



Dear Borrower:

You were notified by the Servicing and Asset Management Office (Servicing Office) that Rural Development is accepting applications from existing Section 502 and Section 504 direct loan borrowers, to refinance outstanding loans which have been in an approved COVID-19 payment moratorium. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) refinance may help make your payment more affordable.

Enclosed is the application package to apply for an ARP Refinance Loan through Rural Development.

The application package includes the following:

**The following forms must be completed, signed and returned to Rural Development:**

- ARP - Refinance Following Moratorium, Checklist of Items to Accompany the Uniform Residential Loan Application (*fully complete and return all applicable items*)
- Form RD 410-4, Uniform Residential Loan Application (*fully complete highlighted sections, sign pages 5 and 8 and return*)
- Form RD 3550-1, Authorization to Release Information (*each borrower to sign/date separate forms and return*)
- Form RD 3550-4, Employment and Asset Certification (*fully complete highlighted sections and return*)
- Calculating Recapture – Capital Improvements Credit (*fully complete highlighted section and return*)

**Additional information regarding the SFH Direct Home Loan program:**

- Working with a Loan Application Packager (*Information for applying using Option 1*)
- ARP Fact Sheet (*for your information*)
- SFH Subsidy Recapture Fact Sheet (*for your information*)

To apply, complete all the applicable items in the attached ARP – Refinance Following Moratorium, Checklist of Items to Accompany the Uniform Residential Loan Application and submit the package using one of the options below (which are listed in no particular order – you choose the option that works best for you:)

Option 1: Work with a loan application packager. See “Working with a Loan Application Packager” located on page 5 of this application package for more information.

Option 2: You can submit your application to a local Rural Development office:

To locate a local Rural Development Office, go to:

<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=rd>

USDA, Rural Development  
1318 S. Main Road, Building 5, Suite A  
Vineland, NJ 08360

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email: [nj.direct.Origination@usda.gov](mailto:nj.direct.Origination@usda.gov)

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**IMPORTANT:** If any item, information and/or signature is missing, your application is considered incomplete and you will be contacted and asked to provide the missing pieces.

**Minimum Requirement:** For Single Family Housing Direct loan borrowers, your adjusted annual household income must be at or below the applicable moderate income limit for the area. For Home Repair loan borrowers, your adjusted annual household income must be at or below the very-low income limit for the area. Income limits are available online at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RD-DirectLimitMap.pdf>.

If your loan is delinquent, you may still be eligible for refinancing. Existing delinquent loans will be subject to re-amortization prior to applying for a refinance. You must first contact the Servicing Office to request a re-amortization of your loan. Once the re-amortization is complete, you may submit an application for refinancing your loan to the local RD office. You should continue to make payments on your existing loan during the refinance processing timeframe.

All borrowers on the existing RHS debt must remain on the refinance (except for deceased individuals). If a borrower wishes to be released from liability on the existing loan (and not be a party to the refinance loan) they must first apply to the Servicing Office for a release of liability from the existing loan, before applying to refinance the loan.

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has a lasting impact on our borrowers. Rural Development is committed to assisting you in continuing to be a successful homeowner.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact your local Rural Development office.



# Calculating Recapture – Capital Improvements Credit

You are applying to refinance your existing Section 502 direct loan. Payment assistance, also known as subsidy, is granted to eligible borrowers, and borrowers sign Form 3550-12, Subsidy Repayment Agreement at loan closing which requires all or a portion of the subsidy be repaid when title is transferred or the borrower(s) cease to occupy the property. If a borrower pays off the principal and interest of their loan, either through the normal course of repayment or through a refinance, and continue to occupy the property, repayment of the subsidy recapture amount can be deferred until the borrower ceases to occupy the property or transfers title.

## What are the next steps?

As part of the refinance application process, an appraisal will be ordered to establish your property's market value, which is then used to calculate the amount of subsidy recapture owed. You will **not** be charged for the appraisal. Once that subsidy recapture is determined, you will have the option to either include the subsidy recapture in the refinance of your loan, or defer repayment of that amount until you transfer title or cease to occupy the property in the future.

## What are Capital Improvements?

Capital improvements are additions that add to the value of the property above and beyond repairs that maintain the property in good condition. General maintenance and updating your home to keep it in good condition does not qualify as a capital improvement. You can obtain credit for the "value" that the capital improvement added to your home, not the actual cost of the improvement. An appraiser must determine how much "value" is added.

- **Examples of capital improvements that are eligible for credit include:** Adding a garage, constructing an additional room, or adding a deck, patio, porch, fence, storm windows, skylights, outside lighting, or major landscaping.

**Examples of activities that do not qualify for capital improvements credit include:** Yard maintenance, painting, wallpapering, replacing floor coverings such as carpets or linoleum, replacing the roof, siding, wells, septic systems, new or replacement appliances, furnaces, or water heaters.

If you DO NOT have capital improvement, please check the box here:

## If I do have capital improvements

If you have made capital improvements and want to receive credit for the contributory value of the improvements, you must complete the section below and return with your application to refinance your existing Section 502 direct loan.

### **Please list additions and/or improvements to your home that you wish to be considered.**

Provide a brief description of the capital improvement and the date the work was completed. Rural Development will make a determination regarding the eligible improvements based on Agency guidelines.

Improvements to be considered: *(Example: built a 10' x 12' deck in July 2010)*

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**I certify that the information submitted in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Borrower (s) Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best time to contact you:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Working with a Loan Application Packager

## What is a loan application packager?

A loan application packager provides an optional service to help to navigate the refinance loan application process. A packager helps to assemble a complete refinance loan application package.

Loan application packaging fees can be included in the Rural Development loan. Packagers do not work for or represent Rural Development.

An intermediary is an affordable housing nonprofit, public agency, or State Housing Finance Agency approved by Rural Development to perform quality assurance reviews on loan application packages prepared by certified packagers through their qualified employers. Eligible loan application packagers can either work with or without an approved intermediary. Loan packagers that work with an approved intermediary receive priority processing.

## How do I file an application with the guidance of a loan application packager?

For assistance in locating a loan application packager in your area, you can:

1. Contact the local office for a complete list of local packagers in your area, or
2. Contact an intermediary using the information found on the following website:  
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RD-SFH-IntermediaryMap.pdf>

# APPLICATION FOR RURAL ASSISTANCE (NONFARM TRACT) Uniform Residential Loan Application

This application is designed to be completed by the applicant with the lender's assistance. Applicants should complete this form as "Applicant #1" or "Applicant #2", as applicable. All Applicants must provide information (and the appropriate box checked) when  the income or assets of a person other than the "Applicant" (including the Applicant's spouse) will be used as a basis for loan qualification or  the income or assets of the Applicant's spouse will not be used as a basis for loan qualification, but his or her liabilities must be considered because the Applicant resides in a community property state, the security property is located in a community property state, or the Applicant is relying on other property located in a community property state as a basis for repayment of the loan.

### I. TYPE OF MORTGAGE AND TERMS OF LOAN

Mortgage Applied for:	<input type="checkbox"/> V.A. <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Agency Case Number	Lender Account Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> FHA <input type="checkbox"/> USDA/Rural Housing Service		
Amount \$	Interest Rate %	No. of Months	Amortization Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain): <input type="checkbox"/> GPM <input type="checkbox"/> ARM (Type):

### II. PROPERTY INFORMATION AND PURPOSE OF LOAN

Subject Property Address (Street, City, State, ZIP)			No. of Units
Legal Description of Subject Property (Attach description if necessary)			Year Built
Purpose of Loan	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain):	Property will be:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Refinance <input type="checkbox"/> Construction-Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Investment	
<i>Complete this line if construction or construction-permanent loan.</i>			
Year Lot Acquired	Original Cost \$	Amount Existing Liens \$	(a) Present Value of Lot \$ (b) Cost of Improvements \$ Total (a + b) \$
<i>Complete this line if this is a refinance loan.</i>			
Year Acquired	Original Cost \$	Amount Existing Liens \$	Purpose of Refinance Describe Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Made <input type="checkbox"/> To be made Cost: \$
Title will be held in what Name(s)		Manner in which Title will be held	Estate will be held in:
Source of Down Payment, Settlement Charges and/or Subordinate Financing (Explain)			<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Leasehold (Show expiration date)

### III. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant #1				Applicant #2			
Name (Include Jr. or Sr. if applicable)				Name (Include Jr. or Sr. if applicable)			
Social Security Number	Home Phone (Incl. Area Code)	DOB mm/dd/yy	Yrs. School	Social Security Number	Home Phone (Incl. Area Code)	DOB mm/dd/yy	Yrs. School
<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Include single, divorced, widowed)	Dependents (Not listed by Applicant #2) No. Ages			<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (Include single, divorced, widowed)	Dependents (Not listed by Applicant #1) No. Ages		
Present Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent _____ No. Yrs.				Present Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent _____ No. Yrs.			
Mailing Address if different from Present Address				Mailing Address if different from Present Address			
<i>If residing at present address for less than two years, complete the following:</i>							
Former Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent _____ No. Yrs.				Former Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent _____ No. Yrs.			

