

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: March 7, 2002

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Tree-Marking Paint Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Tree-Marking Paint Committee will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 14-16, 2002. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss activities related to improvements in, concerns about, and the handling and use of tree-marking paint by personnel of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 14-16, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott St. Louis Pavilion Downtown, One Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri. Persons who wish to file written comments before or after the meeting must send written comments to Bob Monk, Chairman, National Tree-Marking Paint Committee, Forest Service, USDA, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773, or electronically to rmonk@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Bob Monk, Project Leader, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, Forest Service, USDA, (909) 599-1267, extension 267 or rmonk@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Tree-Marking Paint Committee comprises representatives from the Forest Service national headquarters, each of the nine Forest Service Regions, the Forest Products Laboratory, the Forest Service San Dimas Technology and Development Center, and the Bureau of Land Management. The General Services Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are ad hoc members and provide technical advice to the committee.

A field trip will be held on May 14 and is designed to supplement information related to tree-marking paint. This trip is open to any member of the public participating in the public meeting on May 15-16. However, transportation is provided only for committee members.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public attendance, will be held on May 15-16.

Closed Sessions

While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, there will be two closed sessions during the meeting. The first closed session is planned for approximately 9 to 11 a.m. on May 15. This session is reserved for individual paint manufacturers to present products and information about tree-marking paint for consideration in future testing and use by the agency. Paint manufacturers also may provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to paint manufacturers, the Committee, and committee staff to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint manufacturers or to the public. Paint manufacturers wishing to make presentations to the Tree-Marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the Chairman at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**. The second closed session is planned for approximately 1 to 4 p.m. on May 16. This session is reserved for Federal Government employees only.

Any person with special access needs should contact the Chairman to make those accommodations. Space for individuals who are not members of the National Tree-Marking Paint Committee is limited and will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: March 28, 2002.

Tom L. Thompson,

Deputy Chief for National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Announcement of Funding to Develop Essential Community Facilities in Rural Communities for Eligible Public Entities, Nonprofit Corporations, and Tribal Governments with Extreme High Unemployment and Severe Economic Depression

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of \$19 million in national competitive grant funds to be administered in accordance with this Notice, 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(20), and the Community Facilities grant program (7 CFR part 3570, subpart B) to develop essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme high unemployment and severe economic depression.

DATES: Applications may be submitted at any time until funds are exhausted. (See Allocation of Funds and Selection Process.)

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance are encouraged to contact their local USDA Rural Development office for guidance on the intake and processing of preapplications. A listing of Rural Development State offices, addresses, telephone numbers, and a 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, 334-279-3400, James B. Harris

Alaska State Office

800 W. Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, 907-761-7705, Dean Stewart

Arizona State Office

Phoenix Corporate Center, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, 602-280-8700, Leonard Gradillas

Arkansas State Office

700 W. Capitol Avenue, Room 3416 Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, 501-301-3200, Jesse G. Sharp

California State Office

430 G Street, #4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, 530-792-5800, Janice Waddell

Colorado State Office

655 Parfet Street, Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215, 303-236-2801, Leroy Cruz

Delaware State Office*

4607 S. DuPont Highway, P.O. Box 400, Camden, DE 19934-9998, 302-697-4300, James E. Waters

Florida State Office**

4440 N.W. 25th Place, P.O. Box 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, 352-338-3400, Glenn W. Walden

Georgia State Office Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601– 2768, 706–546–2162, Jerry Thomas	65203, 573–876–0976, D. Clark Thomas	South Carolina State Office Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29102, 803–765–5163, Larry Floyd
Hawaii State Office Room 311, Federal Building, 154 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, 808–933–8380, Thao Khamoui	Montana State Office Unit 1, Suite B, P.O. Box 850, 900 Technology Boulevard, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406–585–2580, Deborah Chorlton	South Dakota State Office Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth Street SW., Huron, SD 57350, 605– 352–1100, Roger Hazuka
Idaho State Office 9173 W. Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, 208–378–5600, Dan Fraser	Nebraska State Office Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402–437–5551, Denise Brosius-Meeks	Tennessee State Office Suite 300, 3322 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203–1084, 615–783– 1300, Keith Head
Illinois State Office 2118 Westpark Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821, 217–403–6200, Gerald Townsend	Nevada State Office 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703–9910, 775–887–1222, Mike E. Holm	Texas State Office Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, 254–742– 9700, Eugene G. Pavlat
Indiana State Office 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, 317–290–3100, Gregg Delp	New Jersey State Office Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22, 790 WoodLane Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, 609–265–3600, Michael P. Kelsey	Utah State Office Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Rm. 4311, P.O. Box 11350, Salt Lake City, UT 84147– 0350, 801–524–4320, Bonnie Carrig
Iowa State Office 873 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, 515– 284–4663, Dorman A. Otte	New Mexico State Office 6200 Jefferson Street NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505–761– 4950, Clyde F. Hudson,	Vermont State Office **** City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, 802–828–1600, Rhonda Shippee
Kansas State Office 1303 SW First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604–0440, 785– 271–2700, Gary Smith	New York State Office The Galleries of Syracuse 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY, 13202–2541, 315–477–6400, Gail Giannotta	Virginia State Office Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, 804–287–1550, Carrie Schmidt
Kentucky State Office Suite 200, 771 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503, 859–224–7300, Vernon C. Brown	North Carolina State Office 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, 919–873–2000, Phyllis Godbold	Washington State Office 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW., Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512–5715, 360–704– 7740, Sandi Boughton
Louisiana State Office 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, 318–473–7920, Danny Magee	North Dakota State Office Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND, 58502–1737, 701–530–2037, Donald Warren	West Virginia State Office Federal Building, 75 High Street, Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505–7500, 304–284–4860, Dianne Crysler
Maine State Office 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, P.O. Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402–0405, 207– 990–9106, Alan Daigle	Ohio State Office Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH, 43215– 2418, 614–255–2400, David Douglas	Wisconsin State Office 4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715–345–7600, Mark Brodziski,
Massachusetts State Office*** 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, 413–253–4300, Daniel Beaudette	Oklahoma State Office 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074–2654, 405–742–1000, Rock W. Davis	Wyoming State Office 100 East B, Federal Building, Room 1005, P.O. Box 820, Casper, WY 82602, 307–261–6300, Charles Huff
Michigan State Office 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, 517–324–5100, Philip H. Wolak	Oregon State Office, 101 SW Main, Suite 1410, Portland, OR 97204–3222, 503–414–3300, Jerry W. Sheridan	* The Delaware State Office also administers the Maryland program. ** The Florida State Office also administers the Virgin Island program. *** The Massachusetts State Office also administers the Rhode Island and Connecticut programs.
Minnesota State Office 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101–1853, 651– 602–7800, James Maras	Pennsylvania State Office One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110–2996, 717–237– 2299, Gary Rothrock	**** The Vermont State Office also administers the New Hampshire program.
Mississippi State Office Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol, Jackson, MS 39269, 601–965– 4316 Darnella Smith-Murray	Puerto Rico State Office IBM Building, Suite 601, 654 Munos Rivera Avenue, Hato Rey, PR, 00918– 6106, 787–766–5095, Pedro Gomez	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Ben-Israel, Community Programs, RHS, USDA, STOP 0787,
Missouri State Office 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO		

