

documents. Please use "Choice Neighborhoods Evaluation PRA Comment" in the subject line of any email.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed extension of information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Choice Neighborhoods Evaluation, Phase I.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* HUD is

conducting an evaluation of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, focused on the initial round of grants funded in August 2011. This evaluation requires the collection of information from households living in the Choice Neighborhoods sites. This proposed information collection will support the first phase of the evaluation, which is focused on studying implementation of the grants and establishing a baseline for long-term evaluation of program outcomes. The information collection is necessary to understand the experience of the residents in the Choice Neighborhood sites.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of the Affected Public:* This information collection request will affect residents in assisted and unassisted housing in each of the sites. We will use a longitudinal resident tracking survey to examine resident outcomes over time. To monitor outcomes for assisted housing residents, the research team proposes conducting a multi-wave survey that tracks a representative sample of the original assisted housing residents during implementation and revitalization of the site. The survey will track outcomes of interest, including housing location and quality; and resident physical and mental health, safety, employment, and education.

To assess the outcomes of assisted residents, we will sample from the public housing developments at each site, including residents at the time of

the survey as well as residents who relocated during 2012. We will oversample special populations (e.g., disabled, seniors, large families, or limited English proficiency households) when appropriate. Our research design calls for the collection of a random sample at the Chicago and New Orleans sites, and assumes 250 completed surveys. At the Boston site we will obtain 100 completed surveys (i.e., as complete coverage as possible of the occupied units, with no oversampling). In the event that funding becomes available to support a survey of assisted residents at the Seattle and San Francisco sites, we will obtain 250 completed surveys at each site.

To allow for comparisons between assisted-households in units that will be transformed by the CNI and those in the neighborhood, the content of the unassisted resident survey and the assisted-resident will be as similar as possible. Part of this task will be to define the appropriate neighborhood boundary for the survey. Our goal is to have a minimum of 250 completed interviews with unassisted residents, with a larger sample in sites with bigger neighborhoods. Units will be drawn from a random sample of housing units in the defined neighborhood.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The following chart details the respondent burden:

	Assisted households	Other households	Total households	Hours per response	Total hours
New Orleans .....	250	250	500	.75	375
Chicago .....	250	250	500	.75	375
Boston .....	100	250	350	.75	262.5
Seattle .....	250	250	500	.75	375
San Francisco .....	250	250	500	.75	375
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>.75</b>	<b>1,762.5</b>

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: January 10, 2012.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5415-FA-35]**

**Announcement of Funding Awards for the Rural Innovation Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2010**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

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Street SW., Room 7136, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone number (202) 402-4091 (this is not a toll free number). Hearing- and- speech impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1-(800) 877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-(800) 998-9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Innovation Fund program was authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Public Law 111-117. The Rural Innovation Fund NOFA was posted on Grants.gov on December 22, 2010, and announced in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2011 (76 FR 375). Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that NOFA.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for Rural Innovation Fund program is 14.263. The purpose of the Rural Innovation Fund is

to provide support for highly targeted and innovative grants dedicated to addressing the problems of concentrated rural housing distress and community poverty for projects that demonstrate a great likelihood of substantial impact in addressing the housing needs and community poverty in the project area. Eligible applicants are local rural nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies (HFAs), and state economic development and community development agencies (including consortia of such entities) with demonstrated capacity to undertake comprehensive projects that address the problems of concentrated rural housing distress and community poverty.

The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a NOFA selection process conducted by HUD. Approximately \$25 million was made available under the Consolidated Appropriations, 2010, in Rural Innovation grant funds, along with unobligated and unused funds

remaining for the Rural Fund's predecessor program, the Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program appropriated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2009, and prior appropriations Acts. For the Fiscal Year 2010 competition, a total of \$31,355,236 was awarded to 51 projects nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987. 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this Notice. A description of the projects, activities or undertakings of each award is provided in Appendix B to this Notice.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