**IV. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Applicant #1			Applicant #2		
Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Yrs./Mos. on this job	Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Yrs./Mos. on this job
		Yrs./Mos. employed in this line of work/profession			Yrs./Mos. employed in this line of work/profession
Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)		Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)	
<i>If employed in current position for less than two years or if currently employed in more than one position, complete the following:</i>					
Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Dates (From › To)	Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Dates (From › To)
		Monthly Income			Monthly Income
		\$			\$
Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)		Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)	
Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Dates (From › To)	Name & Address of Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed	Dates (From › To)
		Monthly Income			Monthly Income
		\$			\$
Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)		Position/Title/Type of Business	Business Phone (Incl. Area Code)	

**V. MONTHLY INCOME AND COMBINED HOUSING EXPENSE INFORMATION**

Gross Monthly Income	Applicant #1	Applicant #2	Total	Combined Monthly Housing Expense	Present	Proposed
Base Empl. Income*	\$	\$	\$	Rent	\$	
Overtime				First Mortgage (P&I)		\$
Bonuses				Other Financing (P&I)		
Commissions				Hazard Insurance		
Dividends/Interest				Real Estate Taxes		
Net Rental Income				Mortgage Insurance		
Other (Before completing see the notice in "describe other income," below				Homeowner Assn. Dues		
				Other		
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	<b>Total</b>	\$	\$

\*Self Employed Applicant may be required to provide additional documentation such as tax returns and financial statements.

A1/A2	Describe Other Income <i>Notice: Alimony, child Support, or separate maintenance income need not be revealed if the Applicant #1, (A 1) or Applicant #2 (A2) does not choose to have it considered for repaying this loan.</i>	Monthly Amount

**VI. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

This Statement and any applicable supporting schedules may be completed jointly by both married and unmarried Applicants if their assets and liabilities are sufficiently joined so that the Statement can be meaningfully and fairly presented on a combined basis; otherwise separate Statements and Schedules are required. If the Applicant #2 section was completed about a spouse, this Statement and supporting schedules must be completed about that spouse also.

Completed  Jointly  Not Jointly

ASSETS	Cash or Market Value	Liabilities and Pledged Assets. List the creditor's name, address and account number for all outstanding debts, including automobile loans, revolving charge accounts, real estate loans, alimony, child support, stock pledges, etc. Use continuation sheet, if necessary. Indicate by (*) those liabilities which will be satisfied upon sale of real estate owned or upon refinancing of the subject property.			
Description		LIABILITIES	Monthly Payment & Months Left to Pay	Unpaid Balance	
Cash deposit toward purchase held by:	\$	Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
<i>List checking and saving accounts below</i>		Acct. No.			
Name and Address of Bank, S&L, or Credit Union		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Acct. No.	\$	Acct. No.			
Name and Address of Bank, S&L, or Credit Union		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Acct. No.	\$	Acct. No.			
Name and Address of Bank, S&L, or Credit Union		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Acct. No.	\$	Acct. No.			
Name and Address of Bank, S&L, or Credit Union		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Acct. No.	\$	Acct. No.			
Name and Address of Bank, S&L, or Credit Union		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Acct. No.	\$	Acct. No.			
Stocks & Bonds (Company name/number & description)	\$	Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Life insurance net cash value	\$	Acct. No.			
Face amount: \$		Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
<b>Subtotal Liquid Assets</b>	\$	Acct. No.			
Real estate owned (Enter market value from schedule of real estate owned)	\$	Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Vested interest in retirement fund	\$	Acct. No.			
Net worth of business(es) owned (Attach financial statement)	\$	Name and Address of Company	\$ Payment/Months	\$	
Automobiles owned (Make and year)	\$	Acct. No.			
Other Assets (Itemize)	\$	Alimony/Child Support/Separate Maintenance Payments Owed to:	\$		
		Job Related Expense (Child care, union dues, etc.)	\$		
		<b>Total Monthly Payments</b>	\$		
<b>Total Assets a.</b>	\$	<b>Net Worth (a minus b)</b>	\$	<b>Total Liabilities b.</b>	\$

