

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Utilities Service****Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; maximum amount of financial assistance available and minimum number of points required for a loan.

SUMMARY: The rural Utilities Service is announcing the maximum amount of financial assistance to be made available to an individual recipient, and the

minimum number of points required for a loan application to be immediately processed for fiscal year (FY) 1997 for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 7 CFR 1703.108, RUS has determined the maximum amount of an application for a grant that will be considered for funding during FY 1997 as \$300,000, and the maximum amount for a loan that will be considered for funding during FY 1997 as \$3,000,000.

RUS has also determined that for FY 1997 the minimum number of points

required for a loan application to be immediately processed is 94 points (7 CFR 1703.113). Only completed applications meeting the minimum points requirement and determined by RUS to be feasible will be immediately processed.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* and 950aaa *et seq.*, Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

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