of the meeting is to review Resource Advisory Committee Project Applications.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 11, 2011, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Anderson, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 233–8700; or Resource Advisory Coordinator, Stephen Riley at (530) 233–8705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on July 11, 2011 will begin at 6 p.m., at the Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas, California 96101. Agenda topics will include voting and discussion of project proposals that meet the intent of Public Law 110–343. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Dated: June 23, 2011.

Kimberly H. Anderson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Kincheloe, Michigan. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to review project proposal scoring sheets and possibly vote.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 21, 2011, and will begin at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Chippewa County 911 Center, 4657 Industrial Park Drive, Kincheloe, MI. Written comments should be sent to Janel Crooks, Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49829. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to *HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us,* or via facsimile to 906–789–3311.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 906–786–4062 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janel Crooks, RAC coordinator, USDA, Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, Michigan 49862; (906) 786–4062; E-mail *HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us.*

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review of Project Proposal Scoring Sheets (2) Public Comment and (3) Vote, if appropriate. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

June 28, 2011.

Stevan J. Christiansen,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability of Applications (NOFA) for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the timeframe to submit pre-applications for section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm laborers and for the purchase and substantial rehabilitation of an existing non-farm labor housing (FLH) property. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. This notice describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this is 5 p.m., local time to the appropriate Rural Development State Office on August 22, 2011. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. Rural Development will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline unless date and time is extended by another Notice published in the **Federal Register**. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

Applicants wishing to apply for assistance must contact the Rural Development State Office serving the State of the proposed off-farm labor housing project in order to receive further information and copies of the application package. Rural Development will date and time stamp incoming applications to evidence timely receipt and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgment of receipt. A listing of Rural Development State Offices, their addresses, telephone numbers, and person to contact is under section VII of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mirna Reyes-Bible, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, STOP 0781 (Room 1263–S), USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0781, *telephone:* (202) 720–1753 (this is not a toll free number.), or via *e-mail: Mirna.ReyesBible@wdc.usda.gov.* If you have questions regarding Net Zero Energy Consumption and Energy Generation please contact Carlton Jarratt, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division at (804) 287–1524 or via *e-mail: carlton.jarrat@wdc.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The reporting requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control Number 0575–0189.

Overview Information

Federal Agency Name: Rural Development.

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year 2011.

Announcement Type: Initial Notice inviting applications from qualified applicants for Fiscal Year 2011.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA): 10.405 and 10.427.

Dates: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this is 5 p.m., local time to the appropriate Rural Development State Office on August 22, 2011. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. Rural Development will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline unless date and time is extended by another Notice published in the **Federal Register**. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

I. Funding Opportunities Description

For FY 2011 funds will be available up to $25,672,886.92 for Section 514 loans, up to $9,853,254.00 for Section 516 grants, and $2,994,000 for FLH Rental Assistance.

II. Award Information

Applications for FY 2011 will only be accepted through the date and time listed in this Notice. Final loan and grant levels may fluctuate from the initial amount considered with the pre-application, and are subject to availability of funding. Individual requests may not exceed $3 million (total loan and grant). No State may receive more than 30 percent of available FLH funding distributed in FY 2011. If there are insufficient applications from around the country to exhaust Sections 514 and 516 funds available, the Agency may then exceed the 30 percent cap per State. Section 516 off-farm FLH grants may not exceed 90 percent of the total development cost (TDC) of the housing as defined in 7 CFR part 3560.11. Applications that will use leveraged funding must provide written commitments from the funding source at pre-application. If leveraged funds are in the form of tax credits, the applicant must document that it has received tax credits or has applied and been approved to receive tax credits.

Rental Assistance and operating assistance will be available for new construction in FY 2011. Operating assistance is explained at 7 CFR part 3560.574 and may be used in lieu of tenant-specific rental assistance (RA) in off-farm labor housing projects that serve migrant farm workers as defined in 7 CFR part 3560.11 that are financed under section 514 or section 516(h) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1484 and 1486(h)) respectively, and otherwise meet the requirements of 7 CFR part 3560.574. Owners of eligible projects may choose tenant-specific RA or operating assistance, or a combination of both; however, any tenant or unit assisted with operating assistance may not also receive RA.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Housing Eligibility

Housing that is constructed with FLH loans and/or grants must meet Rural Development's design and construction standards contained in 7 CFR part 1924, subparts A and C. Once constructed, off-farm FLH must be managed in accordance with the program's management regulation, 7 CFR part 3560. In addition, off-farm FLH must be operated on a non-profit basis and tenancy must be open to all qualified domestic farm laborers, regardless at which farm they work. Section 514(f)(3) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1484(f)(3)) defines domestic farm laborers to include any person regardless of the person's source of employment, who receives a substantial portion of his or her income from the primary production of agricultural or aquacultural commodities in the unprocessed or processed stage, and also includes the person's family.