**VI. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (cont.)**

**Schedule of Real Estate Owned** (If additional properties are owned, use continuation sheet.)

Property Address (Enter S if sold, PS if pending sale or R if rental being held for income) ↓	Type of Property	Present Market Value	Amount of Mortgage & Liens	Gross Rental Income	Mortgage Payments	Insurance Maintenance Taxes & Misc.	Net Rental Income
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Totals	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

List any additional names under which credit has previously been received and indicate appropriate creditor name(s) and account number(s):

Alternative Name	Creditor Name	Account Number

VII. DETAILS OF TRANSACTION		VIII. DECLARATIONS			
a. Purchase price	\$	<b>If you answer "Yes" to any questions a through i, please use continuation sheet for explanation.</b>		<b>Applicant #1   Applicant #2</b>	
b. Alterations, improvements, repairs				<b>Yes   No</b>	<b>Yes   No</b>
c. Land (If acquired separately)		a. Are there any outstanding judgments against you?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Refinance (Incl. debts to be paid off)		b. Have you been declared bankrupt within the past 7 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Estimated prepaid items		c. Have you had property foreclosed upon or given title or deed in lieu thereof in the last 7 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Estimated closing costs		d. Are you a party to a lawsuit?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
g. PMI, MIP, Funding Fee		e. Have you directly or indirectly been obligated on any loan which resulted in foreclosure, transfer of title in lieu of foreclosure, or judgment? (This would include such loans as home mortgage loans, SBA loans, home improvement loans, educational loans, manufactured (mobile) home loans, any mortgage, financial obligation, bond, or loan guarantee. If "Yes," provide details, including date, name, and address of Lender, FHA or V.A. case number, if any, and reasons for the action.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Discount (If Borrower will pay)		f. Are you presently delinquent or in default on any Federal debt or any other loan mortgage, financial obligation, bond, or loan guarantee? If "Yes," give details as described in question e. above.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Total Costs (Add items a through h)		g. Are you obligated to pay alimony, child support, or separate maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Subordinate financing		h. Is any part of the down payment borrowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Borrower's closing costs paid by Seller		i. Are you a co-maker or endorser on a note?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other Credits (Explain)		j. Are you a U.S. citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Loan amount (Exclude PMI, MIP, Funding Fee financed)		k. Are you a permanent resident alien?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
n. PMI, MIP, Funding Fee financed		l. Do you intend to occupy the property as your primary residence? If "Yes," complete question m. below.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
o. Loan amount (Add m & n)		m. Have you had ownership interest in a property in the last 3 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
p. Cash from/to Borrower (Subtract j, k, l, & o from i)		(1) What type of property did you own-principal residence (PR), second home (SH), or investment property (IP)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		(2) How did you hold title to the home-solely by yourself (S), jointly with your spouse (SP), or jointly with another person (0)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

### IX. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned specifically represents to Lender and to Lender’s actual or potential agents, brokers, processors, attorneys, insurers, services, successors and assigns and agrees and acknowledges that: (1) the information provided in this application is true and correct as of the date set forth opposite my signature and that any intentional or negligent misrepresentation of this information contained in this application may result in civil liability, including monetary damages, to any person who may suffer any loss due to reliance upon any misrepresentation that I have made on this application, and/or in criminal penalties including, but not limited to, fine or imprisonment or both under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sec. 1001, et seq.; (2) the loan requested pursuant to this application (the “loan”) will be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on the property described herein; (3) the property will not be used for any illegal or prohibited purpose or use; (4) all statements made in this application are made for the purpose of obtaining a residential mortgage loan; (5) the property will be occupied as indicated herein; (6) any owner or servicer of the Loan may verify or reverify any information contained in the application from any source named in this application, and Lender, its successors or assigns may retain the original and/or an electronic record of this application, even if the Loan is not approved; (7) the Lender and its agents, brokers, insurers, servicers, successors and assigns may continuously rely on the information contained in the application, and I am obligated to amend and/or supplement the information provided in this application if any of the material facts that I have represented herein should change prior to closing of the Loan; (8) in the event that my payments on the Loan become delinquent, the owner or servicer of the Loan may, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have relating to such delinquency, report my name and account information to one or more consumer credit reporting agencies; (9) ownership of the Loan and/or administration of the Loan account may be transferred with such notice as may be required by law; (10) neither Lender nor its agents, brokers, insurers, servicers, successors or assigns has made any representation or warranty, express or implied, to me regarding the property or the condition or value of the property; and (11) my transmission of this application as an “electronic record” containing my “electronic signature,” as those terms are defined in applicable federal and/or state laws (excluding audio and video recordings), or my facsimile transmission of this application containing a facsimile of my signature, shall be as effective, enforceable and valid as if a paper version of this application were delivered containing my original written signature.

