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General Comment

1. What is the proposal about?

This proposal is about how the agency will be implementing to reserve up to ten percent of their funds to fund projects that will support on implementing plans on community development throughout multi-jurisdictional areas. One of the ways they want to use the funds is by using it for community programs, water and waste disposal and/or loan programs, fire and rescue programs, rural business and cooperative development programs.

- 2. Desirability of the solution:
- a. Do we need this?

Yes we do need this.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

We need this because theres not enough funding going into community development. Communities are what will be keeping the economy alive, so we should invest in community development to keep and improve our communities.

This program will also help in implementing Section 6052 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. 6055 helps provides the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to give priority to projects that help support economic development or community development plans. It also helps the secretary with the process to reserve the ten percent of funds needed for this bill.

These programs here are programs that are in need of funds, which is why theyre put on priority for funding. These are also necessity programs that all residents need within their community, so without these programs, theyre security is put at risk.

- c. Will it solve the problem?
- It will help begin in resolving the key problems.
- d. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

It will help begin with resolving the key problems in funding because there are more programs that need funding. This is like a starter program, so with time it will develop and provide funding to other programs that people need within their community.

- 3. Qualifications of the proposer:
- a. Can the writer or his/her company/govt. really deliver?

I think that the government can deliver, but they need people to monitor the process.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

Though the only thing that I believe is if they have someone monitor the process, so there wont be any loopholes that can prevent funding for certain companies that are in favor of the government. The people want companies that will help service them, so it wont help if the government chosen company only provides resources that are in favor of the government.

4. Return on investment:

a. Is the expense, whether time or money necessary?

The amount of money necessary to help fund this program is an estimate of \$121,200 a year. I feel that though it may be a lot of money, it is necessary.

b. Why or why not? (Justify your answer with facts)

My reason for stating that its necessary is due to the importance of this program. There are not as many programs out there that are targeting in reserving funds for community development. One of the key reasons for creating this program is to help create a thriving economy within the community. The other reason is to help engage communities, programs, local governments, and institutions of learning in contributing to the economy in a different way. Through this funding, communities can also create more stability within their city, so they wont have to depend on other companies outside the community to help them. With the help of this program, it will help change communities for the better.