

Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

To be filed in the District
 in which the organization
 has its principal office or
 place of business.

This application, when properly completed, shall constitute the notice required under section 508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in order that organizations may be treated as described in section 501(c)(3) of the code, and the notice under section 508(b) appropriate to those organizations claiming not to be private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a).

Part I.—Identification (See instructions)

1 Full name of organization The Center for Rural Affairs		2 Employer identification number (if none, attach Form SS-4) <i>(Form SS-4 attached)</i> 47-0553823	
3(a) Address (number and street) P.O. Box 405			
3(b) City or town, State and ZIP code Walthill, Nebraska 68067		4 Name and phone number of person to be contacted Donald S. Ralston (402) 846-3493	
5 Month the annual accounting period ends December	6 Date incorporated or formed September 5, 1973	7 Activity Codes (see instructions)	
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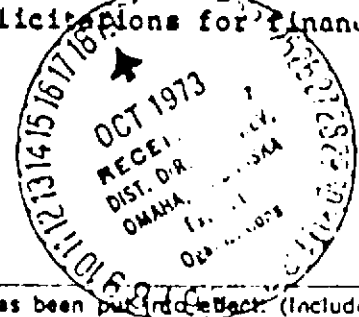
Part II.—Organizational Documents (See instructions)

- 1 Attach a conformed copy of the organization's creating instruments (articles of incorporation, constitution, articles of association, deed of trust, etc.).
- 2 Attach a conformed copy of the organization's by-laws or other rules for its operation.
- 3 If the organization does not have a creating instrument, check here (See instructions)

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (See instructions)

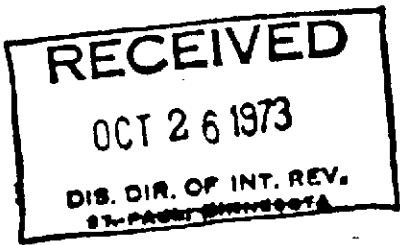
1 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of magnitude. If a portion of the receipts is or will be derived from the earnings of patents, copyrights, or other assets (excluding stock, bonds, etc.), identify such item as a separate source of receipt. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

Private grants will be the major source of financial support. Earnings of patents, copyrights, or other assets should be nil. A portion of the costs of publications may be recovered by charging fees for such costs, but will be insignificant in relation to other sources. Representative copies of solicitations for financial support are attached.



2 Describe the organization's fund-raising program and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. (Include details of fund-raising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fund-raising committees, use of professional fund raisers, etc.)

Fund-raising is taking place in the form of written funding request proposals submitted to private funding sources. No fund raising activity has taken place for unrelated business. Attached is a summary of funding request status.



I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and I have examined this application, including the accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct and complete.

Arthur T. May (Signature) President of the Board (Title or authority of signer) 10-10-73 (Date)
 Arthur T. May

<u>GRAM</u>	<u>GENERAL PURPOSE</u>	<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Cultural Development	Cow-Calf herds, Onions, Canning Center, Jams & Jellies	JSAC Churches; Methodist U.C.C. Baptist	Pending Conference Report Conference approval Pending Conference Report	\$ 26,076.00
Each Based Citizenship Dev.	Adult Ed., leadership training	Nebr. Lutheran Ministries, Omaha Archdiocese	Submitted	15,918.00
an Corn	Demonstrate commercial production	United Indians Nebr. Gulf Oil Corporation Johnson O'Mally	Funded Funded Funded	200.00 475.00
	Rural policy research: land tenure and optimum size farm	University of Lincoln	Funded	One NOVA
People & Land: Public Policy & Humanities	Prepare a TV special on land issues in Nebraska for ETV	Nebraska Committee on Humanities	In Preparation	
Public Resource Accountability	Accounting of the uses of public resources advocacy in multi-county planning, Rural Development Act.	Campaign for Human Development	Archdiocese approval, pending national	31,245.00
A	Compliments above project	ACTION	In Preparation	6 Volunteers
ral Support	Organize & sustain policy-making function	National Coalition for Land Reform	Tabled	No specific amount
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Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

- 3 Give a narrative description of the activities presently carried on by the organization, and also those that will be carried on. If the organization is not fully operational, explain what stage of development its activities have reached, what further steps remain for the organization to become fully operational, and when such further steps will take place. The narrative should specifically identify the services performed or to be performed by the organization. (Do not state the purposes of the organization in general terms or repeat the language of the organizational documents.) If the organization is a school, hospital, or medical research organization, include sufficient information in your description to clearly show that the organization meets the definition of that particular activity that is contained in the instructions for Part VII-A on page 3 of the instructions.

The organization is not fully operational. When funding is received from the sources mentioned above, operations will develop in proportion. Funding is anticipated early in 1974.

Present Activities

The Center for Rural Affairs is incorporated in the State of Nebraska, officers have been elected and by-laws adopted. The first annual meeting has been scheduled.

