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RBS MANAGEMENT LETTER 2021
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DATE: August 13, 2020
FROM: Philip L. Leary *Philip Leary*
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SUBJECT: Maximum RBDG Application Grant Requests
TO: All Area Directors/RBS Liaisons
Florida/USVI

The purpose of this letter is to announce maximum grant request limits and deadlines for submissions for applications submitted for the RBDG program in Florida. This applies only to Florida. The USVI will continue to be limited to \$50,000.

The RBDG program is a competitive program and our state allocation is small. It is understandable that funding is tight for many organizations but due to the limited funding allocated for Florida and the responsibility to spread these limited funds in an equitable manner to reach as many areas as possible the maximum limit of any grant application request in Florida will be \$150,000. Any grant request above this amount will automatically be ineligible for competition.

The other consideration when marketing this program is that the 1940-L gives the allowable allocation every year for RBOG type projects. Any RBOG application over the allowable 1940-L RBOG amount would automatically be considered ineligible due to lack of funds. All RBOG applicants should be advised of that limit if they are entertaining an application before we have the 1940-L information. Once that information is available you must notify your applicant so they can consider if they can modify their request and still make their project work.

Please note that the National Office announces the deadline each year for the RBDGs to be submitted to the State/Area offices. The complete, eligible applications should be submitted to the Florida State Office no later than 30 days after the National Office application deadline for processing and competition. No applications will be received after this 30-day limit.

Please note this deadline will be posted and stay in effect until rescinded or replaced.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact RBS State Office.

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