**Valerie Piper,**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

**Appendix A**

Number	State	Award recipient	Award
1	AK	Village of Atmautluak	\$798,888
2	AK	Organized Village of Kake	567,908
3	AZ	Nogales Community Development Corporation	1,999,177
4	AZ	Elfrida Citizens Alliance, Inc	300,000
5	AZ	San Carlos Housing Authority	300,000
6	AZ	International Sonoran Desert Alliance	300,000
7	AZ	Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc.	1,557,840
8	AR	Southern Bancorp Capital Partners	1,998,621
9	CA	Karuk Tribe	392,266
10	CA	Habitat for Humanity Lake County	300,000
11	CA	All Mission Indian Housing Authority	300,000
12	CA	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians	300,000
13	CA	Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians	300,000
14	CA	Cahuilla Band of Indians	300,000
15	CA	Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria	300,000
16	CA	Walking Shield, Inc. of Lake Forest, California	300,000
17	DE	National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor Research Fund of Dover, DE	300,000
18	IL	Youthbuild McLean County	300,000
19	KY	Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation	300,000
20	KY	Young Adult Development in Action, Inc.	300,000
21	KY	Purchase Area Housing Corporation	300,000
22	KY	Housing Development Alliance, Inc.	300,000
23	LA	Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation	300,000
24	LA	Pilgrim Rest Community Development Agency	300,000
25	MI	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	800,000
26	MI	Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Walking Development Corporation	300,000
27	MN	Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation	300,000
28	MS	Community Students Learning Center	1,974,462
29	MT	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority	300,000
30	MT	Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority	300,000
31	MT	Chippewa Cree Tribe	2,000,000
32	NM	Northern Pueblos Housing Authority	300,000
33	NM	San Felipe Pueblo Housing Authority	1,660,000
34	NM	Taos Pueblo	799,997
35	NM	Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority	300,000
36	NY	PathStone Corporation of Rochester, NY	2,000,000
37	NC	Lumbee Regional Development Association	300,000
38	OK	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	776,294
39	OK	Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	300,000
40	OK	Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.	300,000
41	OR	St. Joseph's Shelter	300,000
42	PR	Instituto para el Desarrollo Socioeconómico y de Vivienda de Puerto Rico, Inc	300,000

Number	State	Award recipient	Award
43	SD	Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial, Inc.	300,000
44	SD	Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing	2,000,000
45	SD	Four Bands Community Fund, Inc.	300,000
46	SD	Lakota Fund, Inc.	300,000
47	TX	Motivation Education & Training, Inc.	300,000
48	WA	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	799,750
49	WA	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	240,970
50	WI	Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	789,063
51	WI	Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency	300,000
Total			31,355,236

## Appendix B

### Alaska

The Atmautluak Traditional Council in Atmautluak, Alaska will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$798,888 to launch the Pikat Housing Development Company Project (Pikat Project), which will address the need for sustainable, permanent jobs by developing energy-efficient, culturally-informed, and healthy housing for low- and very-low income residents in the Village of Atmautluak. The Pikat Project will form the for-profit business Pikat Housing Development Company (PHD COMPANY) to construct two prototype homes that can then be duplicated in Atmautluak and the surrounding villages by PHD Company (PHDC). This will create more job opportunities as PHDC grows. In partnership with the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC), the Pikat Project will use a hands-on approach to build the capacity of the tribal government staff and local construction workforce. The tribe has a trained construction workforce with experience in conventional construction techniques but lacks training in green, energy-efficient new construction. Leveraging for this project is \$507,202 from CCHRC and Atmautluak Limited.

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The Organized Village of Kake in Kake, Alaska will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$567,908 that will be used to provide small business development assistance to start-up oyster and geoduck farmers. Shellfish aquaculture shows strong promise to provide expanded private sector employment and revenue to rural Southeast Alaska, which has been devastated in recent years with

outmigration of jobs and residents. The Southeast Alaska Mariculture Business Development Project will offer business development technical assistance and capacity building services to existing and start-up mariculture businesses in the Kake, Naukati, Hoonah and Angoon areas. All of these communities are located in economically distressed rural areas with less than 2,500 inhabitants. Services include a shellfish business incubator, mariculture small farmer apprenticeship program, and a mariculture equipment revolving loan fund for provision of essential equipment to create small shellfish farms. Key partners for the project include AK Shellfish Growers Assoc.; Univ. of Southeast AK Marine Advisory Program; Univ. of AK Center for Economic Development; AK Oyster Cooperative and Rural Community Assistance Corp. Leveraging for this project is \$224,741.

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### Arizona

Nogales Community Development (NCD) in Nogales, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$1,999,177 to revitalize the downtown core of the rural colonia while helping low-income residents build assets to move out of poverty. These goals will be achieved through three primary activities. First, NCD will develop a multi-use training and resource center to provide residents with self-sufficiency services and spur revitalization of historic downtown buildings. Second, NCD will provide services including rental housing rehab, foreclosure mitigation, housing counseling and financial literacy, business development, and education, including scholarships for higher education. Other self sufficiency supports include citizenship classes,

developing community gardens, public health education, and access to transportation and child care. Third, NCD will create a comprehensive continuum of services referral system that bundles client housing, business, public health and education services with a program that trains and deploys lay community workers to link residents with services. This project will create at least 100 jobs and rehabilitate 10 housing units. NCD will partner with Mariposa Community Health Center, University of Arizona (Santa Cruz County), Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College Board, Southwest Fair Housing Council, Primeria Alta Historical Society, Nogales Public Housing Authority, and Citi Bank. Leveraging for this project is \$1,000,743.

