

Housing new construction program. The implementation proposal for those regulations provided that some applicants who filed acceptable loan requests in prior years could proceed with their loan requests provided they were in compliance with the newly published regulations, until the beginning of FY 2000. Therefore, effective this fiscal year, prior year applications will no longer be processed. All loan requests must be submitted under this NOFA.

## II. Funding Limits

A. Individual loan requests may not exceed \$1 million. This applies to regular section 515 funds and set-aside funds. The Administrator may make an exception to this limit in cases where a State's average total development costs exceed the National average by 50 percent or more.

B. No State may receive more than \$2.5 million from regular section 515 funds. Reserve funds, including set-aside funds, are not included in this cap.

## III. Rental Assistance (RA)

New construction RA will be held in the National office for use with section 515 Rural Rental Housing loans. RA may be requested by applicants, except for non-RA requests in accordance with section I.D. above.

## IV. Application Process

All applications for section 515 new construction funds must be filed with the appropriate Rural Development State office and must meet the requirements of 7 CFR part 1944, subpart E and section V of this NOFA. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and will be returned to the applicant. No application will be accepted after 5:00 p.m., local time, on the application deadline previously mentioned unless that date and time is extended by a Notice published in the **Federal Register**.

## V. Application Submission Requirements

A. Each application shall include all of the information, materials, forms and exhibits required by 7 CFR part 1944, subpart E as well as comply with the provisions of this NOFA. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include a checklist and to have their applications indexed and tabbed to facilitate the review process. The Rural Development State office will base its determination of completeness of the application and the eligibility of each applicant on the information provided in the application.

B. Applicants are advised to contact the Rural Development State office serving the place in which they desire to submit an application for the following:

1. Application information;
2. Any restrictions on funding availability (applications that exceed the National limit of \$1 million will be returned to the applicant); and
3. List of designated places for which applications for new section 515 facilities may be submitted.

## VI. Areas of Special Emphasis or Consideration

A. The selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart E includes two optional criteria, one set by the National office and one by the State office. This fiscal year, the National office initiative will be used in the selection criteria as follows: In states where RHS has an ongoing formal working relationship, agreement, or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State to provide State resources (State funds, State RA, HOME funds, CDBG funds, or LIHTC) for RHS proposals; or where the State provides preference or points to RHS proposals in awarding these State Resources, 20 points will be provided to loan requests that include such State resources. No State selection criteria will be used this fiscal year.

B. \$10,288,987 is available nationwide in a set-aside for eligible nonprofit organizations as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1485(w).

C. \$5,716,104 is available nationwide in a set-aside for the 100 most Underserved Counties and Colonias.

D. \$9,778,603 is available nationwide in a set-aside for EZ, EC, and REAP communities.

E. \$1,500,000 million is available nationwide in a set-aside for States with viable State Rental Assistance (RA) programs. In order to participate, States are to submit specific written information about the State RA program, *i.e.*, a memorandum of understanding, documentation from the provider, etc., to the National office.

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**Eileen M. Fitzgerald,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) For Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas, and to assist rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes to repair and rehabilitate their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of preapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

**DATES:** The closing deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this NOFA is 5:00 p.m., local time for each Rural Development State office on March 22, 2000. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants wishing to apply for assistance must contact the Rural Development State office serving the place in which they desire to submit an application to receive further information and copies of the application package. Rural Development will date and time stamp incoming applications to evidence timely receipt, and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgment of receipt. A listing of Rural Development State offices, their addresses, telephone numbers, and person to contact follows:

