



Rural Development

December 16, 2024

Rural Utilities Service

1400 Independence Ave SW,  
Room 4121 Stop 1590  
Washington, DC 20250

TO: Ms. Stephanie Krell  
Administrator  
QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency  
511 Washington St.  
The Dalles, OR, 97058-2231

SUBJECT: Re: Grants.gov Application # GRANT14236711

Dear Ms. Krell:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is pleased to inform QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency that its proposal in the amount of \$240,000.00 for a Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) award has been selected for funding.

Please review, sign and return the attached Cooperative Agreement to RUS within thirty (30) days or notify RUS if there are any errors with respect to information provided by the agency. Otherwise, the standard agreement is non-negotiable.

Through the receipt of federal funds, the RUS reminds QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency of its accountability and compliance obligations with civil rights laws as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, 89 Fed. Reg. 52012 (June. 21, 2024), for which it applied to the BTA Program.

Additionally, before the award funds can be disbursed, you must:

- Complete and return the attached FMMI Vendor Code Request Form
  - Please note: When completing the attached FMMI Vendor Form, the Banking Information listed must match the banking information associated with the awardees System for Award Management (SAM) account. Please visit <https://sam.gov/> to view your organizations bank account information and ensure it is consistent with your completed FMMI Vendor Form. Note: SAM is not part of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and we are unable to directly assist with any SAM.gov updates.
- Execute and return the attached Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."
  - Please note: Both the recipient and attest lines in the Form RD 400-4 need to be signed by different individuals in your organization. The seal is not required.

Please indicate acceptance of this award by having the appropriate authorized or designated official sign and return this letter by email to:

Ms. La'Kenya Walter, Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Policy and Outreach Division  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Stop 1590, Room 4121, South Building  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250-1590  
Email: SM.Telecom.TA@usda.gov

If you have any questions concerning the conditions set forth above, please email SM.Telecom.TA@usda.gov.

Finally, although we are very glad to be making this award, we would appreciate it if you did not announce this award offer until USDA makes a formal announcement of your acceptance of the award.

We look forward to working with you to bring the benefits of advanced telecommunications services to rural America.

Sincerely,

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LA'KENYA WALTER  
Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Policy and Outreach Division  
Telecommunications Program  
Rural Utilities Service

ACCEPTANCE:  
QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures:  
Cooperative Agreement  
FMFI Vendor Code Request Form  
Form RD 400-4

cc: Margaret Hoffmann, OR State Director  
David Krantz, General Field Representative