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Elfrida Citizens Alliance, Inc (ECA) in Elfrida, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to address substandard housing conditions, economic distress and lack of access to affordable capital by promoting sustainable energy-efficient housing, businesses, and community facilities. ECA will provide technical assistance to small businesses and homeowners to develop, finance, and build energy-efficiency projects or renewable energy facilities and leverage funds from utility rebates and USDA's Renewable Energy America Program. ECA will construct 14 commercial projects, replace 3 substandard homes, and provide training in installation of solar photovoltaic panels. Permanent financing secured by businesses and homeowners will repay the RIF construction loans, which will capitalize a revolving loan fund to provide construction financing for small businesses to develop and build renewable energy facilities or to make

energy-efficiency improvements, affordable financing for businesses, and construction loans to upgrade substandard homes. Partners include Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative and Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization's Pathways Out of Poverty Program. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The San Carlos Housing Authority in Peridot, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to build and rehabilitate 40 single family homes and provide quality affordable rental housing. Each of the new and rehabilitated homes will have cost-saving, energy-efficient upgrades, including Energy Star advanced lighting, energy-efficient hot water distribution system, high efficiency HVAC system, and Energy Star high performance windows, design shading, and radiant barriers. Partners for this project are Travois, Inc, and Travois Asset Management, LLC. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) in Ajo, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to complete the final phase of the Curley School renovation project. In 2005, ISDA purchased a seven acre, seven building campus and renovated the high school and junior high school buildings into 30 affordable artisan live/work spaces. This project will convert an elementary school into a conference and learning center with bed/bath units to augment the available guest rooms and generate income to sustain the learning center. ISDA will run a construction training program for adults and youth that will create 15-20 jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The Portable Practical Education Preparation Inc (PPEP) in Tucson, AZ, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$1,557,840 to increase job training and

work skills for low income residents in Southern Yuma County, AZ. The project is called *Building Houses, Building Community* and it will provide 66 low income youth, the majority farm workers, job skills and education to positively impact the economy of these rural communities in tandem with the creation of 9 homes and rehabilitation of 15 homes for low income people. Partners include PPEP's High School Equivalency Program (HEP), OneStop, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program, WIA Section 167 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker program, and two charter schools serving high risk youth in Somerton and San Luis, AZ. Leveraging for this project is \$883,800.

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### Arkansas

The Southern Bancorp Capital Partners (SBCP) in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$1,998,621 for an economic development and housing program that will support existing business and entrepreneurs and provide supportive services and incentives to homeowners. Activities include: a new downtown Helena-West Helena mixed-use retail and housing development; a loan loss reserve and business loan fund; employer incentives for job creation; a small business incubator; an innovative business plan award competition; individual development accounts; housing counseling and financial education; and housing assistance stipends for low-income families and those in critical professions. The program will create 14 new businesses, 98 new jobs, and help 155 homeowners purchase or repair their homes. Partners include Southern Bancorp, Southern Good Faith Fund; Phillips Community College-University of Arkansas, Small Business Incubator; the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce; Helena-West Helena Advertising and Promotions Commission; and Main Street Helena. Leveraging for this project is \$1.1 million.

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### California

The Karuk Tribe, through its Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC), in Happy Camp, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$392,266 to provide job training, small business assistance, and financial education to residents. KCDC will provide vocational and job training programs for 90 residents; credit, homeownership, and financial counseling for 60 residents; and entrepreneurship training for 60 residents or 10 new businesses. A computer center will allow residents to obtain GEDs, certificates, or Associate degrees via distance learning. KCDC will partner with Happy Camp School District and the Karuk Community Loan Fund. Leveraging for this project is \$114,191.

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Habitat for Humanity Lake County in Lower Lake, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to repair and renovate 30 homes as part of its Jobs-for-Homes Project. This project will hire local displaced workers and will train them in energy efficiency, sustainability, and home accessibility. The home repair and rehabilitation will both improve the health and safety of the occupants and ensure the home's long-term affordability. The Local Workforce Investment Board One Stop Career Center will assist in the training of the new hires. Leveraging for this project is \$170,000.

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All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) in Temecula, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to fund construction of four homes on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. This project is an important step in the plan to replace all of the 32 dilapidated modular homes inhabited by the majority of Tribal residents. The four new, stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes will range from 1,200 to 1,300 square feet and will be of quality construction. Each home will meet Energy Star standards and meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green

Communities Criteria" set forth by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. AMIHA will partner with Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Leveraging for this project is \$373,732.

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The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians (LJBLI) in Pauma Valley, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to construct two new healthy design homes on the La Jolla Indian Reservation. LJBLI will partner with All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) which is a tribally designated housing entity. Leveraging for this project is \$204,880.

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Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians in Hemet, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to fund construction of two new homes on the Santa Rosa Reservation. The two new, stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, two bathrooms homes will range from 1,600-2,000 square feet and will incorporate visibility features and healthy design. All homes will meet Energy Star standards and will be constructed to meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green Communities Criteria." Partners for this project include AMERID Risk Management Corporation, The LaJolla Band of Luiseno Indians and Pit River Construction, Inc. Leveraging for this project is \$204,880.

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The Cahuilla Band of Indians in Anza, California, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to build two new affordable homes in partnership with All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA). The two stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes will be of quality construction and incorporate climate resilient features. The homes will incorporate visitability features and healthy design. Each home will meet the seven principles of universal design

identified by the Universal Design Alliance. All homes will meet Energy Star standards and will meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green Communities Criteria" set forth by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Leveraging for this project is \$233,880.00.

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The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria in Loeita, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to develop infrastructure improvements on a 113-acre Tribal property in Singley Hill, Humboldt County, California. The infrastructure improvements include construction of roadways, walkways, dry utilities, storm water, wastewater, and water supply systems to support the multi-family housing element of the master-planned Tish Non development, a mixed-use residential, community, and commercial project. The anticipated full development at the Tish Non Village includes 66 single-family home sites, 12 multi-family units and a community center, recreation center, and assisted living center. Leveraging for this project is \$150,235.

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Walking Shield, Inc. in Lake Forest, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 for an affordable housing and economic development project on the Rocky Boy Indian reservation in Montana. The innovative housing and community development project will locate and redirect surplus military houses on the Malmstrom Air Force Base to this underserved, rural American Indian community that has a shortage of affordable housing. This project also includes infrastructure improvements and healthcare activities. The project will result in the relocation of 75 homes, the creation of 15 new jobs, the construction of 3 miles of roads and healthcare support for approximately 1,500 individuals. Walking Shield will partner with the Chippewa Cree Housing Authority and Malmstrom Air Force Base. Leveraging for this project is approximately \$6,750,000.

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## Illinois

Youthbuild McLean County (YBMC, Inc.) in Normal, Illinois will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to address the need for safe, sustainable, affordable housing in the community of Carlock, Illinois. The plan includes developing a 57-acre, mixed-income subdivision through the "Self-Help" (sweat equity) method. Eight affordable, single-family homes will be constructed with Energy Star and LEED certification and three dilapidated homes will be deconstructed and rebuilt as safe, green affordable housing. Partners include USDA Rural Development. Leveraging for this project is \$284,000.

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## Kentucky

The Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) in Somerset, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to spur job creation in Annville, Jackson County, Kentucky. SKED will make a third-party loan to Highlands Diversified Services (HDS) for equipment and working capital to expand into a new manufacturing facility. This will create specialized manufacturing jobs that will be filled by low-and-moderate income persons who have the required technical skills but are unemployed as a result of the closure of several companies due to offshore outsourcing. Jackson County is designated as a Distressed County by the Appalachian Regional Commission and is located in the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone will provide leveraging in the amount of \$600,000 which will be used for equipment, inventory, and working capital.

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Young Adult Development in Action, Inc. (YADA), d.b.a. YouthBuild Hazard in Louisville, Kentucky will receive a

Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount \$300,000 to support a 12-month, intensive job training and placement program for a minimum of 10 low-income, at-risk young people aged 18 to 24, youth who otherwise face slim job prospects and a likelihood of requiring on-going public assistance. Participants will improve educational credentials, learn and apply marketable green-building skills through affordable housing rehabilitation and construction, and obtain life-long leadership skills. The new affordable housing built will be energy efficient. The program will serve eligible low-and very-low income young people who live in Breathitt County. Partners include more than a dozen local, state and national partners. Funding will enable YouthBuild Hazard to build on the outcomes of previous RHED grants. Leveraging for this project is \$787,956.

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Purchase Area Housing Corporation in Mayfield, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to repair and construct affordable homes in Fulton County, Hickman County and the cities of Mayfield and Murray. The project will rehabilitate nine substandard, dilapidated homes that house low-income families and will train Area Technology Center students as part of this effort. The project will provide jobs for contractors, suppliers, and other workers in the Purchase Area. Partners include Area Technology Centers and the Kentucky Housing Corporation. Leveraging for this project is \$945,350.

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Housing Development Alliance, Inc. (HDA) in Hazard, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to build upon HDA's innovative homeownership program. The program will construct 25 homes that are at least 40 percent more energy efficient than a standard code home as documented by the HERS rating. The homes will have a 19 SEER heat pump; conditioned crawl spaces; Energy Star rated vent fans; a heat pump and water heater and will be air-sealed. Partners include the Federal Home Loan Bank, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Federation of Appalachian Housing

Enterprises, and local banks. Leveraging for this project is \$3,361,283.

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#### Louisiana

Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation in Ferriday, Louisiana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to encourage retail growth and create construction jobs as part of the Louisiana Delta Rural Innovation Program. The program will construct ten new, single-family houses in the first 24 months and will stimulate entrepreneurship by utilizing disadvantaged start-up subcontractors. The program will also support a revolving loan fund and homebuyer education program to increase homeownership to low- and moderate-income families in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region. Fifty jobs will be created and retained through this program. Partners include the Louisiana Housing and Community Development Corporation and LISC. Leveraging for this project is \$1,415,100.

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The Pilgrim Rest Community Development Agency in Belle Chasse, Louisiana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to build a rental housing development for low-to-moderate income residents in Port Sulphur, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The development will be a triplex rental housing building that is environmentally friendly, energy efficient, promotes the use of green products, and adheres to the Enterprise Green Communities "Healthy Living Environment." The project will create 10 construction jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$176,000.

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#### Michigan

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) in Baraga, Michigan will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant

in the amount of \$300,000 to provide business support to Tribal member-owned small businesses through the capitalization of a low-interest revolving loan fund together with business and financial education. The project will service 18 businesses with an average loan of \$17,198 and the maximum loan amount of \$20,000. KBOHCDC will partner with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority. Leveraging for this project is \$150,068.13.

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The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, MI, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$800,000 to increase job opportunities and business development for the Tribal community. The economic development project will create jobs through business development and expansion to demonstrate a measurable improvement in the quality of life. Business planning and development efforts will focus on the creation of for profit entities that principally create or retain jobs for tribal members, especially unemployed or underemployed persons. Partners include Tribal Employment Rights Office for training of potential management and employees, Lance Morgan, CEO of HoChunk, Inc., Ojibwa Community College, Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, and Michigan Tech University. Leveraging for this project is \$800,000.

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#### Minnesota

Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation (MMCDC) in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to provide business financing to a subsidiary limited liability company to redevelop an abandoned commercial facility for the production of biomass heating pellets, capitalizing on the area's supply of wood and logging residue. Transportation and workforce support programs will link low-skilled tribal workers on the White Earth Indian Reservation to jobs in the biomass energy industry. MMCDC will work with the business and White Earth Tribal Employment and Training program to facilitate employment referrals and on-the-job training and

support for new production and office jobs at the plant. MMCDC will work with White Earth Investment Initiative on implementing an IDA program for car ownership. Finally, MMCDC will research the market for biomass pellets and document this research in a market study to support long-term business stability and job growth and diversification. Leveraging for this project is \$303,000.

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### Mississippi

The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in Lexington, Mississippi will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$1,974,462 for the Empowering the Delta with a Growing Economy (EDGE) project. EDGE will partner with community, business and government agencies to implement a multifaceted approach that generates jobs and provides job training, housing counseling, housing and entrepreneurship. By the end of the third year, 100 consumers will participate in job training and mentoring, 10 consumers in business incubation and 100 consumers in life skills. In the area of housing, 100 consumers will receive housing counseling, 500 will receive fair housing information and 40 will receive information with regard to housing. CSLC will partner with Jackson State University, MS Delta Win Center, Bank Plus, Clark & Clark, PLLC, Mississippi Valley State University, KSBC Transportation, Holmes County USDA Service Center and Holmes County Board of Supervisors. Leveraging for this project is \$1,248,340.

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### Montana

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority (NCTHA) in Lame Deer, MT will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount \$300,000 to rehabilitate 21 houses, bringing them up to NCTHA standards for safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. These efforts will result in a 10 percent reduction in substandard housing for the community. The project will create two jobs and provide on-the-job training. In addition to improving the safety and comfort of low-income

tribal members, the rehabilitated homes will increase in value, allowing homeowners more flexibility to leverage equity. Leveraging for this project is \$465,904.

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The Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA) in Pablo, Montana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 for a homeownership assistance project on the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. SKHA will purchase foreclosed properties that can then be re-sold at prices the program participants can afford. The project will also provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, financial assistance and affordable housing options. Leveraging for this project is \$205,471.

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*Grantee Address:* P.O. Box 38, Pablo, MT 59855-0038.

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*Email Address:* jadams@skha.org. Chippewa Cree Tribe in Box Elder, Montana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 to construct a water storage and delivery system which will provide potable water and fire suppression to the community (justice center, health clinic and approximately 200 homes). This project will result in the creation of 21 jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$1,349,944.

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### New Mexico

Northern Pueblos Housing Authority (NPHA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount \$300,000 to reduce the dilapidated housing conditions and overcrowding on Picuris Pueblo by rehabilitating four homes. The rehabilitation of the historic adobe homes will include accessibility improvements, universal design features, and will meet New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's Green Building standards. NPHA will also address the high rate of poverty and lack of high-paying employment through job training programs that will be implemented with the assistance of

regional entities. In addition to construction job opportunities made available during the home rehabilitation, NPHA will mentor two Tribal members in project and construction management. NPHA will work with the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative to improve access to behavioral and health services for tribal members. Leveraging for this project is \$160,644.

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The San Felipe Pueblo Housing Authority (SFPHA) in San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$1,660,000 to build 12 affordable units of housing while creating 30 jobs. The project will increase the quality of life for over 115 Tribal members living in substandard conditions. Partners include the Pueblo of San Felipe tribal council, the Tribal Administration, Pueblo of San Felipe Public Improvement Authority and the SFPHA Board of Commissioners and Tribal Departments. Leveraging for this project is \$9 million.

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Taos Pueblo in Taos, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount \$799,997. The Taos Pueblo Preservation Project (TPPP) will start a nine-year mission to rehabilitate 320 housing units. Within the spectrum of the Rural Innovation Funding, the Taos Pueblo will rehabilitate 52 traditional multi-use spaces in the Old Village that will be used as housing, retail space, and traditional cultural activities. These efforts will also provide education and training for tribe members and facilitate branding and marketing of Pueblo products. Partners for the project include several public and private entities, Taos Pueblo War Chief's Office, Taos Pueblo Cultural Preservation Office, Red Willows Community Grown Cooperative, and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center. Leveraging for this project is \$625,104.

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The Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority in Rio Arriba, New Mexico, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to improve the housing conditions and utility burden for Jicarilla Apache Tribal members in Dulce, New Mexico. The project will provide housing rehabilitation services and EnergySmart resources to 38 low-income Tribal members and their families. By providing these services, JAHA will build a long-term capacity, through training and education, to assess and address the need for energy-efficiency measures that will augment its increased efforts to preserve the Jicarilla Apache Nation's housing stock and keep housing affordable for the low-income residents of the community of Dulce. Partners include the Native American Housing Consultants, LLC (NAHC), EnergySmart Program of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (NMMFA), and the Los Amigos Educational Resource Center (LAERC). Leveraging for this project is \$404,900.

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#### North Carolina

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) in Pembroke, North Carolina, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to improve the living and economic conditions for the Lumbee Indian Tribe in Robeson, Scotland, and Hoke counties in Southeastern North Carolina. The project will increase energy efficiency and decrease utility costs for residents while creating 9 jobs, completing 150 energy audits and rehabilitating 51 homes. It will also provide housing counseling to 80 families. Partners include the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Lumbee Enterprise Development, the Robeson County Community Development Corporation, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and the LRDA Workforce Investment Act program. Leveraging for this project is \$497,000.

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#### Oklahoma

The Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc. (LDCAA), in Hugo,

Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount \$300,000 to improve housing and existing economic conditions. LDCAA will complete a needs assessment in the areas of housing and employment to generate action plans relative to the needs identified. Activities will include credit and housing counseling, small business training, job-skills training, job fairs, links to available resources, computer skills training, and education. Staff will coordinate with area employers, representatives of the educational community, and other resource providers to schedule and provide trainings, seminars, and workshops. This project will serve 130 participants. Leveraging for this project is \$163,200.

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The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in Durant, Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$776,294 to initiate the Choctaw Native American Business Resource (NABR) Project, which will provide culturally relevant economic development services that support Native American business development, job creation, and ongoing entrepreneur activities. The applicant will partner with Eastern Oklahoma State College (EOSC) and Rural Enterprises Inc. (REI). EOSC will assist with the outreach and infrastructure necessary to implement the project and will also provide educational activities. REI will ensure collaboration with the Native American Small Business Center, provide access for Choctaw NABR participants to a \$500,000 revolving loan fund it operates, and provide small business resources and educational activities. Leveraging for this project is \$670,976.

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The Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (HASNOK) in Wewoka, Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to provide energy-efficient upgrades in an affordable rental housing development under construction in the tribal community in Seminole County, Oklahoma. HASNOK is building 25 single-family homes that will be models

for sustainable, healthy, and energy efficient design. All of the newly-constructed homes will have cost-saving energy efficient upgrades including Energy Star lighting, appliances, windows and doors, water heaters, and heating and cooling systems. Leveraging for this grant is \$150,000; project also includes \$4,448,958 of other financing.

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#### Oregon

The St. Joseph's Shelter in Mt. Angel, OR will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to increase job opportunities and business development for the Tribal community. The grant funds will go toward the renovation of a two story building that will house migrant farmworker families in rural Oregon. The partner for this project is CASA of Oregon. Leveraging for this project is \$601,445.

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#### Puerto Rico

Instituto para el Desarrollo Socioeconómico y de Vivienda de Puerto Rico, Inc. (INDESOSVI) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to build a mixed-use development in the Municipality of Coamo. The project includes construction of eight affordable rental units with ground floor commercial space. The rental units will be occupied by low-income families. The project will be energy efficient and incorporate Green and Healthy Design and will also provide an estimated 4 permanent jobs and 10 construction jobs. The Municipality of Coamo is partnering with INDESOSVI and will donate the land for the project as well as contributing to the initial planning. Leverage for this project is \$94,763.

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PathStone Corporation in Rochester, New York will receive a Rural

Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a project in the Castañer Region of the Cordillera Central on the western portion of Puerto Rico. The project will provide training and employment services for workers, training and resources for growers, and financial and technical assistance for microenterprise and small business development. PathStone will work with local organizations around the agro-tourism industry and promote the creation of affordable housing. Partners include Pontifical Catholic University Puerto Rico, Enterprise Community Partners, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Neighbor Works America, National Council of LaRaza and Popular Mortgage.

Leveraging for this project is \$1,589,759.

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### South Dakota

The Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial, Inc. in Pine Ridge, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Grant Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to prepare residents for first-time homeownership and to replenish loan funds to meet increased demand. A full-time homeownership counselor will provide group training and one-on-one counseling to potential homebuyers and applicants. The goals for this project are to have 64 families that complete homebuyer training and/or individual homeownership counseling; 10 families that receive a fixed-rate mortgage to purchase their first home; and 5 families that make energy efficient upgrades to their new home at the time of purchase.

Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing in Pine Ridge, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 to design and build 16 affordable rental and owner-occupied houses on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. The project aims to assist tenants with lower costs by building energy-efficient, low-maintenance, secure homes that use the latest technology. The organization will train workers and contractors as Energy Auditors and Weatherization Installers as well as giving them an introduction to green building methods. Partners

include Thunder Valley CDC Sustainable Communities Project, Indian Health Service, OST Rural Water System, Oglala Lakota College, Bureau of Indian Affairs, OST Partnership for Housing, Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, The Lakota Fund, and Native Workplace/CleanEdision.

Leveraging for this project is \$1,000,000.  
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The Four Bands Community Fund, Inc. in Eagle Butte, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to implement a Native American Green Business Development program for underserved Native entrepreneurs. Project activities include a microloan fund to help 20 businesses become "green," diversify into green products or services, and start new green businesses; business sustainability estimates and action plans for loan recipients; energy audits; educational workshops on green business and energy efficiency; business assistance grants for post-loan business management assistance and to subsidize technology costs; and a feasibility study for a green business incubator. The project will be located on the Cheyenne River Reservation in rural north-central South Dakota. Leveraging for this project is \$205,000.

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The Lakota Fund, Inc. in Kyle, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to address housing and poverty issues for the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The project will accelerate job creation, increase employment and income, and promote healthy living conditions to facilitate a positive cycle toward self-sufficiency for families. Activities include small business workshops and loans, workforce development training, financial education and tax preparation assistance, and other support services. Partners include the Lakota County Times, KILI, Oglala Lakota College, Consumer Credit Counseling, OST Partnership for Housing, Lakota Express, Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial Inc, Security First Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and Attorney David

Frankel. Leveraging for this project is \$143,720.

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### Texas

Motivation Education & Training in New Caney, Texas will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount \$300,000 to support the Rositas Colonias Farmworker Housing Rehabilitation and Training Project. The project will renovate or replace 10 homes in Maverick County that are owned and occupied by low-income farmworkers and located in disinvested colonias. The project will use green construction techniques and individuals may be able to replace units with energy-efficient manufactured homes. Thirty farmworkers will be trained in construction skills. Partners include Southwest Texas Junior College and the National Farmworker Jobs Program. Leveraging for this project is \$153,000.

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### Virginia

The National Council on Agriculture Life & Labor Research Fund (NCALL) in Dover, Delaware will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to facilitate development of apartment units and homes for first-time homebuyers in Accomack and Northampton Counties on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The project will support the continuation of the area's first homeownership education program, which provides pre-purchase, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention services. This unique approach to both the supply and demand side of affordable housing in this designated "difficult to develop" area will yield practical solutions, project momentum, and provide a successful transition through pre-development, financing, construction, and sales or rent-up. NCALL will partner with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) and their Housing Alliance and Housing Authority. Leveraging for this project is \$550,000.

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### Washington

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Nespelem, Washington will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$799,750 to support the creation of a new woody biomass business entity that will harvest woody biomass and deliver it to local cogeneration facilities where it will be converted into electricity. The new business will add 16 new jobs and expand business opportunities for several contractors. Funds will be used to purchase the heavy equipment needed for turning woody biomass—waste from logging, orchards and mills—into fuel for power generation. The new business will be developed under the guidance of the CCT Energy Department as a for-profit business called *Fuel Enterprises*. Leveraging for this project is \$2,300,000.

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The Kalispel Tribe of Indians in Usk, Washington will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$240,970 to construct a nursery to cultivate native plants, including over 3,000 trees from locally sourced plant stock. The project will also restore lost habitat on the reservation, fund wetland restoration efforts, and link these efforts with the initiation/development of a forestry apprenticeship. Partners include KNRD, EPA, BPA, and KCTC, as well as in-kind funds for land acreage. Leveraging for this project is \$128,456.

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### Wisconsin

The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Hayward, Wisconsin will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$789,063 to enhance the tourism-based economy by creating a visitor's center, museum, and gift shop located in former Kinnamon School, which will be renovated. The visitor's center will promote tribal

businesses and will provide a venue for the work of local crafts and tradespersons. Partners include Sawyer County Historian Andrea Wittwer, Tribal Spiritual Leader and Historic Preservation Officer Jerry Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Arts & Crafts Assoc. Director Cathy Begay, Tribal Governing Board and Tribal Attorney, Paul Shagan, LC Dev Corp, NW Regional Planning Commission, and A&E Consulting Firm. Leveraging for this project is \$394,908.

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The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency in Tomah, Wisconsin will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of \$300,000 to rehab 21 homes in the 40-year old Indian Mission community, located in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. As part of the Indian Mission Green Rehabilitation project, 21 homes will receive a geothermal heat-pump system and new basement insulation. The green retrofitting will increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs by 63 percent. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Plan for Hawaiian Waterbirds, Second Revision

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the final approved Recovery Plan for Hawaiian Waterbirds, Second Revision. The recovery plan addresses four endangered bird species. This plan includes recovery objectives and criteria, and specific recovery actions necessary to achieve downlisting and delisting of the species and their removal from the Federal List

of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the recovery plan is available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html> and <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/plans.html>. Copies of the recovery plan are also available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850 (telephone: (808) 792-9400).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Annie Marshall, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Honolulu address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We announce the availability of the approved Recovery Plan for Hawaiian Waterbirds, Second Revision. The recovery plan addresses the following four bird species listed as endangered: Hawaiian duck or koloa maoli (*Anas wyvilliana*), Hawaiian coot or alae keokeo (*Fulica alai*), Hawaiian common moorhen or alae ula (*Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis*), and Hawaiian stilt or aeo (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*).

### Background

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our endangered species program. Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer required under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of listed species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for endangered or threatened species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of the species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice, and an opportunity for public review and comment, be provided during recovery plan development. A recovery plan for these four waterbirds was first published in 1978, and the first revision of the recovery plan was published in 1985. A draft of the second revision to the recovery plan was made available for public comment from July 9 through September 7, 1999 (64 FR 37148). However, that draft was never finalized. From August 24 through October 24, 2005, we made a second draft of the