

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Help Repair Housing in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON, June 25, 2018 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for low- and very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA’s [Housing Preservation Grant program](#).

Eligible applicants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 29529 of the June 25, 2018 [Federal Register](#).

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. local time on August 9, 2018 at the state office where the project will be located. For a list of offices, visit the [state office website](#).

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the report to the President from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to help improve life in rural America. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

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