

## Semi-annual Performance Reports

Semiannual performance reports are required 30 days after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Therefore, reports are due April 30 and October 30.

### **2016 grants forward:**

Effective December 2017, USDA requires a template for all grants from 2016 forward. The template is not required for 2015 grants. If you have a 2016 or 2017 grant, please use the “Annual Performance Report Template” posted separately on the website. Complete it for your April 30 report as a semi-annual report and then revise it with additional information for an annual report October 30.

### **2015 grants:**

For 2015 grants, the performance reports should be organized under, but not limited to, the following headings for each project:

#### Activities Performed

- Briefly summarize activities performed, targets, and/or performance goals achieved during the reporting period. Whenever possible, describe the work accomplished in both quantitative and qualitative terms. Include the significant results, accomplishments, conclusions and recommendations. Include favorable or unusual developments.
- Provide a comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals established for the reporting period.
- Present the significant contributions and role of project partners in the project.
- Clearly convey progress toward achieving outcomes by illustrating baseline data that has been gathered to date and showing the progress toward achieving set targets.
- If a target of a project has already been achieved, it is encouraged to amend the outcome measure. This permits the project staff to “stretch” the goals in order to go beyond what they are already doing.

#### Problems and Delays

- Note unexpected delays, impediments, and challenges that have been confronted in order to complete the goals for each project. Explain why these changes took place.
- Mention the actions that were taken in order to address these delays, impediments, and challenges.
- Review measurable outcomes to determine if targets are realistic and attainable. An objective that is too stringent should be scaled back and identified in the performance report. Keep in mind that targets may slip due to all kinds of factors, such as employee turn-over and bad weather.
- In the event that the work plan timeline, expected measurable outcomes, budget, and/or methodology needs to be adjusted, provide an outline of those changes.

#### Future Project Plans

- Briefly summarize activities performed, targets, and/or performance goals to be achieved during the next reporting period. Whenever possible, describe the work accomplished in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

- Describe any changes that are anticipated in the project.

Funding Expended To Date

- Provide information regarding the level of grant funds expended to date.
- In the event that a project gained income as a result of planned activities, provide the amount of this supplemental funding and how it will be reinvested into the project.