

# Notices

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### HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting; Trustees Meeting

United States Capitol Building, Room HC-6, January 28, 1999, 4:00-5:30 p.m.:

1. Call to Order by Chairman Staats.
  2. Approval of the Minutes of the 1997 Annual Meeting.
  3. Report by Chairman Staats.
  4. Report by President Stevens.
  5. Report by the Executive Secretary.
  6. Status of the Foundation's assets.
  7. Status of appointments and vacancies on the Board of Trustees.
  8. New Business.
- Adjournment.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

**Louis H. Blair,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Rural Housing Service

#### 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:** RHS hereby announces that it will begin receiving preapplications on December 23, 1998. The closing date for acceptance by RHS of preapplications is March 23, 1999. This period will be the only time during the current fiscal year that RHS accepts preapplications. Preapplications must be received by or postmarked on or before the closing date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit preapplications to Rural Development servicing offices for the HPG program; applicants must contact their Rural Development State Office for this information. A listing of Rural Development State Offices, their addresses, and telephone numbers follows.

#### Rural Development State Offices

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

##### Alabama State Office

Sterling Center Office Building  
4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 601  
Montgomery, AL 36106-3683  
(334) 279-3455

##### Alaska State Office

800 West Evergreen, Suite 201  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907) 745-2176

##### Arizona State Office

Phoenix Corporate Center  
3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 900  
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906  
(602) 280-8755

##### Arkansas State Office

700 W. Capitol Ave., Rm. 3416  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225  
(501) 301-3250

##### California State Office

194 West Main Street, Suite F  
Woodland, CA 95695-2915  
(530) 668-2091

##### Colorado State Office

655 Parfet Street, Room E100  
Lakewood, CO 80215  
(303) 236-2801 (ext. 101)

##### Connecticut

Served by Massachusetts State Office

##### Delaware/Maryland State Office

5201 South Dupont Highway  
PO Box 400  
Camden, DE 19934-9998  
(302) 697-4314

##### Florida State Office

4440 N.W. 25th Place  
PO Box 147010  
Gainesville, FL 32614-7010  
(352) 338-3435

##### Georgia State Office

Stephens Federal Building  
335 E. Hancock Avenue  
Athens, GA 30601-2768  
(706) 546-2164

##### Guam

Served by Hawaii State Office

##### Hawaii State Office

Room 311, Federal Building  
154 Waiianuenue Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 933-3000

##### Idaho State Office

9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1  
Boise, ID 83709  
(208) 378-5627

##### Illinois State Office

Illini Plaza, Suite 103  
1817 South Neil Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 398-5412 (ext. 256)

##### Indiana State Office

5975 Lakeside Boulevard  
Indianapolis, IN 46278  
(317) 290-3117

##### Iowa State Office

873 Federal Building  
210 Walnut Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
(515) 284-4493

##### Kansas State Office

1200 SW Executive Drive  
PO Box 4653  
Topeka, KS 66604  
(785) 271-2720

##### Kentucky State Office

771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200  
Lexington, KY 40503  
(606) 224-7416

##### Louisiana State Office

3727 Government Street  
Alexandria, LA 71302  
(318) 473-7962

##### Maine State Office

444 Stillwater Ave., Suite 2  
PO Box 405  
Bangor, ME 04402-0405  
(207) 990-9115

*Maryland*

Served by Delaware State Office

*Massachusetts State Office*

451 West Street  
Amherst, MA 01002  
(413) 253-4333

*Michigan State Office*

3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 337-6635 (ext. 1609)

*Minnesota State Office*

410 AgriBank Building  
375 Jackson Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1853  
(651) 602-7823

*Mississippi State Office*

Federal Building, Suite 831  
100 W. Capitol Street  
Jackson, MS 39269  
(601) 965-4325

*Missouri State Office*

601 Business Loop 70 West  
Parkade Center, Suite 235  
Columbia, MO 65203  
(573) 876-0990

*Montana State Office*

Unit 1, Suite B  
900 Technology Blvd.  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
(406) 585-2515

