural areas. By providing matching grants and loans for information infrastructure projects, this

program will help develop a nationally integrated public network accessible to rural as well as urban areas. This Notice announces the applications receiving financial assistance in response to the June 13, 1997, solicitation (7 CFR 1703.113).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Claffey, Acting Director, Advanced Telecommunications Services Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Telephone: (202) 720-0530. Fax: (202) 720-2734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of 50 applications from 26 states will receive financial assistance for distance learning and telemedicine projects. The total financial assistance provided by the DLT program for these projects in fiscal year 1997 is \$10.2 million in grants and loans.

DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM—1997 RECIPIENTS

State	Type*	Project name
100% Grant		
AK	M	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.
AZ	E	Tohono O'odham Nation.
CA	E	School of Public Health, UCLA.
CA	E	Visible Light, Inc. d/b/a Rain Network.
HI	M	Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital.
KS	M	Horton Health Foundation.
LA	M	Tri-Ward General Hospital.
LA	M	Lower Cameron Hospital Service District.
LA	E	Northwestern State University of Louisiana.
LA	E	South Central Planning and Development Commission.
MN	E	Board of Regents of the U. & C.C. of Minnesota.
MO	M	Boone Hospital Center.
MS	M	Delta Rural Health Network of Mississippi.
MS	E	Mid-Mississippi Delta Consortium.
NC	E	North Carolina Technological Development Authority.
NC	E	University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
NM	E	Northern New Mexico Community College.
NY	E	Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES.
OK	M	Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital.
OK	M	Holdenville General Hospital.
OK	E	Kiamichi Valley Distance Learning.
OR	E	Kalamath Community Development Corporation.
SD	M	Fund for the Advancement of Med. Education & Research.
TX	E	Austwell-Tivoli Independent School District.
TX	M	Chaparral Health Clinic.
TX	E	Fort Hancock Independent School District.
TX	E	Morton Independent School District.
TX	E	Panola College.
TX	E	Southwest Texas Junior College.
Combination Grant/Loan		
CA	E	State Center Community College District.
IL	M	Mason Hospital District.
IN	M	The Midwest Center for Rural Health (MCRH).
KY	M	Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc.
KY	M	Murray-Calloway County Hospital.
LA	E	Ascension Parish Library.
MI	E	Cheboygan Area Schools.
MI	M	Scheurer Hospital.
MN	M	First Care Medical Services.
NC	E	Mountain Area Health Education Foundation, Inc.
NC	E	Piedmont Community College.
NE	M	Bergan Mercy Foundation.
NM	E	Des Moines Municipal School.
NV	E	Nye County School District.