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The reporting requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB control number 0575-0173 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Authorizing Legislation and Regulations

This program is authorized under section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. RHS will administer these funds using the same regulations that govern its Community Facilities grant program. Program administration, eligibility, processing, and servicing requirements that govern the Community Facilities grant program may be found under 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B.

Background

Under the FY 2002 appropriation, Congress appropriated \$19 million for a Community Facilities grant program for rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression, hereafter referred to as the Economic Impact Initiative. These funds are in addition to the Community Facilities grant program's regular allocation of competitive grant funds. The Community Facilities grant program, authorized by Congress in 1996, is used in conjunction with the existing direct and guaranteed loan programs for the development of essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. Funding is intended to complement rather than compete with other credit sources. Grants are made available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, and special-service districts, as well as to eligible nonprofit corporations and tribal governments. Grants are targeted to communities with the smallest populations and lowest incomes. Communities with lower population and income levels receive a greater percentage of the Federal contribution, between 15 to 75 percent of the cost of developing the facility.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

In addition to those requirements contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B, the essential community facility must be located in a rural community where the "not employed rate" is greater than

19.5 percent as mandated by 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(20)(B).

Definition of Not Employed Rate

This is the percentage of individuals over the age of 18 who reside within the community and who are ready, willing, and able to be employed but are unable to find employment, as determined by the Department of Labor of the State in which the community is located.

Applicant Eligibility for Local Dial-Up Internet Access

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 expanded eligibility for the Economic Impact Initiative to provide local dial-up Internet access or broadband service where it does not currently exist. Under this provision, the Agency may make grants to State agencies for use by regulatory commissions in States with rural communities without local dial-up Internet access or local broadband service. The State Agencies will establish a competitive, technologically neutral grant program to telecommunications carriers or cable operators that establish common carrier facilities and services that, in the commission's determination, will result in the long-term availability of affordable broadband services that are used for high speed Internet access for these communities.

Allocation of Funds

All Economic Impact Initiative funds will remain in the National Office reserve for funding consideration for FY 2002. Project selections will be on a national competitive basis. There will be two windows of opportunity to compete for grant funding. It is anticipated, the first round of funding selections will be made after May 10, 2002. The second round will be held after August 23, 2002.

Selection Process

Once a determination has been made by the State Office that an applicant is eligible, the preapplication is evaluated competitively and points awarded as specified in the project selection priorities contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B. The State Director or designee will then forward the request to the National Office to compete for funding consideration. Projects will then be rated, ranked, and selections made in order of priority. Each proposal will be judged on its own merit. Unless withdrawn by the applicant, projects not selected for funding consideration for the first round of funding selections

will remain eligible to compete for the next round of funding.

To be considered for the first window, all preapplications along with supporting documentation satisfactory to the Agency must be received by the Rural Development State or designated field office by close of business May 3, 2002. To be considered for the second window, all preapplications must be received by the Rural Development State or designated field office by close of business August 16, 2002.

Notice of Invitation To Submit Complete Application

All preapplications selected for funding consideration will be notified by the State or field office by issuing Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action." At that time, the proposed recipient will be invited to submit a complete application, along with instructions related to the agreed upon award amount, and asked to schedule an application conference to discuss items needed for formal application and to further clarify issues related to the project.

Final Approval and Funding Process

Final approval is subject to the availability of funds; the submission by the applicant of a formal, complete application and related materials that meet the program requirements and responsibilities of the grantee (contained in 7 CFR part 3570, subpart B); the letter of conditions; and the grant agreement. Those preapplications that do not have sufficient priority necessary to receive funding consideration for FY 2002 will be notified, in writing, by the Agency's State or designated field office.

Dated: April 3, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights that a meeting of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Advisory Committees to the Commission will convene at 9:30 a.m. and recess at 6 p.m. on April 24, 2002; will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 6 p.m. on April 25, 2002, at the Mason District Government Center,