B. Tenant Eligibility

Tenant eligibility is limited to persons who meet the definition of a ''disabled domestic farm laborer,'' or ''a domestic farm laborer,'' or ''retired domestic farm laborer,'' as defined in 7 CFR section 3560.11. Farm workers who are admitted to this country on a temporary basis under the Temporary Agricultural Workers (H–2A Visa) program are not eligible to occupy section 514/516 off-farm FLH.

C. Applicant Eligibility

1. To be eligible to receive a section 516 grant for off-farm FLH, the applicant must be a broad-based nonprofit organization, including community and faith-based organizations, a nonprofit organization of farm workers, a federally recognized Indian tribe, an agency or political subdivision of a State or local government, or a public agency (such as a housing authority). The applicant must be able to contribute at least one-tenth of the TDC non-Rural Development resources which can include leveraged funds.

2. To be eligible to receive a section 514 loan for off-farm FLH, the applicant must be a broad-based nonprofit organization, including community and faith-based organizations, a nonprofit organization of farm workers, a federally recognized Indian tribe, an agency or political subdivision of a State or local government, a public agency (such as a housing authority), or a limited partnership which has a nonprofit entity as its general partner, and

i. Be unable to provide the necessary housing from its own resources; and

ii. Except for State or local public agencies and Indian tribes, be unable to obtain similar credit elsewhere at rates that would allow for rents within the payment ability of eligible residents.

iii. Broad-based nonprofit organizations must have a membership that reflects a variety of interests in the area where the housing will be located.

IV. Administrative Requirements

A. Cost Sharing or Matching

Section 516 grants for off-farm FLH may not exceed the lesser of 90 percent of the TDC as provided in 7 CFR 3560.562(c)(1).

B. Other Requirements

The following requirements apply to loans and grants made in response to this notice:

1. 7 CFR part 1901, subpart E, regarding equal opportunity requirements;

2. For grants only, 7 CFR part 3015, 3016 or 3019 (as applicable), which establishes the uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to State and local governments and to nonprofit organizations;

3. 7 CFR part 1901, subpart F, regarding historical and archaeological properties;

4. 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, regarding environmental assessments;

5. 7 CFR part 3560, subpart L, regarding the loan and grant authorities of the off-farm FLH program;

6. 7 CFR part 1924, subpart A, regarding planning and performing construction and other development;

7. 7 CFR part 1924, subpart C, regarding the planning and performing of site development work;

8. For construction financed with a Section 516 grant, the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276(a)–276(a)–5) and implementing regulations published at 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5;

9. All other requirements contained in 7 CFR part 3560, regarding the section 514/516 off-farm FLH program; and

10. Please note that grant applicants must obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

number and maintain registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior to submitting a pre-application pursuant to 2 CFR part 25.200(b). In addition, an entity applicant must maintain registration in the CCR database at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under construction by the Agency. Similarly, all recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170. So long as an entity applicant does not have an exception under 2 CFR part 170.110(b), the applicant must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements should the applicant receive funding. See 2 CFR part 170.200(b).

V. Application and Submission Information

The application process will be in two phases: the initial pre-application (or proposal) and the submission of a final application. Only those proposals that are selected for further processing will be invited to submit final applications. In the event that a proposal is selected for further processing and the applicant declines, the next highest ranked unfunded pre-application may be selected. All pre-applications for sections 514 and 516 funds must be filed with the appropriate Rural Development State Office and must meet the requirements of this notice. Incomplete pre-applications will not be reviewed and will be returned to the applicant. No pre-application will be accepted after 5 p.m., local to the appropriate Rural Development State Office on August 22, 2011 unless date and time are extended by another Notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Pre-applications can be submitted either electronically using the FLH Pre-application found at: *http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/MPR/MPRHome.htm* or in hard copy obtained from and submitted to the appropriate Rural Development Office where the project will be located. Applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to submit the pre-application electronically. The State Office will record pre-applications received electronically by the actual date and time when all attachments are received at the State Office. Hard copy pre-applications received on or before the deadline date will receive the close of business time of the day received as the receipt time. Hard copy pre-applications must be received by the submission deadline and no later than 5 p.m., local Time, August 22, 2011. Assistance for filing electronic and hard copy pre-applications can be obtained from any Rural Development State Office.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide an electronic copy of all hard copy forms and documents submitted in the pre-application/application package as requested by this Notice. The forms and documents must be submitted to the appropriate Rural Development State Office as read-only PDF Adobe Acrobat files on an electronic media such as CDs, DVDs or USB drives. For each electronic device submitted, the applicant should include a Table of Contents of all documents and forms on that device. The electronic medium should be submitted to the local State Office.

