Discrimination Financial Assistance Program

Application Flow

Applicant

Submits application online, by mail, or in-person.

Receipt

Regional Hubs — or — **National Administrator**

Logs and acknowledges application.

Regional Hubs

Determine eligibility by asking:
- Did the applicant farm or ranch or try to farm or ranch?
- Did the applicant participate in USDA farm lending or try to participate in USDA farm lending?
- Did the applicant experience discrimination by USDA before 2021?

YES
If yes, Regional Hubs score the application using the USDA-approved rubric.

NO
If the answer to any of these questions is no, Regional Hubs deem applicant ineligible.

National Administrator

Determines eligibility by asking:
- Did the applicant farm or ranch or try to farm or ranch?
- Did the applicant participate in USDA farm lending or try to participate in USDA farm lending?
- Did the applicant experience discrimination by USDA before 2021?

YES
If yes, the National Administrator scores the application using the USDA-approved rubric.

NO
If the answer to any of these questions is no, the National Administrator deems applicant ineligible.

National Administrator

Resolves differences between Regional and National review, with deference to Regional review.

APPROVAL
Refers all eligible applications to USDA for approval of payments.

OVERSIGHT
Refers large differences in eligibility determination to USDA for oversight.

USDA

Resolves differences and approves payments.

National Administrator

Makes payments.