**Note:** Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

- Alabama State Office, Suite 601, Sterling Centre, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3455, TDD (334) 279-3495, James B. Harris
- Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, (907) 745-2176, TDD (907) 745-6494, Ron Abbott
- Arizona State Office, Phoenix Corporate Center, 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-8765, TDD (602) 280-8706, Johnna Vargas
- Arkansas State Office, 700 W. Capitol Ave., Rm. 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3250, TDD (501) 301-3279, Cathy Jones
- California State Office, 430 G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5819, TDD (530) 792-5848, Millie Manzanedo
- Colorado State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215, (303) 236-2801 (ext. 122), TDD (303) 236-1590, "Sam" Mitchell
- Connecticut served by Massachusetts State Office
- Delaware & Maryland State Office, 5201 South Dupont Highway, PO Box 400, Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4353, TDD (302) 697-4303, Pat Baker
- Florida & Virgin Islands State Office, 4440 N.W. 25th Place, PO Box 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3465, TDD (352) 338-3499, Joseph P. Fritz
- Georgia State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2164, TDD (706) 546-2034, Wayne Rogers
- Guam served by Hawaii State Office
- Hawaii, Guam, & Western Pacific Territories State Office, Room 311, Federal Building, 154 Wai'anuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-8316, TDD (808) 933-8321, Abraham Kubo
- Idaho State Office Suite A1, 9173 West Barnes Dr., Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5630, TDD (208) 378-5644, Roni Atkins
- Illinois State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 398-5412 (ext. 256), TDD (217) 398-5396, Barry L. Ramsey
- Indiana State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3100 (ext. 423), TDD (317) 290-3343, John Young
- Iowa State Office, 873 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4493, TDD (515) 284-4858, Bruce McGuire
- Kansas State Office, 1200 SW Executive Drive, PO Box 4653, Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 271-2718, TDD (785) 271-2767, Gary Schumaker
- Kentucky State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-2500, TDD (606) 224-7422, Paul Higgins
- Louisiana State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7962, TDD (318) 473-7655, Yvonne R. Emerson
- Maine State Office, 444 Stillwater Ave., Suite 2, PO Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9110, TDD (207) 942-7331, Dale D. Holmes
- Maryland served by Delaware State Office
- Massachusetts, Connecticut, & Rhode Island State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4333, TDD (413) 253-7068, Donald Colburn
- Michigan State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5192, TDD (517) 337-6795, Philip Wolak
- Minnesota State Office, 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7820, TDD (651) 602-3799, Jackie Goodnough
- Mississippi State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-4325, TDD (601) 965-5850, Danny Ivy
- Missouri State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-0990, TDD (573) 876-9301, Gary Frisch
- Montana State Office, Unit 1, Suite B, 900 Technology Blvd., Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 585-2515, TDD (406) 585-2562, MaryLou Affleck
- Nebraska State Office, Federal Building, room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437-5567, TDD (402) 437-5093, Byron Fischer
- Nevada State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703-9910, (775) 887-1222 (ext. 13), TDD (775) 885-0633, William L. Brewer
- New Hampshire State Office, Concord Center, Suite 218, Box 317, 10 Ferry Street, Concord, NH 03301-5004, (603) 223-6046, TDD (603) 229-0536, Jim Fowler
- New Jersey State Office, Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22, 790 Woodland Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, (609) 265-3631, TDD (609) 265-3687, George Hyatt, Jr.
- New Mexico State Office, 6200 Jefferson St., NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-4944, TDD (505) 761-4938, Carmen N. Lopez
- New York State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 477-6419, TDD (315) 477-6447, George N. Von Pless
- North Carolina State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873-2062, TDD (919) 873-2003, Eileen Nowlin
- North Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, PO Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502, (701) 530-2049, TDD (701) 530-2113, Kathy Lake
- Ohio State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2477, (614) 469-5165, TDD (614) 469-5757, Gerald Arnott
- Oklahoma State Office, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074-2654, (405) 742-1070, TDD (405) 742-1007, Phil Reimers
- Oregon State Office, 101 SW Main, Suite 1410, Portland, OR 97204-3222, (503) 414-3325, TDD (503) 414-3387, Dan Streng
- Pennsylvania State Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717) 237-2281, TDD (717) 237-2261, Gary Rothrock
- Puerto Rico State Office, New San Juan Office Bldg., Room 501, 159 Carlos E. Chardon Street, Hato Rey, PR 00918-5481, (787) 766-5095 (ext. 254), TDD 1-800-274-1572, Lourdes Colon
- Rhode Island served by Massachusetts State Office
- South Carolina State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-3432, TDD (803) 765-5697, Larry D. Floyd
- South Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth Street, SW, Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-1132, TDD (605) 352-1147, Dwight Wullweber
- Tennessee State Office, Suite 300, 3322 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-1300, TDD (615) 783-1397, G. Benson Lasater
- Texas State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 742-9755, TDD (254) 742-9712, Eugene G. Pavlat
- Utah State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Room 4311, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350, (801) 524-4324, TDD (801) 524-3309, Robert L. Milianta
- Vermont State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-6028, TDD (802) 223-6365, Sandra Mercier
- Virgin Islands, served by Florida State Office
- Virginia State Office, Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287-1582, TDD (804) 287-1753, Carlton Jarratt
- Washington State Office, Suite B, 1835 Black Lake Boulevard, SW, Olympia,

WA 98512-5715, (360) 704-7707, TDD (360) 704-7760, Deborah Davis  
 Western Pacific Territories served by  
 Hawaii State Office  
 West Virginia State Office, Federal  
 Building, 75 High Street, Room 320,  
 Morgantown, WV 26505-7500, (304)  
 291-4793, TDD (304) 284-5941, Sue  
 Snodgrass  
 Wisconsin State Office, 4949 Kirschling  
 Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715)  
 345-7620 (ext. 7145), TDD (715) 345-  
 7614, Sherry Engel  
 Wyoming State Office, 100 East B,  
 Federal Building, Room 1005, PO Box  
 820, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 261-  
 6315, TDD (307) 261-6333, Charles  
 Huff

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
 general information, applicants may  
 contact Tracee Lilly, Senior Loan  
 Officer, Multi-Family Housing  
 Processing Division, Rural Housing  
 Service, United States Department of  
 Agriculture, Stop 0781, 1400  
 Independence Avenue, SW,  
 Washington, DC, 20250, telephone (202)  
 720-1604 (voice) (this is not a toll free  
 number) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD-  
 Federal Information Relay Service).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Programs Affected**

This program is listed in the Catalog  
 of Federal Domestic Assistance under  
 Number 10.433, Rural Housing  
 Preservation Grants. This program is  
 subject to the provisions of Executive  
 Order 12372 which requires  
 intergovernmental consultation with  
 State and local officials (7 CFR part  
 3015, subpart V). Applicants are  
 referred to 7 CFR 1944.674 and  
 1944.676(f), (g), and (h) for specific  
 guidance on these requirements relative  
 to the HPG program.

**Application Requirements**

7 CFR part 1944, subpart N provides  
 details on what information must be  
 contained in the preapplication  
 package. Entities wishing to apply for  
 assistance should contact the Rural  
 Development State office to receive  
 further information, the State allocation  
 of funds, and copies of the  
 preapplication package. Eligible entities  
 for these competitively awarded grants  
 include state and local governments,  
 nonprofit corporations, Federally  
 recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia  
 of eligible entities.

**Funding Information**

The funding instrument for the HPG  
 program will be a grant agreement. The  
 term of the grant can vary from 1 to 2  
 years, depending on available funds and  
 demand. No maximum or minimum

grant levels have been established at the  
 National level. You should contact the  
 State office to determine the allocation  
 and the State maximum grant level, if  
 any. For FY 2000, \$5,515,344 is  
 available for the Housing Preservation  
 Grant Program. A set aside of \$600,000  
 has been established for grants located  
 in Empowerment Zones, Enterprise  
 Communities, and REAP Zones and  
 \$4,365,344 has been distributed under a  
 formula allocation to States pursuant to  
 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L,  
 "Methodology and Formulas for  
 Allocation of Loan and Grant Program  
 Funds". Decisions on funding will be  
 based on preapplications.

