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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5800-FA-18]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Delta Community Capital Initiative Fiscal Year 2014

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

ACTION: Notice 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 Delta Community Capital Initiative. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7240, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-2290 (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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Funds used for the Delta Community Capital Initiative were appropriated to the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development in annual appropriations between 1999 and 2009 (Pub. L. 105-276; 106-74; 106-377; 107-73; 108-7; 108-199; 108-447; 109-115; 110-5; 110-161; and/or 111-8) and subsequently recaptured from or surrendered by underperforming or nonperforming grantees.

The competition was announced in the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. No FR-5800-N-18) on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this Delta

Community Capital Initiative program is 14.271. The Delta Community Capital Community Initiative is designed to increase access to capital for business lending and economic development in the chronically underserved and undercapitalized Lower Mississippi Delta Region. Specifically, it will provide direct investment and technical assistance to community development lending and investing institutions that focus on business lending and economic development to benefit the residents of the Lower Mississippi Region. Eligible applicants for the Delta Community Capital Initiative are Federally recognized Indian tribes and local rural nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively through a selection process conducted by HUD.

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 document.

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Harriet Tregoning,

Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

APPENDIX A

FY 2014 DELTA COMMUNITY CAPITAL INITIATIVE GRANTEES

Grantee	State	Amount awarded
Communities Unlimited, Inc.	AR	\$228,040.00
Southern Bancorp Capital Partners.	AR	250,000.00
LiftFund, Inc	TX	1,000,000.00
Total	1,478,040.00

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5800-FA-19]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Appalachia Economic Development Initiative Fiscal Year 2014

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

ACTION: Notice 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 Appalachia Economic Development Capital Initiative. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7240, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-2290 (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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Funds used for the Appalachia Economic Development Initiative were appropriated to the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development in annual appropriations between 1999 and 2009 (Public Laws 105-276; 106-74; 106-377; 107-73; 108-7; 108-199; 108-447; 109-115; 110-5; 110-161; and/or 111-8) and subsequently recaptured from or surrendered by underperforming or nonperforming grantees.

The competition was announced in the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. No. FR-5800-N-19) on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this Appalachia Economic Development Initiative program is 14.270. The Appalachia Economic Development Community Initiative is designed to increase access to capital for business lending and economic development in the chronically underserved and undercapitalized Appalachian region. Eligible applicants for the Appalachia Economic Development Initiative are State community and/or economic development agencies. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively through a selection process conducted by HUD.

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 document.

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Appendix A

**FY 2014 APPALACHIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTEES**

Grantee	State	Amount awarded
Kentucky Department of Local Government.	KY	\$200,000.00
State of Maryland—Department of Housing and Community Development.	MD	350,000.00
Total	550,000.00

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan
for Seven Covered Species, Los
Angeles Department of Water and
Power Land, Inyo and Mono Counties,
California**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application for a 10-year incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (applicant). The application includes the draft habitat conservation plan (draft HCP) for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's operations, maintenance, and management activities on its land in Mono and Inyo Counties, California, pursuant to the Act. We invite public comment on the permit application, draft HCP, and draft Environmental Action Statement/Low Effect Screening Form. The Service is considering the issuance of a 10-year ITP for seven covered species in a 314,000-acre permit area. The permit is needed because take of species could occur as a result of the proposed covered activities.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by November 6, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of the draft HCP and Environmental Action Statement/Low Effect Screening Form online at http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/HCPs/HCP_Docs.html. You may request copies of the documents by email, fax, or U.S. mail (see below). These documents are also available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the office below. Please send your requests or written comments by any one of the following methods, and specify "LADWP HCP" in your request or comment.

Submitting Request for Documents/Comments: You may submit comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods:

Email: fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov. Include "LADWP HCP" in the subject line of your message. If you choose to submit comments via email, please ensure that the file size does not exceed 10 megabytes. Emails that exceed the maximum file size may not be properly transmitted to the Service.

Telephone: Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, 760–322–2070.

Fax: Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, 760–322–4648, Attn.: LADWP HCP.

U.S. Mail: Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, Attn.: LADWP HCP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

In-Person Viewing or Pickup of Documents, or Delivery of Comments: Call 760–322–2070 to make an appointment during regular business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kennon A. Corey, Assistant Field Supervisor, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office; telephone 760–322–2070. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The applicant, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, requests an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. If approved, the applicant anticipates the taking of five federally listed species and two unlisted species as a result of activities undertaken or authorized on lands held by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in Inyo and Mono Counties. These activities are associated with

water conveyance, agriculture, recreation, road maintenance, habitat restoration, and other land management activities. Take of listed species would be incidental to the applicant's performance or authorization of these activities on lands they manage.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17 prohibit the "take" of fish and wildlife species federally listed as endangered or threatened. Take of federally listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as to "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed species, or attempt to engage in such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1538). "Harm" includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering (50 CFR 17.3(c)). Under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take, which is defined under the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. All species included on the incidental take permit, if issued, would receive assurances under the Service's "No Surprises" regulation (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

Applicant's Proposal

To comply with the requirements of the Act, the draft HCP defines biological goals and objectives, evaluates the effects of covered activities on covered species, describes a conservation strategy, describes a monitoring and adaptive management program, identifies changed circumstances and responsive actions, identifies funding sources, and identifies alternative actions to the proposed impacts. The draft HCP is intended to be a document that will facilitate regional species conservation and assist the applicant to better meet its legal obligations to provide water and power to the citizens of Los Angeles while managing its non-urban lands. The draft HCP will also provide a coordinated process for permitting and mitigating the incidental take of covered species as an alternative to activity-by-activity review.

The draft HCP addresses seven covered species, including three fish species and four bird species. The permit would provide take authorization for all covered species