*Nebraska State Office*

Federal Building, room 152  
100 Centennial Mall N  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 437-5567

*Nevada State Office*

1390 South Curry Street  
Carson City, NV 89703-9910  
(702) 887-1222, Ext. 13

*New Hampshire*

Served by Vermont State Office

*New Jersey State Office*

Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22  
790 Woodland Road  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 265-3630

*New Mexico State Office*

6200 Jefferson St., NE, Room 255  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
(505) 761-4944

*New York State Office*

The Galleries of Syracuse  
441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 477-6419

*North Carolina State Office*

4405 Bland Road, Suite 260  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
(919) 873-2061

*North Dakota State Office*

Federal Building, Room 208  
220 East Rosser  
PO Box 1737

Bismark, ND 58502  
(701) 250-4771

*Ohio State Office*

Federal Building, Room 507  
200 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-2477  
(614) 469-5165

*Oklahoma State Office*

100 USDA, Suite 108  
Stillwater, OK 74074-2654  
(405) 742-1070

*Oregon State Office*

101 SW Main, Suite 1410  
Portland, OR 97204-2333  
(503) 414-3350

*Pennsylvania State Office*

One Credit Union Place, Suite 330  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996  
(717) 237-2187

*Puerto Rico State Office*

New San Juan Office Bldg., Room 501  
159 Carlos E. Chardon Street  
Hato Rey, PR 00918-5481  
(787) 766-5095

*Rhode Island*

Served by Massachusetts State Office

*South Carolina State Office*

Strom Thurmond Federal Building  
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 765-5690

*South Dakota State Office*

Federal Building, Room 210  
200 Fourth Street, SW  
Huron, SD 57350  
(605) 352-1132

*Tennessee State Office*

Suite 300  
3322 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203-1084  
(615) 783-1375

*Texas State Office*

Federal Building, Suite 102  
101 South Main  
Temple, TX 76501  
(254) 742-9760

*Utah State Office*

Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building  
125 S. State Street, Room 4311  
P.O. Box 11350  
Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350  
(801) 524-4323

*Vermont State Office*

City Center, 3rd Floor  
89 Main Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802) 223-6045

*Virgin Islands*

Served by Vermont State Office

*Virginia State Office*

Culpeper Building, Suite 238  
1606 Santa Rosa Road  
Richmond, VA 23229  
(804) 287-1582

*Washington State Office*

1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW.  
Suite B  
Olympia, WA 98512-5715  
(360) 704-7707

*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

*Wisconsin State Office*

4949 Kirschiling Court  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
(715) 345-7620

*Wyoming State Office*

100 East B  
Federal Building, Room 1005  
PO Box 820  
Casper, WY 82602  
(307) 261-6315

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracee Lilly, Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, USDA, Stop 0781, Room 1263, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-9729. (This is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N provides details on what information must be contained in the preapplication packages. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Office to receive further information 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.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 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 (d) and (e) for specific guidance on these requirements relative to the HPG program.

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; although, based on fiscal year (FY) 1999 funding availability, the Agency anticipates that the average grant will be \$59,000 for a 1-year proposal. For FY 99, \$7,000,000 is available and 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 the preapplications.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

**Jan E. Shadburn,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Housing Service**

**Notice of Availability of Funds; Multi-Family Housing, Single Family Housing**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of housing funds for fiscal year 1999 (FY 1999). This action is taken to comply with 42 U.S.C. 1490p which requires that RHS publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the availability of any housing assistance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 23, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia L. Reese-Foxworth, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Room 1247 (STOP 0781), or Gloria Denson, Senior Loan Officer, Single Family Housing Processing Division, Room 2211, (STOP 0783), U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., 20250, telephones (202) 720-1604, and (202) 720-1474, respectively. (These are not toll free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Programs Affected**

The following programs are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 that requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. These programs or activities are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos.

- 10.405 Farm Labor Housing (LH) Loans and Grants
- 10.410 Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans
- 10.411 Rural Housing Site Loans and Self-Help Housing Land Development Loans
- 10.415 Rural Rental Housing Loans
- 10.417 Very Low Income Housing Repair Loans and Grants
- 10.420 Rural Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance
- 10.427 Rural Rental Assistance Payments
- 10.433 Rural Housing Preservation Grants
- 10.442 Housing Application Packaging Grants

**Discussion of Notice**

7 CFR chapter XVIII, part 1940, subpart L contains the "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds." The following guidance has been provided to our State offices on FY 1999 appropriations and access to funds. Separate guidance has been provided to our State offices for assistance available in our Multi-and Single-Family Housing Programs as follows:

**Multi-Family Housing (MFH)**

*I. General*

A. This provides guidance on MFH funding for the Rural Rental Housing Program (RRH) for FY 1999. Allocation computations have been performed in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.575 and 1940.578. For FY 1999, State Directors, under the Rural Housing Assistance Grants (RHAG), will have the flexibility to transfer their initial allocations of budget authority between the Single Family Housing (SFH) section 504 Rural Housing Grants and section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) programs.

B. MFH loan levels for FY 1999 are as follows:

MFH Loan Programs Credit Sales .....	\$3,500,000
Section 514 Farm Labor Housing (LH) Loans .....	20,000,000
Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) .....	79,321,240
Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Rehabilitation or Repair Loans & Equity Loans	35,000,000
Section 521 New Construction Rental Assistance (RA)	35,705,890
Section 516 LH Grants (RHAG) .....	13,500,000
Sections 525 Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grants (TSA) and 509 Housing Application Packaging Grants (HAPG) (Shared between Single and Multi-Family Housing) .....	1,355,054
Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants (HPG) (RHAG) .....	7,000,000
Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program* .....	74,800,000

\* The program has been authorized for FY 1999. Guaranteed loan funds will be made available under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that will be published with a final rule later this fiscal year. Additional guidance will be provided at that time.

*II. Funds not Allocated to States*

A. *Credit Sales Authority.* For FY 1999, \$3,500,000 will be set aside for credit sales to program and nonprogram buyers. Credit sale funding will not be allocated by State.

B. *Section 514 Farm LH Loans.* 1. These loans are funded in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.579(a).

FY 1999 Appropriation .....	\$20,000,000
Available for Off-Farm Loans .....	15,500,000
Available for On-Farm Loans .....	1,500,000
National Office Reserve .....	3,000,000

2. Off-farm loan fundings will be made available under a NOFA that will be published with a final rule later this fiscal year. Additional guidance will be provided at that time. (A proposed rule was published at 63 FR 57932 on October 29, 1998.)

C. *Section 516 Farm LH Grants.* 1. Grants are funded in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.579(b). Unobligated prior year balances and cancellations will be added to the amount shown.

FY 1999 Appropriation .....	\$13,500,000
Available for LH Grants .....	9,150,000
Available for Technical Assistance Contracts .....	1,350,000
National Office Reserve .....	3,000,000

2. Labor Housing grant funds for off-farm will be made available under a NOFA that will be published with a final rule later this fiscal year. Additional guidance will be provided at that time. (A Proposed Rule was published on October 29, 1998.)

D. Rental Assistance for LH. Labor Housing RA will be held in the National office for use with LH loan and grant applications. RA is only available with an LH loan of at least 5 percent of the total development cost. Projects without a LH loan cannot receive RA.

*III. Section 515 RRH Loan Funds*

A. *Section 515 RRH Loan Funds (for New Construction Loans):* New construction loan funds will be made available via a National NOFA using the following parameters:

1. No one State may receive more than \$2.5 million under the NOFA. Reserve funds are not considered NOFA funds and therefore, will not be counted toward the \$2.5 million State cap.

2. No single loan request may exceed \$1 million. The Administrator may waive this limit in cases where a State's average total development costs exceed the National average by 50 percent or more. States may set a lower loan amount.

3. The amount of RA available will be impacted by the amount of leveraging in