Services to be Performed

- 1) DISCUSSION GROUPS, FORUMS, PANELS, LECTURES, ETC. - The Center for Rural Affairs will sponsor a speaker's bureau available to the public on issues in rural development. Classes will be conducted in adult basic education and public affairs and events. Local, sub-State regional and Statewide seminars and conferences will be sponsored on the topic of rural development and land-related issues.
- 2) STUDY AND RESEARCH (NON-SCIENTIFIC) - Staff of the Center for Rural Affairs will conduct and train others to conduct research in the following areas:
 - rural land tenure status and trends in Nebraska
 - status and trends in vertical integration of Nebraska agriculture
 - public resource allocations in rural Nebraska
 - status and trends in non-family Nebraska agricultural corporations
- 3) PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES - The Center for Rural Affairs will produce a monthly newsletter. Results of study and research in the areas described above will be published and made available to the public. The Center staff will write articles for existing publications concerned with rural development.

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 The membership of the organization's governing body is:

(a) Names, addresses, and duties of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	(b) Specialized knowledge, training, expertise, or particular qualifications
<p>Arthur T. May, Director and President Macy, Nebraska 68039</p> <p>Allen J. Heine, Director and Secretary St. Helena, Nebraska 68774</p> <p>Harold H. Swanson, Director, Vice President and Treasurer Decatur, Nebraska 68020</p>	<p>Residents of the State of Nebraska.</p>

(c) Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? Yes No
 If "Yes," please name such persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

(d) Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See specific instructions 4(d).) Yes No
 If "Yes," please explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? Yes No
 Is the organization the outgrowth of another organization, or does it have a special relationship to another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? Yes No
 If either of these questions is answered "Yes," please explain.

The Center for Rural Affairs is an outgrowth of the Goldenrod Hills Community Action Council, Inc. The three persons identified in III. 4 (a), above, are also members of the Board of Directors of the Goldenrod Hills agency.

6 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? Yes No
 If "Yes," please explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been rendered.

7 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include income producing property.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain what stage of completion has been reached, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken.
 The organization currently has no assets. When funding is received, office supplies and equipment will be acquired.

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 (a) What benefits, services, or products will the organization provide with respect to its exempt function?

The Center for Rural Affairs will provide the following services:

- 1) Assistance to low income farmers to initiate cow-calf herds,
- 2) income opportunities for youth in diversified farming,
- 3) Equipment for a community nutrition/canning center,
- 4) income opportunities for producing wild fruit jams and jellies,
- 5) basic adult education,
- 6) public affairs seminars,
- 7) speakers bureau,
- 8) low-income involvement in regional planning,
- 9) rural land tenure research.

(b) Have the recipients been required or will they be required to pay for the organization's benefits, services, or products?

Yes No

If "Yes," please explain and show how the charges are determined.

9 Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services or products to specific classes of individuals? Yes No

If "Yes," please explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

10 Is the organization a membership organization? Yes No

If "Yes," complete the following:

(a) Please describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

(b) Are benefits limited to members? Yes No

If "No," please explain.

(c) Attach a copy of the descriptive literature or promotional material used to attract members to the organization.

11 Does or will the organization engage in activities tending to influence legislation or intervene in any way in political campaigns? Yes No

If "Yes," please explain.

Part IV.—Statement as to Private Foundation Status (See instructions)

1 Is the organization a private foundation? Yes No

2 If question 1 is answered "No," indicate the type of ruling being requested as to the organization's status under section 509 by checking the applicable box below:

- Definitive ruling under section 509(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) — complete Part VII.
- Advance or extended advance ruling under section 509(a)(1) or (2) — See instructions.

3 If question 1 is answered "Yes," and the organization claims to be a private operating foundation, check here and complete Part VIII.

Part VII.—Non-Private Foundation Status (Definitive ruling only)

A.—Basis for Non-Private Foundation Status

The organization is not a private foundation because it qualifies as:

✓	Kind of organization	Within the meaning of	Complete
		Sections	
1	a church	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)	
2	a school	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)	
3	a hospital	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)	
4	a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)	
5	being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety	Section 509(a)(4)	
6	being operated for the benefit of a college or university which is owned or operated by a governmental unit	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)	Part VII.-B
7	normally receiving a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)	Part VII.-B
8	normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions)	Section 509(a)(2)	Part VII.-B
9	being operated solely for the benefit of or in connection with one or more of the organizations described in 1 through 4, or 6, 7 and 8, above	Section 509(a)(3)	Part VII.-C

B.—Analysis of Financial Support

	(a) Most recent taxable year	(Years next preceding most recent taxable year)			(e) Total
	19	(b) 19.....	(c) 19.....	(d) 19	
1	Gifts, grants, and contributions received				
2	Membership fees received				
3	Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity which is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513				
4	Gross income from interest, dividends, rents and royalties				
5	Net income from organization's unrelated business activities				
6	Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or expended on behalf of the organization				
7	Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)				
8	Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets)—attach schedule				
9	Total of lines 1 through 8				
10	Line 9 less line 3				
11	Enter 2% of line 10, column (e) only				

12 If the organization has received any unusual grants during any of the above taxable years, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor, the date and amount of grant, and a brief description of the nature of such grant. Do not include such grants in line 1 above. (See Instructions)