On-Farm Labor Housing Loans

What does this program do?

USDA Rural Development
provides low interest loans to
eligible borrowers to develop
or rehabilitate affordable rental
housing for very-low to
moderate income
domestic, migrant, and seasonal
farm laborers. Borrowers must
not otherwise be able to get
commercial credit.

Program Features

Loan Amount

There is no loan minimum.

The maximum loan amount is
100 percent of the allowable
total development cost.

Interest Rate

The interest rate is 1 percent per annum.

Loan Term

Not to exceed 33 Years

Funding Availability

First-come, first-served; or until funds are depleted.

Grants are not available for On-FLH.

Eligible Borrowers

- Individual farm owner
- Family farm partnership
- Family farm corporation
- Association of farmers

Eligible Tenants

 Must be employees of the owner and domestic farm laborers, individuals who earn a substantial portion of their income from farm labor, retired domestic farm laborers, or disabled farm laborers. The families of eligible tenants also are eligible if they are not related to the owner. Occupants must be U.S. citizens, or reside in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands after being legally admitted for permanent residence, or a person legally admitted to the United States and authorized to work in agriculture.

What governs this program?

- On-Farm: 7 CFR 3560 Subpart M, available at this link: https://go.usa.gov/xe9fR
- Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, available at this link: https://go.usa.gov/xMwFR

For More Information

Please contact Multifamily Housing toll-free at 800-292-8293, or visit https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multifamily-housing-programs/farm-labor-housing-loans#contact and scroll to the bottom of the page to find your Processing and Report Review Branch, based on the state in which your project is located.

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