

# Inflation Reduction Act Section 22006

## Cash Flow-Based Assistance

### Overview

USDA has financial assistance available for eligible Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct loan borrowers who do not have sufficient cash flow to make their scheduled loan payment for installments due between August 1, 2022 and January 15, 2024. This assistance is part of USDA's continuing efforts to assist borrowers through implementation of Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which provided \$3.1 billion for USDA to provide expedited relief for distressed borrowers with certain FSA direct and/or guaranteed loans whose agricultural operations are at financial risk.

### Cash Flow-Based Assistance Eligibility Criteria

A borrower may be eligible for this assistance if they are a current FSA direct loan borrower who can demonstrate they are (or were) unable to develop a feasible plan for the current production cycle.

These borrowers lack sufficient cash flow in their operating plans to make their most recently due or next loan installment payment when considering all operating costs, family living expenses, and debt repayments for the current production cycle.

If an FSA direct loan borrower with a qualifying FLP loan is unable to pay their upcoming installment or has already missed a recent payment due since August 1, 2022, they can request a cash flow analysis from FSA. This assistance is currently limited to installments due August 1, 2022 through January 15, 2024.

The cash flow analysis will consider the borrower's financial status for the current production cycle. Qualifying loan types

are: Farm Ownership, Operating (including Youth and Microloans), Emergency, Conservation, and Soil and Water loans.

If FSA determines that a borrower qualifies for cash flow-based assistance, FSA will make a one-time credit to the borrower's account in the amount of the missed or upcoming direct loan installment(s).

Consistent with other Section 22006 assistance provided to FSA direct loan borrowers, cash flow-based assistance is only available to borrowers who have not received prior IRA Section 22006 assistance that covered a forward direct loan installment.

### How to Request Assistance

Borrowers can submit requests for cash flow-based assistance in two ways:

1. Submit a direct request using the Farmers.gov 22006 assistance request portal at [farmers.gov/ira22006cashflow](https://farmers.gov/ira22006cashflow).
  - Remember to securely upload any supporting documentation under the Required Information and Documentation section. A list of required documentation can be found in the next section.
2. Submit a request in person at the local FSA office.
  - Remember to bring any supporting documentation to the local FSA office. FSA will collect the information, upload it to the Farmers.gov 22006 assistance request portal, and provide a receipt for service.

All requests for assistance must be received by December 31, 2023. Assistance is subject to funding availability.

### Required Information and Documentation

Borrowers may seek a cash flow analysis from FSA to determine their eligibility for this assistance by providing the following two financial documents:

1. A recent balance sheet (no more than 90 days old) for their operation's current operating cycle.
  - ◇ They can also complete, save, and submit the **FSA 2037 - Balance Sheet Worksheet**.
2. A cash flow plan for their current operating cycle.
  - ◇ They can also complete, save, and submit the **FSA 2038 - Cashflow Projection Worksheet**.

### Learn More

Additional details, frequently asked questions, and other updates will be posted at [farmers.gov/loans/inflation-reduction-investments/assistance](https://farmers.gov/loans/inflation-reduction-investments/assistance).

Borrowers can also contact the FSA call center at 877-508-8364 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern.

For information related to tax resources, visit [farmers.gov/taxes](https://farmers.gov/taxes).