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USDA Invites Applications for Loans and Grants to Repair and Improve Homes for Farmworkers

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that the Department is inviting applications for loans and grants to repair, improve or modify existing USDA-financed multifamily housing properties for year-round and seasonal domestic farmworkers.

USDA is making the funding available under the [Off-Farm Labor Housing Programs](#). These programs provide grants and loans of up to \$40,000 per unit for farmers, nonprofits, local governments and federally recognized Tribes to improve, repair or modify properties that have previously received financing from USDA for farmworkers.

The funding may be used to make improvements, repairs and/or modifications to address accessibility compliance and health and safety issues.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects.
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

Applications must be submitted by 12 p.m. ET on June 18, 2024.

For more information, see page 19400 of the March 18, 2024, [Federal Register](#).

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