

**OKLAHOMA RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATION**  
**RURAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROGRAM**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Oklahoma Rural Rehabilitation Corporation will budget funds for grants to farm and rural groups to carry out community projects. Approval by ORRC management will be based on the following criteria:

- A. Only purposeful and important projects, innovative projects, projects that actually benefit the community, rather than only the school, will be approved. Some of the projects approved may take several years to complete. A long-term plan must be developed at the beginning and funds obtained each year for the part of the project to be completed that year. The long-term plan will be completed to show the overall project and set out what portion will be completed each year. The community group will be required to complete each year's phase within nine months from the date the grant is awarded. Where more than one year's project is planned, applications will be accompanied by a long-term plan and complete plans and specifications. Applications will automatically be rejected if this information is not attached.
- B. Only projects that are needed and stand out in the community will be approved. ORRC expects community groups to have important and substantial projects and give such projects priority and be concerned about completing on schedule.
- C. The project will be available to numerous groups where a substantial number of people will use or benefit from the project.
- D. On signs, display boards, or any publicity given to the project, ORRC will be recognized as a sponsor.
- E. Grantees will initiate the project and maintain a high level of control throughout the project. ORRC funds will not be turned over to other agencies to carry out a program. The objective of the Oklahoma Rural Community Projects Program is to assist farm and rural communities to improve their communities. The grant is intended to help communities be a better place to live and encourage people to stay in the rural community and encourage others to come live in the community.
- F. ORRC will provide grant funds in the month designated in the application as the beginning of project construction.

Since you may be receiving assistance from the Oklahoma Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (ORRC), we would like for you to be knowledgeable about the agency. The agency was formed in 1934 as a non-profit corporation. The funds for the agency were furnished to a board of directors to assist farmers and rural people. The original funds have been kept together and increased by the board. These funds are presently invested in farm loans. The interest from these loans is used for scholarships, rural development grants and other purposes. The money used to assist you are funds the agency earns and are not furnished by county, state or federal government.

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**OKLAHOMA RURAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  
**GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Project application is for period \_\_\_\_\_

Or multi-year project for (list years planned) \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT WILL BE KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBED AS \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OBJECTIVES**

The program is designed to accomplish specific learning, participation, and achievement objectives. These are to:

1. Further the economic development of agriculture/agribusiness and natural resources in the local community
2. Assist farm & rural groups to improve their communities to do things that will help the community to be a better place to live and encourage people to stay in the rural community & others to come & live in the community
3. Help members of groups acquire knowledge & skills in community leadership for present and future
4. Assist members of groups to become knowledgeable of & familiar with programs & resources of local, state & federal agencies that help communities solve problems and
5. Facilitate an understanding among group members of the principles and fundamentals of community development.

A. Explain briefly how your project will meet the above objectives:

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B. INFORMATION NEEDED ABOUT PROJECTS:  
\* WHAT SPECIAL SKILLS MAY BE REQUIRED?

\* WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE NEEDED?

\* IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET PERMISSION AND AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT?

C. Explain briefly how you identified community needs and is this a project that will stand out as something that is important to the community.

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D. Identify key steps in planning & completing the Project: (Give date each step is to be completed.)

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E. Name the groups in the following categories that will cooperate with you in doing this project and show an (F) beside the name if they furnished financial, (L) for labor and (M) for material:

1 - Youth Groups

2 - Community Civic Groups

3 - Farm Organizations

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4 - Church Groups

5 - Business & Professional

6 - Women's Clubs

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7 - Veterans

8 - Recreational Clubs

9 - Other

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We anticipate receiving \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in participation from the above.

F. Publicize the Project. List the newspaper, radio, television or other means of disseminating information that will be used in providing information to the public:

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G. PROJECTS PROPOSED BY FFA AND 4-H GROUPS

1. Ideally, applications for school projects will be filed before October 1 and completed before school year ends. Applications will be approved or rejected as soon as possible within 30 days of receipt of application.

2. A starting date for the project will be \_\_\_\_\_. The project or phase of project will be completed by \_\_\_\_\_. (This date cannot be later than July 15.)

3. FFA and 4-H chapters obtaining the grant will advise the school that grant funds will not lose their identity until spent for authorized project purposes and if the project is not carried out, they will return the funds to ORRC.

4. It is agreed that projects not substantially underway by March 1 will be abandoned for the year and ORRC funds will be returned. We further agree that the project or phase of project will be completed no later than July 15.

H. PROJECTS PROPOSED BY RURAL TOWNS AND RURAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

1. Applications for this type of project may be sent to the ORRC office at any time during the year. The ORRC will review and notify applicant of approval or rejection as soon as possible within 30 days of receipt of application.

2. A starting date for the project will be \_\_\_\_\_. The project or phase of project will be completed by \_\_\_\_\_. (This date cannot be later than 9 months from the date the grant is awarded.)

3. ORRC funds will be controlled by the group making the application and funds will be used for actual expenditure in the project. Funds will not be released to others, such as city, county, school or Chamber of Commerce.

4. It is agreed that projects not substantially underway within five months of the grant award will be abandoned for the year and ORRC funds will be returned. We further agree that the project or phase of project will be completed no later than nine months from the date the award is granted.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH GROUPS (G & H) ABOVE

Publicity for projects, including plaques or signs, will include ORRC as a participant and contributor. All projects will have something of this type.

Complete plans and specifications will be furnished with this application. Plans for projects that cover more than one year should specify the phase to be completed each year. ORRC will make a final inspection of each project on or before the projected completion date. A Project Completion Report will be submitted as soon as the project is completed.

**Signatures**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Advisor or 4-H Leader  
if Youth Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Official--Principal or Superintendent  
if FFA Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Community Leader

APPROVED BY ORRC:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_