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**Rural Development** 

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## **USDA Seeks Applications for Funds to Construct Housing for Farmworkers**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2021** – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it is seeking applications for funding to increase the supply of affordable housing for farmworkers.

\* Subject to the availability of funds, the loans and grants will be provided through USDA's <u>Farm Labor</u> <u>Housing Program</u>. Eligible recipients include broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organization of farmworkers, federally-recognized Indian tribes, community organizations, or an Agency or political subdivision of state or local Government. The funds may only be used for the construction of new offfarmworker housing.

Applications must be submitted electronically to USDA's <u>Rural Housing Service</u> before the deadline for each round of funding.

- The deadline for preapplications for the first round of funding is April 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by Aug. 2, 2021.
- \* Pre-applications for the second round of funding will be accepted after Sept. 1, 2021. The deadline to submit pre-applications is Nov. 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by May 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- \* Pre-applications for the third round of funding will be accepted after Sept. 1, 2022. The deadline to submit pre-applications is Nov. 1, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by May 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

\* USDA will host workshops on Aug. 25, 2021 and Aug. 25, 2022 to discuss the application process and the borrower's responsibilities under the program, among other topics. Beginning on Aug. 18, interested parties may email <u>Off-FLHapplication@usda.gov</u> to request information on how to attend. Using "Off-FLH Workshop" as the subject line, the email must contain:

- the borrower's name,
- the project's name,
- the borrower's contact information; and
- the state where the project will be located.

\* For additional information, see pages 41811 to 41812 in the Aug. 3, 2021, Federal Register.

\* USDA Rural Development encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help rural America build back better and stronger. Key priorities include combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; addressing the impacts of climate change; and advancing equity in rural America.

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