

Coordinating Committee for Europe

The Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO) convened its 32nd Session virtually from May 16–18, 2022, with report adoption taking place on May 20, 2022.

The Coordinating Committee discussed the following agenda items:

- Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Codex subsidiary bodies
- Food safety and quality in the region including current and emerging issues—country updates
- Updates on FAO and WHO work of regional interest
- Codex work relevant to the region
- Implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020–2025
- Nomination of the Regional Coordinator

Responsible Party: USDA/TFAA/USCO.

U.S. Participation: Yes (as an observer).

Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC) did not meet in 2021. The 22nd Session of CCLAC is scheduled to convene virtually October 24–28, 2022. The agenda is not yet available, and it is not possible to determine whether any texts will be forwarded for consideration by CAC45.

Responsible Party: USDA/TFAA/USCO.

U.S. Participation: Yes (as an observer).

Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific

The Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP) did not meet in 2021, nor does it plan to in 2022. The 16th Session of the CCNASWP is scheduled to convene from January 30–February 3, 2023. The meeting agenda is not currently available.

The Committee is expected to continue working on:

- Draft regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice

Responsible Party: USDA/TFAA/USCO.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Coordinating Committee for the Near East

The Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE) did not meet in 2021, nor does it plan to in 2022. The next CCNE meeting is planned for 2023.

Responsible Party: USDA/TFAA/USCO.

U.S. Participation: Yes (as an observer).

Contact Information

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Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is holding its second public meeting of the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee (UAIPAC). UAIPAC was established to advise the Secretary on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices, and other matters. UAIPAC will also develop recommendations and advise on policies, initiatives, and outreach administered by the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP); evaluate ongoing research and extension activities related to urban, indoor, and other innovative agricultural practices; identify new and existing barriers to successful urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices; and provide additional assistance and advice to OUAIP as appropriate.

DATES:

Virtual Meeting: UAIPAC will meet via webinar on Friday, August 5, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Registration: To attend the meeting, you can register by Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Comments: The deadline to submit written comments for the UAIPAC to review before the meeting is Friday, July 29, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: We invite you to submit comments for the UAIPAC meeting. You may submit comments through the:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* go to <https://www.regulations.gov> docket ID NRCS–2022–0006 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

UAIPAC Website: The meeting webinar can be accessed via either the internet or phone; detailed access information will be available on the UAIPAC website prior to the meeting: <http://www.farmers.gov/urban>.

Registration: The public can register to attend the UAIPAC meeting at: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kYuDvpVLRlCXONt1bQedMA.

Comments will be available for viewing online at www.regulations.gov. Comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Willis; telephone: (315) 456–9024; email: UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**UAIPAC Purpose**

Section 222 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, as amended by section 12302 of the 2018 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 115–334), directs the Secretary of the USDA to establish an “Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee” to advise the Secretary on any aspect of section 222, including the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices.

In addition, UAIPAC will advise the Director of the OUAIP on policies, initiatives, and outreach administered by that office. UAIPAC will evaluate and review ongoing research and extension activities relating to urban, indoor, and other innovative agricultural practices; identify new and existing barriers to successful urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices; and provide additional assistance and provide advice to the Director as appropriate.

UAIPAC Webinar

The UAIPAC will hold the second public meeting on Friday, August 5, 2022. The virtual meeting will be open to the public and will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to listen to the UAIPAC’s current activities.

The agenda will include, but is not limited to:

- Discussions of the potential UAIPAC subcommittees and their focus

priorities; the USDA's Equity Commission Designated Federal Officer will share an overview of the Equity Commission's priorities; and

- The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will give an operational overview of the 17 Urban County Committees; and OUAIP's staff will give an overview of new urban conservation practices.

Please check the UAIPAC website for the agenda 24 to 48 hours prior to Friday, August 5, 2022, via <http://www.farmers.gov/urban>.

Submitting Written Comments

Comments should focus on specific topics pertaining to urban agriculture, innovative production, and associated USDA programs and services. Written public comments will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, July 29, 2022, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: go to <https://www.regulation.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting comments. UAIPAC will not have adequate time to consider any comments submitted after Friday, July 29, 2022, prior to the meeting.

In addition, outside of this meeting we welcome your comments to the UAIPAC email box at UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov at any time.

Meeting Accommodation Request

Instructions for registering for this meeting can be obtained by contacting Ms. Willis by or before the deadline.

If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation, to Ms. Willis as identified above. Determinations for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Date: June 27, 2022.

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Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RBS-22-COOP-0016]

Notice of Funds Availability for the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC) for Fiscal Year 2022

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), Rural Utilities Service

(RUS), Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Rural Development (RD) is seeking applications, for the Rural Development Cooperative Agreement Program, herein referred to as the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC), from eligible entities to provide technical assistance and training to rural communities for placemaking planning and implementation. This funding opportunity will be administered by the USDA Rural Development Innovation Center and is authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, to provide up to \$4 million in competitive cooperative agreement funds. This announcement lists the information needed to submit an application.

DATES: Applications for RPIC cooperative agreement(s) must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by August 15, 2022. Applications received after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 15, 2022 will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: *Application Submission:* The application system for electronic submissions will be available at <https://www.grants.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA Rural Development, Innovation Center, via email at: RD.RPIC@usda.gov, or via phone at: Gregory Dale (202) 568-9558 or Sherri McCarter (615) 982-2078. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice). The last day for *accepting questions* on this notice will be August 12, 2022. Questions submitted after this deadline cannot be guaranteed a timely answer in advance of the closing date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This solicitation is authorized pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Rural Housing Service (RHS), (USDA).

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC).

Announcement Type: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Assistance Listing Number: Rural Development Cooperative Agreement Program—10.890.

Due Date for Applications:

Applications for RPIC cooperative agreement(s) must be received by 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2022. Applications received after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 15, 2022 will not be considered.

Rural Development: Key Priorities

The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities (more details available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>)

- Assisting rural communities recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities;
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects; and
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

For further information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>.

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I. Program Overview

A. Background

The Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC) provides planning support, technical assistance, and training to communities to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Funds can help enhance capacity for broadband access, preserve cultural and historic structures, and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. Applicants must demonstrate existing and proposed partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, Tribal and community partners to provide assistance in implementing the placemaking plan. This funding announcement supports the delivery of technical assistance and training in visioning, planning, and assisting communities to implement placemaking efforts in rural communities under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge.