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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

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

Application Requirements

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

Funding Information

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

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

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Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

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

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS),
 USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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

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

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

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not
 toll-free.

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

- Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 398-5412 (ext. 256), TDD (217) 398-5396, Barry L. Ramsey
- Indiana State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3100 (ext. 423), TDD (317) 290-3343, John Young
- Iowa State Office, 873 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4493, TDD (515) 284-4858, Julie Brown
- Kansas State Office, 1200 SW Executive Drive, PO Box 4653, Topeka, KS 661204, (785) 271-2721, TDD (785) 271-2767, Virginia Hammersmith
- Kentucky State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-7300, TDD (606) 224-7422, Paul Higgins
- Louisiana State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7962, TDD (318) 473-7655, Yvonne R. Emerson
- Maine State Office, 444 Stillwater Ave., Suite 2, PO Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9110, TDD (207) 942-7331, Dale D. Holmes
- Maryland served by Delaware State Office
- Massachusetts, Connecticut, & Rhode Island State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4333, TDD (413) 253-7068, Donald Colburn
- Michigan State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5192, TDD (517) 337-6795, Philip Wolak
- Minnesota State Office, 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7820, TDD (651) 602-3799, Jackie Goodnough
- Mississippi State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-4325, TDD (601) 965-5850, Danny Ivy
- Missouri State Office, 1201 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-0990, TDD (573) 876-9301, Gary Frisch
- Montana State Office, Unit 1, Suite B, 900 Technology Blvd., Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 585-2515, TDD (406) 585-2562, MaryLou Affleck
- Nebraska State Office, Federal Building, room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437-5567, TDD (402) 437-5093, Byron Fischer
- Nevada State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703-9910, (775) 887-1222 (ext. 13), TDD (775) 885-0633, William L. Brewer
- New Hampshire State Office, Concord Center, Suite 218, Box 317, 10 Ferry Street, Concord, NH 03301-5004, (603) 223-6046, TDD (603) 229-0536, Jim Fowler
- New Jersey State Office, Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22, 790 Woodland Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, (609) 265-3631, TDD (609) 265-3687, George Hyatt, Jr.
- New Mexico State Office, 6200 Jefferson St., NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-4944, TDD (505) 761-4938, Carmen N. Lopez
- New York State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 477-6419, TDD (315) 477-6447, George N. Von Pless
- North Carolina State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 2120, Raleigh, NC 271209, (919) 873-2062, TDD (919) 873-2003, Eileen Nowlin
- North Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, PO Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502, (701) 530-2049, TDD (701) 530-2113, Kathy Lake
- Ohio State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2477, (614) 255-2401, TDD (614) 255-5757, Gerald Arnott
- Oklahoma State Office, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074-2654, (405) 742-1070, TDD (405) 742-1007, Phil Reimers
- Oregon State Office, 101 SW Main, Suite 1410, Portland, OR 97204-3222, (503) 414-3325, TDD (503) 414-3387, Margo Donelin
- Pennsylvania State Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717) 237-2281, TDD (717) 237-2261, Gary Rothrock
- Puerto Rico State Office, New San Juan Office Bldg., Room 501, 159 Carlos E. Chardon Street, Hato Rey, PR 00918-5481, (787) 766-5095 (ext. 254), TDD 1-800-274-1572, Lourdes Colon
- Rhode Island, served by Massachusetts State Office
- South Carolina State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-3432, TDD (803) 765-5697, Larry D. Floyd
- South Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth Street, SW, Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-1132, TDD (605) 352-1147, Dwight Wullweber
- Tennessee State Office, Suite 300, 3322 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-1300, TDD (615) 783-1397, G. Benson Lasater
- Texas State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 742-9755, TDD (254) 742-9712, Eugene G. Pavlat
- Utah State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building 125 S. State Street, Room 4311, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350, (801) 524-4324, TDD (801) 524-3309, Robert L. Milianta
- Vermont State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-6028, TDD (802) 223-6365, Sandra Mercier
- Virgin Islands served by Florida State Office
- Virginia State Office, Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287-1582, TDD (804) 287-1753, Carlton Jarratt
- Washington State Office, Suite B, 1835 Black Lake Boulevard, SW, Olympia, WA 98512-5715, (360) 704-7707, TDD (360) 704-7760, Deborah Davis
- Western Pacific Territories served by Hawaii State Office
- West Virginia State Office, Federal Building, 75 High Street, Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505-7500, (304) 291-4793, TDD (304) 284-5941, Sue Snodgrass
- Wisconsin State Office, 4949 Kirschiling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 345-7620 (ext. 7145), TDD (715) 345-7614, Sherry Engel
- Wyoming State Office, 100 East B, Federal Building, Room 1005, PO Box 820, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 261-6315, TDD (307) 261-6333, Charles Huff

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

The Farm Labor Housing Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.405, Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants. Rental Assistance is listed in the Catalog under Number 10.427, Rural Rental Assistance Payments.

Discussion of Notice

I. Authority and Distribution Methodology

A. Authority

The farm labor housing program is authorized by the Housing Act of 1949: section 514 (42 U.S.C. 1484) for loans and section 516 (42 U.S.C. 1486) for grants. Tenant subsidies (rental assistance (RA)) are available through section 521 (42 U.S.C. 1490a). Sections 514 and 516 provide RHS the authority to make loans and grants for financing off-farm housing to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farmworkers, federally

recognized Indian tribes, agencies or political subdivisions of State or local government, and public agencies (such as local housing authorities). In addition, RHS is authorized under section 514 to make loans to finance off-farm housing to limited partnerships in which the general partner is a nonprofit entity.

B. Distribution Methodology

The amounts available for fiscal year (FY) 2000 for off-farm new construction are: Section 514 loans—\$20,501,000; Section 516 grants—\$9,150,000.

C. Section 514 and section 516 new construction funds

Section 514 new construction loan funds and section 516 new construction grant 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 D. The scoring factors are:

(a) The presence and extent of leveraged assistance, including donated land, for the units that will serve program-eligible tenants, calculated as a percentage of the RHS total development cost (TDC). RHS TDC excludes non-RHS eligible costs such as a developer's fee. Leveraged assistance includes, but is not limited to, funds for hard construction costs, Section 8 or other non-RHS tenant subsidies, and state or federal funds. A minimum of ten percent leveraged assistance is required to earn points; however, if the total percentage of leveraged assistance is less than ten percent and the proposal includes donated land, two points will be awarded for the donated land. Points will be awarded in accordance with the following table. (0 to 20 points)

Percentage	Points
75 or more	20
60–74	18
50–59	16
40–49	12
30–39	10
20–29	8
10–19	5
0–9	0
Donated land in proposals with less than ten percent total leveraged assistance	2

(b) Seasonal, temporary, migrant housing. (5 points for up to and including 50 percent of the units; 10 points for 51 percent or more)

(c) For FY 2000, outstanding applications or requests that were issued an AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action," inviting a formal application, or that had been reviewed and authorized by the National Office prior to October 29, 1998 (63 FR 57932) (the publication date of the proposed rule changing from a first-come, first-served basis to an annual competitive funding cycle). (15 points)

2. States will rank preapplications by point score. For point-score ties within the State, rank order will be determined by giving first preference to the application with the greatest actual percentage of leveraged assistance. In case of further same-State ties, rank order will be determined by lottery.

3. 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.

II. Funding Limits

A. Individual requests may not exceed \$2.5 million (total loan and grant).

B. No State may receive more than 30 percent of the total available funds.

C. New construction RA will be held in the National Office for use with section 514 loans and section 516 grants.

III. Application Process

All applications for sections 514 and 516 new construction funds must be filed with the appropriate Rural Development State office and must meet the requirements of 7 CFR part 1944, subpart D, 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 another 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 D, 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 application information.

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Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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