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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture Multi-Family Housing Section 515—Underserved Counties and Colonias and Non-Profits

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this Notice, the Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the duration of time in Fiscal Year 2013 set-aside amounts will be available for Section 515 program non-profits and underserved areas. This Notice also outlines the reallocation process for the set-aside funds not obligated within the time period established in this Notice.

DATES: As of June 18, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Melinda Price, Loan and Finance Analyst, Multi-Family Housing, (614) 255-2403, fax (202) 720-0302, or email melinda.price@wdc.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Brail, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Public Law 113-6, March 11, 2013, provided RHS with the funding levels for its Section 515 program until September 30, 2013. RHS received its initial allocation of funds (Allocation) on or about October 12, 2012, 9 percent of which will be set-aside for the Section 515 program's non-profits pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1485(w). In addition, 5 percent of the allocation will be set-aside for the Section 515 program's underserved areas pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1479(f)(4).

Any funds set-aside for eligible non-profit entities that are not obligated by nine months after RHS received funds shall be pooled and reallocated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(3). Therefore, any non-profit set-aside funds distributed to States but not obligated by July 31, 2013, shall be pooled at the National Office and made available to any other eligible non-profit entity in any State. After the funds have been pooled and obligated for 30 days, any remaining funds shall be returned to States on a proportional basis to be used for any other eligible entity as defined in 42 U.S.C 1485 and 7 CFR part 3560.

Similarly, any funds set-aside for Underserved Counties and Colonias pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1479(f)(4) that are not obligated by May 31, 2013, shall be made available to Colonias that have applied for and are eligible for assistance and did not yet receive assistance and to counties and communities eligible for designation as targeted underserved areas but which were not so designated. Any funds set-aside for Underserved Counties and Colonias that are still not obligated by July 31, 2013, shall be pooled and made available for the use in RHS's Section 515 program as set forth at 42 U.S.C. 1485 and 7 CFR part 3560.

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Dated: June 11, 2013.

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Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Development Voucher Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Fiscal Year 2006 established the demonstration Rural Development Voucher Program, as authorized under Section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended, (without regard to Section 542(b)). This Notice informs the public that funding is available for the Rural Development Voucher Program and also sets forth the general policies and procedures for use of these vouchers for Fiscal Year 2013. Pursuant to the requirements in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Rural Development Vouchers are only available to low-income tenants of Rural Development-financed multifamily properties where the Section 515 loan has been prepaid either through prepayment or foreclosure action, prior to the loan's maturity date and after September 30, 2005.

RD Voucher issuance requested by eligible tenants will be made to the extent that funding may ultimately be made available to the Agency through appropriations.

DATES: In order to participate, the voucher obligation form must be submitted within 10 months of the foreclosure or pre-payment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie B.M. White, Director, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0782, Washington, DC 20250-0782, telephone (202) 720-1615. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TDD by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Public Law 113-6 (March 26, 2013) provided that the Secretary of the USDA shall carry out the Rural Development Voucher program as follows: