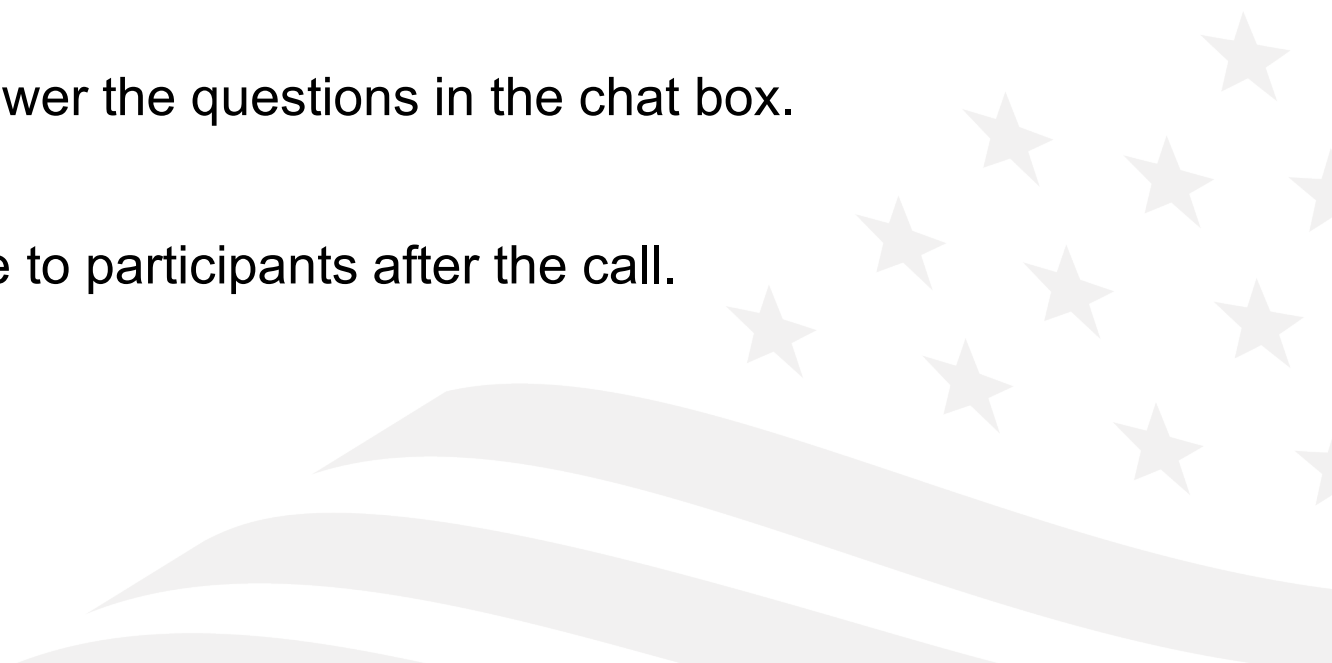




# Off-Farm Labor Housing Workshop

New Construction NOSA

# Housekeeping

- All lines will be on mute throughout the presentation.
  - If you have a question, please type it in the chat box.
  - At the end of the presentation, we will answer the questions in the chat box.
  - A copy of the slides will be made available to participants after the call.
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# Welcome and Opening Remarks

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# Key Priorities

## Rural Development Funding Priorities

Rural Development encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting Rural communities recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities;
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects; and
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

# New Construction NOSA

The program objective is to increase the supply of affordable housing for farm laborers through the construction of new farm labor housing units.

- Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for Section 514 Off-Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Off-Farm Labor Housing Grants for New Construction for Fiscal Year 2021.
  - Published in the Federal Register on February 2, 2021.
  - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/02/02/2021-02193/notice-of-solicitation-of-applications-for-section-514-off-farm-labor-housing-loans-and-section-516>
- Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Section 514 Off-Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Off-Farm Labor Housing Grants for New Construction for Fiscal Year 2022.
  - Published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2021.
  - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/03/2021-16472/notice-of-solicitation-of-applications-for-section-514-off-farm-labor-housing-loans-and-section-516>
- There will be a third round opening on September 1, 2022, before which another announcement Notice will be published in the Federal Register.