December 10, 1999.

**Eileen M. Fitzgerald,**  
*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Housing Service**

**Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for  
 Section 514 Farm Labor Housing  
 Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor  
 Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing  
 for Fiscal Year 2000**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS),  
 USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This NOFA announces the  
 timeframe to submit applications for  
 section 514 Farm Labor Housing loan  
 funds and section 516 Farm Labor  
 Housing grant funds for new  
 construction of off-farm units for  
 farmworker households. Applications  
 may also include requests for section  
 521 rental assistance (RA). This  
 document describes the method used to  
 distribute funds, the application  
 process, and submission requirements.  
**DATES:** The closing deadline for receipt  
 of all applications in response to this  
 NOFA is 5:00 p.m., local time for each  
 Rural Development State office on June  
 19, 2000. The application closing  
 deadline is firm as to date and hour.  
 RHS will not consider any application  
 that is received after the closing  
 deadline. Applicants intending to mail  
 applications must provide sufficient  
 time to permit delivery on or before the  
 closing deadline date and time.  
 Acceptance by a post office or private  
 mailer does not constitute delivery.  
 Facsimile (FAX) and postage due  
 applications will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants wishing to apply  
 for assistance must contact the Rural  
 Development State office serving the

place in which they desire to locate off-  
 farm labor housing to receive further  
 information and copies of the  
 application package. Rural Development  
 will date and time stamp incoming  
 applications to evidence timely receipt,  
 and, upon request, will provide the  
 applicant with a written  
 acknowledgment of receipt. A listing of  
 Rural Development State offices, their  
 addresses, telephone numbers, and  
 person to contact follows:

**Note:** Telephone numbers listed are not  
 toll-free.

Alabama State Office, Suite 601,  
 Sterling Center 4121 Carmichael  
 Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683,  
 (334) 279-3455, TDD (334) 279-3495,  
 James B. Harris  
 Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen,  
 Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, (907)  
 745-2176, TDD (907) 745-6494, Ron  
 Abbott  
 Arizona State Office, Phoenix Corporate  
 Center 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite  
 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602)  
 280-8706, TDD (602) 280-8770,  
 Johnna Vargas  
 Arkansas State Office, 700 W. Capitol  
 Ave., Rm. 3416, Little Rock, AR  
 72201-3225, (501) 301-3250, TDD  
 (501) 301-3279, Clinton King  
 California State Office, 430 G Street,  
 Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169,  
 (530) 792-5819, TDD (530) 792-5848,  
 Millie Manzanedo  
 Colorado State Office, 655 Parfet Street,  
 Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215,  
 (303) 236-2801 (ext. 124), TDD (303)  
 236-1590, Mary Summerfield  
 Connecticut served by Massachusetts  
 State Office  
 Delaware & Maryland State Office, 5201  
 South Dupont Highway, PO Box 400,  
 Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-  
 4353, TDD (302) 697-4303, Pat Baker  
 Florida & Virgin Islands State Office,  
 4440 N.W. 25th Place, PO Box  
 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010,  
 (352) 338-3465, TDD (352) 338-3499,  
 Joseph P. Fritz  
 Georgia State Office, Stephens Federal  
 Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue,  
 Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-  
 2164, TDD (706) 546-2034, Wayne  
 Rogers  
 Guam served by Hawaii State Office,  
 Hawaii, Guam, & Western Pacific  
 Territories State Office, Room 311,  
 Federal Building, 154 Waianuenue  
 Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-  
 8316, TDD (808) 933-8321, Abraham  
 Kubo  
 Idaho State Office, Suite A1, 9173 West  
 Barnes Dr., Boise, ID 83709, (208)  
 378-5630, TDD (208) 378-5644,  
 Ladonn McElligott  
 Illinois State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite  
 103, 1817 South Neil Street,