

Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program

The Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants Fiscal Year 2018 (NOSA) was published in the *Federal Register* on June 25, 2018. The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program provides funds to nonprofit organizations for their use in rehabilitating housing for low-income households in specific rural areas. **Prior recipients must have substantially achieved its goals under a previous award to be considered for additional assistance.** Proposals may be submitted which target 1) single family homes owned and occupied by very low or low income rural residents, **or** 2) rural rental properties, **or** 3) rural rental cooperatives. No combination proposals will be accepted.

The referenced published Notice states that preapplications must be received at the offices of USDA, Rural Development, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, by 5:00 p.m. EST August 9, 2018. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit the preapplication form electronically by accessing the website <http://www.grants.gov/>. Program information may be accessed by using the following link <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants>. Preapplications will be considered incomplete if all information is not provided per the Notice of Solicitation of Applications. This includes items that are part of the Statement of Activities as well as all items in the attached HPG Preapplication Checklist. **The maximum amount of assistance that can be applied for is \$39,198.**

Please note that, per section D 2 of the NOSA, a Notice indicating that the proposed Statement of Activities is available for public comment must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the project area. Based on the revised filing deadline, this Notice must be published no later than July 25, 2018.

More detailed information about the Housing Preservation Grant Program, including preapplication packages, may be obtained from Steve Tamme at the USDA State Office for Rural Development at (859) 224-7325.