

For: State and County Offices

FSFL Program FY 2014 Apportionment

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The FSFL Program:

- receives an apportionment each FY to fund FSFL’s for the upcoming FY

Notes: To date, the FSFL apportionment for FY 2014 has **not** been received.

Currently, the sequestration does **not** apply to the FY 2014 FSFL Program.

- is subject to the Antideficiency Act. This Act, at 31 U.S.C. 1341 (a)(1), prohibits:
 - an employee of the U.S. Government from making or authorizing an expenditure or obligation exceeding an amount available for the expenditure or obligation
 - engaging the Government in any obligation to issue payment **before** funds have been appropriated for the payment.

Note: The Antideficiency Act imposes administrative and penal sanctions on employees who violate the provisions of this Act.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices:

- that FSFL apportionment for FY 2014 will **not** be available on October 1, 2013, which is the beginning of FY 2014
- that FY 2014 FSFL’s **must not** be approved by the authorized approval authority until the apportionment is available, to comply with the provisions of the Antideficiency Act
- of the procedure to follow for approving FSFL’s when the FY 2014 FSFL apportionment is received.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2014	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact

If there are any questions about this notice, contact Toni Williams, PSD, by 1 of the following:

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2 Action

A County Office Action

Until the FY 2014 FSFL apportionment is received, FSFL approval authorities (COC or STC) shall:

- **not** approve any FY 2014 FSFL CCC-185's

Note: This does **not** affect FSFL's approved in FY 2012 and FY 2013. FY 2012 and FY 2013 loan disbursements can continue in the normal manner. The approval authority may also approve increases to FY 2012 and FY 2013 obligations, if necessary.

- remind applicants who authorize delivery, site preparation, or construction actions without an approved CCC-185 of the following:

- approval and funding is **not** guaranteed
- applicant is starting construction at their own risk and without creating any liability on behalf of CCC

- be aware that any FSFL's approved between October 1, 2013, and September 30, 2014, are FY 2014 loans, even though CCC-185 may have been submitted during FY 2013.

Note: CCC-185's submitted on or before September 30, 2013, but **not** approved by September 30, 2013, must be re-entered into the FSFL software with FY 2014 FSFL number when authorization is provided. Both policy and software will **not** allow FY 2013 CCC-185 to have an approval date in FY 2014. The approval date must match the FY of CCC-185. The NRRS FSFL application fee code "XXFSFLFEES" must also be re-recorded with the new FY 2014 number.

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2 Action (Continued)

A County Office Action (Continued)

When FY 2014 FSFL apportionment is received, COC's shall:

- be notified that funding is available
- review and approve all pending CCC-185's on which they are the **sole** approval authority

Note: FY 2014 FSFL's **cannot** have an approval date during the time period when funding was unavailable.

- approve pending CCC-185's, after DD review, all CCC-185's with the total principal amount between \$100,000.01 and \$250,000
- forward to STC for approval all CCC-185's with a total principal amount between \$250,000.01 and \$500,000
- forward all applicable applications referenced in 1-FSFL, paragraph 11 to STC for referral to DAFP
- **not** notify applicants, by any means, of loan approval or approval interest rate until FY 2014 apportionment is received and the obligation has been returned to the County Office.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that all County Offices and COC's are:

- aware that FY 2014 FSFL funding is **not** available
- following the provisions of this notice and that FY 2014 FSFL's are **not** being approved until funding is available
- aware of the implications of the Antideficiency Act.

C National Office Action

The National Office will immediately notify State and County Offices by notice when:

- FY 2014 FSFL apportionment is available
- approval of FY 2014 FSFL's may begin.