



**Rural Development**

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TO: State Directors  
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SUBJECT: Eligibility of YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Scouts for  
Community Facilities Loans and Grants

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

This Administrative Notice (AN) is being issued to provide uniform and consistent Agency interpretation on issues regarding Community Facilities (CF) loans and grants applications for projects that have YMCA, YWCA, Boys, and Girls Scouts listed as applicants.

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:**

This Administrative Notice replaces RD AN 4784 (1942-A, 3570-B and 3575-A) that was dated February 2, 2015 which expired on February 28, 2016.

**IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We continue to receive a number of inquiries about the eligibility of organizations that are not open for both male and female participants. While it has been the policy of Community Facilities that any project that utilizes CF funds must be open to all citizens and not discriminate on the basis of gender, there is a United States Department of Agriculture exemption to that rule. The exemption is listed at 7 C.F.R.15a.14(b), Membership practices of certain organizations, which provides:

The YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. This part [which precludes sexual discrimination] does not apply to the membership practices of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

EXPIRATION DATE:  
February 28, 2018

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
Preceding RD Instructions  
1942-A, 3570-B, and 3575-A

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