

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **USDA Seeks Applications for Technical Assistance Grants to Expand Access to Safe, Affordable and Equitable Housing for People in Rural America**

**WASHINGTON, May 4, 2023** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced that the Department is accepting applications for technical assistance grants to preserve rental housing and expand access to safe, affordable and equitable housing for people in rural America.

USDA is making available \$7.9 million in funding through its [Rural Housing Service \(RHS\)](#) and through two Multifamily Housing (MFH) Technical Assistance grant programs: the [Nonprofit Transfer Technical Assistance \(NP TA\) Grant Program](#) and the [Off-Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance \(Off-FLH TA\) Grant Program](#). This funding is available for eligible technical assistance providers seeking grants to provide technical assistance services to qualified applicants.

There is \$6.9 million in grants available through the NP TA Grant Program. The program awards grants to eligible nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities (PHAs) to provide technical assistance and other services to enable affordable housing preservation through the transfer of MFH Direct Loan properties from current owners to nonprofits or PHAs. Eligible grantees include public and private nonprofit organizations, PHAs, Tribal housing nonprofits and Tribally designated housing entities.

Another \$1 million in grants will be available for eligible nonprofits through the Off-FLH TA Grant Program. This program awards grants to nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance to applicants for Off-Farm Labor Housing loans and grants. These grants are used to increase the availability of affordable, decent housing for farm laborers.

Available funding amounts for the technical assistance programs in this notice may also be found at the following link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/Multifamily-housing-programs>.

The deadline to submit applications is noon Eastern Time, July 3, 2023. Applications must be submitted in electronic format via CloudVault. All respondents must email a request to create a shared folder in CloudVault at least three business days prior to the application deadline. All email requests must be sent to one of the following addresses: [NPTA.RFP@usda.gov](mailto:NPTA.RFP@usda.gov) for MFH NP TA Grant applications or [RD.FLHTA@usda.gov](mailto:RD.FLHTA@usda.gov) for FLH TA Grant applications.

The minimum award amount per Nonprofit Transfer Technical Assistance grant is \$100,000. The maximum award amount is \$500,000. The minimum award amount per Off-Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance grant is \$50,000. The maximum award amount is \$250,000.

For additional information, see page 28469 of the May 4, 2023, [Federal Register](#).

General questions may be directed to Stephanie Vergin, Policy Advisor, Production and Preservation Division, Multi-Family Housing, United States Department of Agriculture at [NPTA.RFP@usda.gov](mailto:NPTA.RFP@usda.gov) or [RD.FLHTA@usda.gov](mailto:RD.FLHTA@usda.gov).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

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