

State Rental Assistance (RA)	
Designated Reserve	1,500,000
Regular Section 515 Funds ...	52,750,000

The General Reserve will first be used for hardships, emergencies, and cooperative housing requests. If funds remain, the Administrator may consider group home requests. Group home requests must be located in a designated place and must be submitted under this NOFA.

The remaining \$35 million will be available for repair and rehabilitation loans and for equity loans.

For fiscal year 1999, the Administrator has determined that it would not be practical to allocate funds to States because of funding constraints; therefore, section 515 new construction funds will be distributed to States based on a National competition, as follows:

1. States will accept, review, score, and rank requests in accordance with 7 CFR part 1944, subpart E.

2. The National office will rank all requests nationwide and distribute funds to States in rank order, within funding and RA limits. If insufficient funds or RA remain for the next ranked proposal, the Agency will select the next ranked proposal that falls within the remaining levels.

C. Eligible Prior Year Applications

The Rural Housing Service published a Final Rule, in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 67216, on December 23, 1997) outlining its application and review process for section 515 Rural Rental 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. The following States have applications on hand from prior years in designated places that will count toward the \$2.5 million maximum that a State may receive:

Alabama
Colorado

Applicants are advised to contact those States to ascertain the amount the State is eligible to compete for in the National 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. States may establish a lower limit than \$1 million.

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.

II. Rental Assistance (RA)

New construction RA will be held in the National Office for use with section 515 Rural Rental Housing loans.

III. 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 IV 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**.

IV. 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 do not conform to or exceed the State's limit on size of project or dollar amount will be returned to the applicant); and
3. List of designated places for funding new section 515 facilities.

V. 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 on-going 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. \$7.56 million is available nationwide in a set-aside for eligible Nonprofit organizations as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1485(w).

C. \$4.2 million is available nationwide in a set-aside for the 100 most Underserved Counties and Colonias.

D. \$7.25 million is available nationwide in a set-aside for EZ/ECs.

E. \$1.5 million is available nationwide in a set-aside for the State Rental Assistance Program. These funds are available for States with viable State Rental Assistance 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.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: December 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman, (703) 603-7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Jack, Scissors, Hand
5120-00-106-7598

NPA: Knox County ARC, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Odor Barrier Waste Storage Container
7240-00-NIB-0001
7240-00-NIB-0002

NPA: East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Tyler, Texas.

Skirt, Female Service, Dress Blue,
CG 8410-01-452-3387

8410-01-452-3388

8410-01-452-3389

8410-01-452-3390

8410-01-452-3391

8410-01-452-3393

8410-01-452-3394

8410-01-452-3395

8410-01-452-3396

8410-01-452-3397

8410-01-452-3398

8410-01-452-3399

8410-01-452-3400

8410-01-452-3402

8410-01-452-3404

8410-01-452-3653

8410-01-452-3654

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8410-01-452-3679

8410-01-452-3680

8410-01-452-3681

8410-01-452-3682

8410-01-452-6191

8410-01-452-6195

8410-01-452-6197

NPA: Vocational Guidance Services,
Cleveland, Ohio

Service

Food Service Attendant, U.S. Coast Guard,
259 High Street, South Portland, Maine
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Northern New
England, Portland, Maine

Deletion

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following service has been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Laundry Service,

Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport,
Washington

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 2, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published a notice (63 F.R. 36211) of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish