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Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715)  
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Federal Building, Room 1005, PO Box  
820, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 261-  
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
general information, applicants may  
contact Tracee Lilly, Senior Loan  
Officer, 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**

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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**Eileen M. Fitzgerald,**

*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 Waiuanuenue  
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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