Applicant's Signature <b>X</b>	Date	Applicant's Signature <b>X</b>	Date
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### X. INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

The following information is requested by the Federal Government for certain types of loans related to a dwelling in order to monitor the lender’s compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing and home mortgage disclosure laws. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that a lender may discriminate neither on the basis of this information, or on whether you choose to furnish it. If you furnish the information, please provide both ethnicity and race. For race, you may check more than one designation. If you do not furnish ethnicity, race, or sex, under Federal regulations, this lender is required to note the information on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to furnish the information, please check the box below. (Lender must review the above material to assure that the disclosures satisfy all requirements to which the lender is subject under applicable state law for the particular type of loan applied for.)

BORROWER <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information	CO-BORROWER <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino
Race <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	Race <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male

<b>To be Completed by Interviewer</b> This application was taken by: <input type="checkbox"/> face-to-face interview <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Internet	Interviewer’s Name ( <i>Print or type</i> )	Name and Address of Interviewer’s Employer
	Interviewer’s Signature	
	Interviewer’s Phone Number ( <i>Incl. Area Code</i> )	

### Continuation For/Residential Loan Application

Use if you need more space to complete the Residential Loan Application Mark A1 for Applicant #1 or A2 for Applicant #2	Applicant#1 (A1)	Agency Account Number:
	Applicant#2 (A2)	Lender Account Number:

(Fully complete all highlighted sections.)

## Additional Information Required for RHS Assistance

1. Loan Type: 502 ARP Refi  504 ARP Refi Loan  Other

### APPLICANT #1

2. Have you ever obtained a loan/grant from RHS?

Yes  No

4. Are you a relative to an RHS Employee or Closing agent/attorney?

Yes  No

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a Veteran? Yes  No

8. Complete for all household members.

To be considered eligible for RHS assistance, all household income, including any income not shown in Section V of this application, must be disclosed below:

Name	Age	Are you a full time student? y/n	Do you want to be considered for an adjustment from household income because of a disabling condition? y/n	Annual Wage Income	Source of Wage Income (employer)	Annual Non-Wage Income	Source of Non-Wage Income (social security, alimony, child support, separate maintenance, etc.)

9. Child Care (Minors who are 12 years of age or under for whom you have to hire a babysitter or leave at a child care center)

Cost per week \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per month \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name, Address and Telephone No. of Child care Provider(s).

11. Characteristics of Present Housing

Does the Dwelling:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Lack complete plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physically deteriorated or structurally unsound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack adequate heating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overcrowded ( <i>More than 2 persons per room</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Present Landlord.

If residing at present address for less than two years, complete the following:

Name, Address and Telephone Number of Previous Landlord(s).

13. (For Section 504 Grants Only) I certify that as the condition of the grant, I/we will not engage in unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant.

14. I am aware RHS does not warrant the condition or value of the property.

15. Notices to Applicant

**Privacy Act.** See attached sheet.

**Social Security Number.** The Debt Collection Act of 1982, Pub. L. 97-365, and 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) require persons applying for a federally insured or guaranteed loan to furnish his or her social security number (SSN). Failure to provide your SSN will result in the rejection of your application.

**Right to Request Copy of Appraisal.** You have the right to a copy of the appraisal report used in connection with your application for credit. If you wish a copy, please write us at the address of the Rural Development Field Office where you made application. In your written request, you must provide us with the complete name and address used when making application as well as a current mailing address. We must hear from you no later than 90 days after we notify you about the action taken on your credit application or you withdraw your application. The creditor, Rural Housing Service, may require you to reimburse the Agency for the cost of the appraisal.

**Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978,** 12 U.S.C. 3401, et seq. You authorize RHS to have access to financial records held by financial institutions in connection with the consideration or administration of assistance to you. Financial records involving your loan and loan application will be available to RHS without further notice or authorization but will not be disclosed or released by RHS to another Government agency or department without your consent except as required or permitted by law.

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**Unlawful Discrimination.** "The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in real estate-related transactions, or in the terms or conditions of such a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. If you believe you have been discriminated against for any of these reasons, you can write the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410 or call (800) 669-9777.

**Certification.** As the applicant, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief: (1) I am not presently debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency; (2) I have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against me for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statement, or receiving stolen property; (3) I am not a judgment debtor on an outstanding judgment in favor of the United States which was obtained in any Federal court other than the United States Tax Court; and (4) I am not delinquent of any outstanding debt to the Federal Government (including any Federal agency or department).

**The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act** prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital status, age (provided the borrower has the capacity to enter into a binding contract), because all or a part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program, or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. If you believe you were denied a loan for this reason, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC. 20580.

(Each applicant must sign and date.)

16. I AM unable to provide the housing I need on my own account, and I am unable to secure the credit necessary for this purpose from other sources upon terms and conditions which I can reasonably fulfill. I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith to obtain a loan.

**SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE PROVIDES: "WHOEVER, IN ANY MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES, CONCEALS OR COVERS UP BY ANY TRICK, SCHEME, OR DEVICE A MATERIAL FACT, OR MAKES ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS, OR MAKES OR USES ANY FALSE WRITING OR DOCUMENT KNOWING THE SAME TO CONTAIN ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR ENTRY, SHALL BE FINED UNDER THIS TITLE OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH."**

NOTE TO APPLICANT: IF ANY INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS FOUND TO BE FALSE OR INCOMPLETE, SUCH FINDING, IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE LIABILITY UNDER CIVIL AND CRIMINAL STATUS, MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL FOR THE REQUESTED CREDIT AND MAY BE A BASIS FOR DEBARMENT FROM PARTICIPATION IN ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS UNDER 7 C.F.R. PART 3017.

Date _____	Signature of Applicant  <b>X</b>
Date _____	Signature of Applicant  <b>X</b>

17. Date	Signature of Loan Approval Official	Determination of Eligibility _____ Eligible _____ Not Eligible	Racial Data Provided by _____ Applicant _____ RHS
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18. Application received on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Application complete on \_\_\_\_\_ .

19. Credit Report Fee  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Referral of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to the Department of Labor, State Wage Information Collection Agencies, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as those responsible for verifying information furnished to qualify for Federal benefits, to conduct wage and benefit matching through manual and/or automated means, for the purpose of determining compliance with Federal regulations and appropriate servicing actions against those not entitled to program benefits, including possible recovery of improper benefits.

16. Referral of names, home addresses, and financial information to financial consultants, advisors, or underwriters, when Rural Development determines such referral is appropriate for developing packaging and marketing strategies involving the sale of Rural Development loan assets.

17. Rural Development, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(e)(5), will provide to consumer reporting agencies or commercial reporting agencies information from this system indicating that an individual is responsible for a claim that is current.

18. Referral of names, home addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers, and financial information to escrow agents (which also could include attorneys and title companies) selected by the applicant or borrower for the purpose of closing the loan.

19. Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12): Disclosures may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 168a(f) or the Federal Claims Collection Act (31U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Housing Service

**EMPLOYMENT AND ASSET CERTIFICATION**

**EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION**

Check the appropriate blocks and account for all adult household members by listing their or your name under the applicable statement:

- I hereby certify that the following adult household members are not presently employed and do not intend to resume employment in the foreseeable future:


- I hereby certify that the following adult household members are not presently employed but are actively seeking employment. I agree to notify RHS immediately when they become reemployed:


- I hereby certify that the following adult household members are currently employed. I agree to notify RHS should their employment status change:


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(No information needed on this page but each applicant must sign and date.)

### ASSET CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all nonretirement assets of all household members (adults and children) are listed below. Nonretirement assets include, but are not limited to, savings accounts, stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, savings certifications, money market funds, investment accounts, equity in real property, revocable trust funds that are available to the household, lump-sum receipts, and personal property held as an investment.

The nonretirement asset levels are as follows:

Household Member	Nonretirement Asset(s) Total (in \$)

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APPLICANT

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DATE

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APPLICANT

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SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE PROVIDES: "WHOEVER, IN ANY MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES, CONCEALS OR COVERS UP BY ANY TRICK, SCHEME, OR DEVICE A MATERIAL FACT, OR MAKES ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS, OR MAKES OR USES ANY FALSE WRITING OR DOCUMENT KNOWING THE SAME TO CONTAIN ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR ENTRY, SHALL BE FINED UNDER THIS TITLE OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH."

