

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
Multifamily Farm Labor Housing (On-Farm)
Appraisal Assignment Guidance
Section 514 Existing or New Construction
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IMPORTANT NOTE TO APPLICANT: The appraisal must be submitted with the application. If an appraisal is submitted prior to the application submission, it will be returned to the applicant.

Background: Rural Housing Service (RHS) provides direct and guaranteed loans to eligible applicants for multifamily farm labor housing projects. In support of these programs, RHS requires the services of qualified persons or firms to provide appraisals of subsidized MF-FLH properties. All appraisals must be in compliance with the current edition of the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP) and USDA RD RHS Multifamily Housing appraisal requirements set forth in 1) *CFR-Title 7-Part 3560-Subpart P-Section 3560.751 to 3560.753*, 2) *Handbook-1-3560-Chapter 7-Security Requirements*, and *Handbook 1-3560-Chapter 12, Farm Labor Housing, Loans and Grants*. A copy of the requirements can be found at the following links:

- 1) [7 CFR 3560, Subpart P \(Appraisals\)](#)
- 2) [HB-1-3560 Chapter 7 \(Security Requirements\)](#)
- 3) [HB-1-3560 Chapter12 \(Farm Labor Housing\)](#)

On-Farm Labor Housing projects are designed to increase the supply of affordable housing for farm laborers specific to the farm where they work. Appraisals for MF FLH On-Farm projects will typically be ordered by the applicant. In these instances, the party who engages the appraiser should be named as the client, is responsible for payment of the appraisal services, and must supply the appraiser with the necessary information to complete the appraisal in accordance with RD/RHS requirements. USDA Rural Development must be identified as an intended user of the appraisal.

Because On-Farm Labor Housing projects can vary from project to project, including whether their location is within the boundaries of the farm or outside the boundaries of the farm, Appraisal Assignment Guidance will be issued based on the specifics of the project to be appraised.

Please contact RD Program Staff (SM.OCFO.MFHprocessing, MFHprocessing1@usda.gov or SM.RD.DC.MFHprocessing, MFHprocessing2@usda.gov) with the specifics of your on-farm labor project. Staff will then request Appraisal Assignment Guidance for On-Farm Labor Housing from the RD Appraisal Staff specific to your (the owner or applicant) project.

Direct questions regarding:

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