# Funding Rounds

## Dependability and Predictability

- First Round: The first round is closed. Announce awards by the end of September 2021.
- Second Round:
  - Pre-applications will be accepted after September 1, 2021.
  - Pre-applications must be submitted by November 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.
  - RHS notification to applicants by January 4, 2022.
  - Pre-application selections posted to the RHS website by March 1, 2022.
  - Final applications must be submitted by May 2, 2022, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.
- Third Round:
  - Pre-applications will be accepted after September 1, 2022.
  - Pre-applications must be submitted by November 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.
  - RHS notification to applicants by January 2, 2023.
  - Pre-application selections posted to the RHS website by March 1, 2023.
  - Final applications must be submitted by May 1, 2023, 12:00 p.m., local time.

# Updates to NOSA

Published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2021

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the Active Partners Performance System (APPS) available on HUD's website to electronically submit the Form HUD 2530 for HUD staff review and approval, if applicable. If approval obtained, the applicant would submit the review from HUD indicating approval in the application. The website can be found at:
  - [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/mfh/apps/appsmfhm](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/mfh/apps/appsmfhm)
- At least seven business days prior to the application deadline for the applicable funding round, the applicant must email RHS a request to submit an electronic payment of \$24 to pay for credit reports obtained by RHS.
  - The credit report fee was requested during the pre-application stage in the first round.
  - The credit report fee can now be paid electronically instead of by check.
- Other updates have been made for formatting and clarification. We encourage you to review the NOSA to make sure you are aware of all of the updates that have been made.



# Application Process

- The application process has two phases: The initial pre-application and the submission of a final application.
- The pre-application and final application are submitted electronically following the process outlined in the NOSA.
- The NOSA outlines in detail each item that must be submitted as part of the pre-application and the final application.
  - To assist the agency in our review of the applications, we encourage applicants to provide a table of contents and to submit the application in the same order as the required items in the NOSA.
- Final applications will be processed, underwritten, and closed by the respective branches within the Production and Preservation Division.

# Borrower's Responsibilities

- The borrower/applicant is responsible for submitting the pre-application and final application, if applicable, by the required due dates specified in the NOSA.
- The borrower/applicant is responsible for carefully reviewing the NOSA and for submitting a complete pre-application and final application, if applicable.
- The borrower/applicant is responsible for meeting all of the regulatory requirements for the off-farm labor housing program.
- The borrower/applicant is responsible for expenses incurred in developing preapplications and final applications.

# Highlights

- All awards are subject to the availability of funding. The maximum award per selected project may not exceed \$5 million (total loan and grant).
- Rental Assistance and Operating Assistance will be available for this Notice.
- A lists of awardees will be posted to our website for each round.
- Leveraged Funds Commitments:
  - The firm commitment letters must be submitted prior to the approval of the final application.
- Housing Eligibility:
  - The housing must be constructed for eligible farm workers.

# Highlights Continued...

- Applicant Eligibility:
  - The applicant must meet the requirements of 7 CFR 3560.555(a) and be a broad-based nonprofit organization; a nonprofit organization of farmworkers, a Federally recognized Indian tribe, a community organization, or an Agency or political subdivision of state or local Government, and must meet the requirements of § 3560.55, excluding § 3560.55(a)(6).
  - Limited partnerships with a non-profit general partner are eligible for Section 514 loans; however, they are not eligible for Section 516 grants.
- Equity contribution:
  - An equity contribution must be made in accordance with 7 CFR 3560.63.
- Pre-applications that are deemed eligible but are not selected for further processing will be withdrawn from processing. The applicant may reapply in a future funding round.
- Third party reports such as the appraisal and CNA need to be submitted with the final application.

## Highlights Continued...

- Complete environmental information in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970 needs to be submitted with the final application including a letter from the State Housing Preservation Office and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, if applicable.
  - Part 1970 outlines different levels of review based on the specific proposed project.
  - The Phase I Environmental site assessment is not a complete environmental review.



# Questions

- Questions from the chat box.
- We welcome your feedback regarding today's call on ways to enhance or improve future workshops.
- If you have any additional questions that were not covered today or any specific questions about a particular transaction, please email: [off-flhapplication@usda.gov](mailto:off-flhapplication@usda.gov)