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

**The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides additional funds for USDA Rural Development's Single Family Housing Direct Loan program. The ARP period begins May 17, 2021, with extra funding available through September 30, 2023.**

**The ARP's primary focus is to help existing Single Family Housing Direct borrowers who have been approved for COVID-19-related payment moratoriums (a period during which their monthly loan repayments were stopped) refinance their mortgages. The goal is to help ensure USDA borrowers' payments stay affordable once the moratorium period ends.**

## Who is eligible?

Beginning May 17, Rural Development will accept applications from existing Single Family Housing Direct loan borrowers – including customers with home repair loans – to refinance loans which have been in an approved COVID-19 moratorium.

For Single Family Housing Direct loan borrowers, the adjusted household income must be at or below moderate-income limits for the area. For Home Repair loan borrowers, the adjusted household income must be at or below the very-low income limit for the area. Income limits can be viewed here: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RD-DirectLimitMap.pdf>

With the exception of delinquent federal debt, Single Family Housing Direct loan borrowers applying for refinancing will not be subject to credit analysis, standard repayment ratio requirements, asset limits, or customary program standards related to the condition of the property.

## What terms are available?

For Single Family Housing Direct borrowers, a 10-, 25-, 30-, or 33-year term may be used. In limited circumstances, a 38-year term may be offered.

For Home Repair borrowers, a 20-year term is available.

## What are the possible benefits to refinancing?

A lower interest rate and term extension can help reduce the loan payment, making it more affordable.

## Is there any cost to the borrower?

Closing costs (fees associated with the real estate transaction) can be included in the loan. The escrow account from the original account will be transferred to the ARP refinance loan. If an escrow account needs to be established, you will be responsible for the cost of getting a hazard insurance policy, which can be included in the loan.

## What can be included in the refinance?

- Debt to USDA Rural Development. Under certain conditions, this includes Single Family Housing subsidy recapture. Additional information about subsidy recapture is available here: [https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508\\_RD\\_FS\\_RHS\\_SubsidyRecaptureDirectLoans.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_SubsidyRecaptureDirectLoans.pdf)
- In limited circumstances, liens not associated with debt to the Single Family Housing Direct loan program
- Repairs to correct major health and safety concerns in the home
- Closing costs
- A Rural Development-authorized loan packaging fee

## What do I need to do next?

- Existing Single Family Housing Direct loan borrowers should visit <https://pubmai.sc.egov.usda.gov> to download an application package. You also can contact your local office to request an application or get more information. State office locations can be found at: <https://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>.
- If you have questions about your existing loan – including its re-amortization or subsidy recapture – contact the Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-414-1226.

## Where can I find more information?

- To view the internal Rural Development implementation guidance associated with this program, visit: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/directives/unnumbered-letters> and select “Housing Programs” from the menu.
- You can find additional forms, resources, and program information at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/single-family-housing-programs>.
- Your local Rural Housing Program staff is always a great resource. Our state-based office locations can be found here: <https://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>

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**For additional resources and information about our business, community or housing programs, contact our program specialists at 1-800-670-6553 or visit us online at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).**

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## Single Family Housing Subsidy Recapture (Direct Loans)

### What does this program do?

**Payment assistance, also known as subsidy, is granted to eligible very low- and low-income homeowners who obtain a Single Family Housing Section 502 Direct Loan from USDA Rural Development. The borrower signs RD Form 3550-12, Subsidy Repayment Agreement, at loan closing. The agreement outlines the subsidy repayment terms, the requirement to repay all or a portion of the subsidy received over the life of the loan (i.e., subsidy recapture), and how subsidy recapture is calculated. The security instrument (Deed of Trust or Mortgage) contains a provision making the subsidy a lien against the property. The lien will not be released until subsidy recapture is paid in full.**

### How is subsidy recapture calculated?

While subsidy recapture formulas have changed over the years, under the current formula, the maximum amount of subsidy recapture which must be repaid is the lesser of the total dollar amount of subsidy received or 50 percent of the property's value appreciation.

Value appreciation is based on the difference between: (1) the market value of the property at the time of loan pay off; and (2) amounts of prior liens, subordinate affordable housing products, the Rural Development loan being paid off, principal reduction paid at note rate, reasonable closing costs, certain capital improvements, and the borrower's original equity in the property when the mortgage loan was originally closed.

Other factors, such as the term of the loan, average interest rate, percentage of outstanding balance of open loans, and whether all loans subject to recapture are being paid off, are also considered in subsidy recapture.

In the event of default (foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure), the amount of subsidy recapture due is the total amount of subsidy received over the life of the loan.

### When is subsidy recapture repaid?

The borrower must pay subsidy recapture when they transfer title or cease to occupy the property. If a borrower pays off the principal and interest of their loan and continues to occupy the property, repayment of the subsidy recapture amount can be deferred until the borrower ceases to occupy the property or transfers title. The security instrument securing the subsidy recapture amount may be subordinated to permit refinancing if Rural Development's lien position will be adequately secured. If eligible for deferral, and to encourage early payment, a discount of 25 percent of the subsidy recapture is offered if it is paid at the time the principal and interest is paid.

### amount of subsidy recapture to be repaid?

Borrowers can obtain an estimated, verbal pay off amount, including subsidy recapture, by calling USDA Rural Development's Customer Service Center Interactive Voice Response system at (800) 414-1226. Choose the "payoff information" option. Be ready to provide the estimated market value of the property, and estimated closing costs that may be incurred as the result of selling or refinancing.

The reverse page contains a sample calculation formula of subsidy recapture.

# Single Family Housing Subsidy Recapture (Direct Loans)

<b>Part 1. Calculating Value Appreciation</b>		<b>Amount</b>
1	Current market value of property	\$200,000.00
2	(less) Original amounts of prior liens and subordinate affordable housing products	\$2,000.00
3	(less) Rural Development (RD) loans being paid off	\$150,000.00
4	(less) Equity recapture due from Farm Program (FP) loan	\$0.00
5	(less) Closing costs	\$5,500.00
6	(less) Principal reduction (note rate) on RD loan being paid off	\$1,200.00
7	(less) Principal Reduction Attributed to Subsidy (PRAS) on loan being paid off	\$0.00
8	(less) Original equity	\$0.00
9	(less) Capital improvement credit	\$0.00
10	Value appreciation (Line 1 minus the total of Lines 2–9) <b>(If \$0 or less, enter \$0 and complete Part II; if more than \$0, complete Part III.)</b>	\$41,300.00
<b>Part II. Amount Due if There is No Value Appreciation</b>		<b>Amount</b>
11	Rural Development loans being paid off (Line 3)	n/a
12	Equity recapture from FP loan to be collected	n/a
13	PRAS to be collected	n/a
14	Amount due (Lines 11 + 12 + 13) <b>(If negative, stop here. If positive continue to Part III.)</b>	n/a
<b>Part III. Percentage of Total Debt Subject to Recapture to be Paid Off</b>		<b>Amount</b>
15	Rural Development loans being paid off which are subject to recapture (Line 3)	\$150,000.00
16	Outstanding balance of all RD loans and the balance of prior non-RD liens and subordinate affordable housing products being paid off [In this example, at the time of payoff, the prior non-RD liens and subordinate affordable housing products were already paid in full.]	\$150,000.00
17	RD loans being paid off as a percentage of all mortgage loans (Line 15/Line 16)	100.00%
<b>Part IV. Value Appreciation Subject to Recapture</b>		<b>Amount</b>
18	Amount of value appreciation attributable to loans subject to recapture (Line 10; or if Part III was completed, Line 10 × Line 17)	\$41,300.00
19	Recapture percentage (the lesser of 50% or the percentage contained in the Subsidy Recapture Agreement) [For the purposes of this example, 50% is used.]	50.00%
20	Value appreciation reduced by recapture percentage (Line 18 × Line 19)	\$20,650.00
21	Percentage of original equity (from Subsidy Repayment Agreement)	0.00%
22	Value appreciation, reduced by recapture percentage, attributable to original equity (Line 20 × Line 21)	\$0.00
23	Value appreciation subject to recapture (Line 20 – Line 22)	\$20,650.00
<b>Part V. Amount Due if There is Value Appreciation</b>		<b>Amount</b>
24	Amount of payment subsidy received	\$30,000.00
25	Recapture amount (Line 7 + the lesser of Line 23 or Line 24)	\$20,650.00
26	Discounted recapture amount, if applicable (Line 25 × 75%)	n/a
27	Final payoff amount (Line 3 + Line 4 + Line 25 or Line 26 as appropriate)	\$170,650.00

**NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions. You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.**

Dear Borrower,

This is the end of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) refinance application package.

Prior to submitting your application to refinance your existing direct loan, please check the following items:

1. Check that all highlighted sections on all forms are fully completed
2. Check that all forms are signed and dated
3. Make sure all applicable items listed on the ARP – Refinance Following Moratorium, Checklist of Items to Accompany the Uniform Residential Loan Application are provided with the application package.

**IMPORTANT:** If any item, information and/or signature is missing, your application is considered incomplete and you will be contacted and asked to provide the missing pieces.

Respectfully,

USDA Rural Development