Note: For electronic submissions, there is a time delay between the time it is sent and the time it is received depending on network traffic. As a result, last-minute submissions sent before the deadline date and time could well be received after the deadline date and time because of the increased network traffic. Applicants are reminded that all submissions received after the deadline date and time will be rejected, regardless of when they were sent.

Note: If you receive a loan or grant award under this NOFA, USDA reserves the right to post all information not protected under the Privacy Act and submitted as part of the pre-application/application package on a public Web site with free and open access to any member of the public.

If a pre-application is accepted for further processing, the applicant must submit a complete, final application, acceptable to Rural Development prior to the obligation of Rural Development funds. If the pre-application is not accepted for further processing the applicant will be notified of appeal rights under 7 CFR part 11.

A. Pre-Application Requirements

1. The pre-application must contain the following:

i. A summary page listing the following items. This information should be double-spaced between items and not be in narrative form.

(a) Applicant's name.

(b) Applicant's Taxpayer Identification Number.

(c) Applicant's address.

(d) Applicant's telephone number.

(e) Name of applicant's contact person, telephone number, and address.

(f) Amount of loan and grant requested.

(g) For grants of Federal financial assistance (including loans and grants, cooperative agreements, etc.), the applicant's Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database in accordance with 2 CFR part 25. As required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), all grant applicants must provide a DUNS number when applying for Federal grants, on or after October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free number at 1–866–705–5711 or via Internet at *http:www.dnb.com/us/.* Additional information concerning this requirement can be obtained on the Grants.gov Web Site at *http://www.grants.gov.* Similarly, applicants may register for the CCR at *https://uscontractingregistration.com* or by calling 1–877–252–2700.

ii. A narrative verifying the applicant's ability to meet the eligibility requirements stated earlier in this notice. If an applicant is selected for further processing Rural Development will require additional documentation as set forth in a Conditional Commitment in order to verify the entity has the legal and financial capability to carry out the obligation of the loan.

iii. Standard Form 424, ''Application for Federal Assistance,'' can be obtained at *http://www.grants.gov* or from any Rural Development State Office listed in Section VII of this Notice.

iv. For loan pre-applications, current (within *6 months*) financial statements with the following paragraph certified by the applicant's designated and legally authorized signer:

''I/we certify the above is a true and accurate reflection of our financial condition as of the date stated herein. This statement is given for the purpose of inducing the United States of America to make a loan or to enable the United States of America to make a determination of continued eligibility of the applicant for a loan as requested in the loan application of which this statement is a part.''

v. For loan pre-applications, a check for $40 from applicants made out to United States Department of Agriculture. This will be used to pay for credit reports obtained by Rural Development.

vi. Evidence that the applicant is unable to obtain credit from other sources. Letters from credit institutions which normally provide real estate loans in the area should be obtained and these letters should indicate the rates and terms upon which a loan might be provided. (**Note:** Not required from State or local public agencies or Indian tribes.)

vii. If a FLH grant is desired, a statement concerning the need for a FLH grant. The statement should include

preliminary estimates of the rents required with and without a grant.

viii. A statement of the applicant's experience in operating labor housing or other rental housing. If the applicant's experience is limited, additional information should be provided to indicate how the applicant plans to compensate for this limited experience (i.e., obtaining assistance and advice of a management firm, non-profit group, public agency, or other organization which is experienced in rental management and will be available on a continuous basis).

ix. A brief statement explaining the applicant's proposed method of operation and management (*i.e.,* on-site manager, contract for management services, *etc.*). As stated earlier in this notice, the housing must be managed in accordance with the program's management regulation, 7 CFR part 3560 and tenancy is limited to ''disabled domestic farm laborers,'' ''domestic farm laborers,'' and ''retired domestic farm laborers,'' as defined in 7 CFR part 3560.11.

x. Applicants must also provide:

(a) A copy of, or an accurate citation to, the special provisions of State law under which they are organized, a copy of the applicant's charter, Articles of Incorporation, and By-laws;

(b) The names, occupations, and addresses of the applicant's members, directors, and officers; and

(c) If a member or subsidiary of another organization, the organization's name, address, and nature of business.

xi. A preliminary market survey or market study to identify the supply and demand for labor housing in the market area. The market area must be clearly identified and may include only the area from which tenants can reasonably be drawn for the proposed project. Documentation must be provided to justify a need within the intended market area for the housing of ''domestic farm laborers,'' as defined in 7 CFR section 3560.11. The documentation must take into account disabled and retired farm workers. The preliminary survey should address or include the following items:

(a) The annual income level of farmworker families in the area and the probable income of the farm workers who will likely occupy the proposed housing;

(b) A realistic estimate of the number of farm workers who remain in the area where they harvest and the number of farm workers who normally migrate into the area. Information on migratory workers should indicate the average number of months the migrants reside in the area and an indication of what type of family groups are represented by the migrants (*i.e.,* single individuals as opposed to families);

(c) General information concerning the type of labor intensive crops grown in the area and prospects for continued demand for farm laborers;

(d) The overall occupancy rate for comparable rental units in the area and the rents charged and customary rental practices for these units (*i.e.,* will they rent to large families, do they require annual leases, *etc.*);

(e) The number, condition, adequacy, rental rates and ownership of units currently used or available to farm workers;

(f) A description of the units proposed, including the number, type, size, rental rates, amenities such as carpets and drapes, related facilities such as a laundry room or community room and other facilities providing supportive services in connection with the housing and the needs of the prospective tenants such as a health clinic or day care facility, estimated development timeline, estimated total development cost, and applicant contribution; and

(g) The applicant must also identify all other sources of funds, including the dollar amount, source, and commitment status. (**Note:** A section 516 grant may not exceed 90 percent of the total development cost of the housing.)

xii. The following forms are required:

(a) A completed Form RD 1940–20, ''Request for Environmental Information,'' and a description of anticipated environmental issues or concerns. The form can be found at *http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/forms/1940-20.pdf.*

(b) A prepared HUD Form 935.2A, ''Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHM) Multi-family Housing,'' in accordance with 7 CFR 1901.203(c). The plan will reflect that occupancy is open to all qualified ''domestic farm laborers,'' regardless of which farming operation they work and that they will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, marital or familial status or National origin in regard to the occupancy or use of the units. The form can be found at *http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/935-2a.pdf.*

(c) A proposed operating budget utilizing Form RD 3560–7, ''Multiple Family Housing Project Budget/Utility Allowance,'' can be found at *http://www.rurdev.gov/regs/forms/3560-07.pdf.*

(d) An estimate of development cost utilizing Form RD 1924–13, ''Estimate and Certificate of Actual Cost,'' can be found at *http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD1924-13.PDF.*

(e) Form RD 3560–30, ''Certification of no Identity of Interest (IOI),'' can be found at *http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD3560-30.PDF* and Form RD 3560–31, ''Identity of Interest Disclosure/Qualification Certification,'' can be found at *http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD3560-31.PDF.*

(f) Form HUD 2530, ''Previous Participation Certification,'' can be found at *http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/2530.pdf.*

(g) If requesting RA or Operating Assistance, Form RD 3560–25, ''Initial Request for Rental Assistance or Operating Assistance.'' can be found at *http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD3560-25.PDF.*

(h) Form RD 400–4, ''Assurance Agreement,'' can be found at: *http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD400-4.PDF.* Applicants for revitalization, repair, and rehabilitation funding are to apply through the Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Demonstration Program (MPR).

(i) Evidence of compliance with Executive Order 12372. The applicant must send a copy of Form SF–424 to the applicant's state clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. If the applicant is located in a state that does not have a clearinghouse, the applicant is not required to submit the form.

xiii. Evidence of site control, such as an option contract or sales contract. In addition, a map and description of the proposed site, including the availability of water, sewer, and utilities and the proximity to community facilities and services such as shopping, schools, transportation, doctors, dentists, and hospitals.

xiv. Preliminary plans and specifications, including plot plans, building layouts, and type of construction and materials. The housing must meet Rural Development's design and construction standards contained in 7 CFR part 1924, subparts A and C and must also meet all applicable Federal, State, and local accessibility standards.

xv. A supportive services plan, which describes services that will be provided on-site or made available to tenants through cooperative agreements with service providers in the community, such as a health clinic or day care facility. Off-site services must be accessible and affordable to farm workers and their families. Letters of intent from service providers are

acceptable documentation at the pre-application stage.

xvi. A sources and uses statement which shows all sources of funding included in the proposed project. The terms and schedules of all sources included in the project should be included in the sources and uses statement.

xvii. A separate one-page information sheet listing each of the ''Pre-Application Scoring Criteria,'' contained in this notice, followed by a reference to the page numbers of all relevant material and documentation that is contained in the proposal that supports the criteria.

xviii. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include a checklist of all of the pre-application requirements and to have their pre-application indexed and tabbed to facilitate the review process;

xix. Evidence of compliance with the requirements of the applicable State Housing Preservation Office (SHPO). A letter from the SHPO where the off-farm labor housing project is located, signed by their designee will serve as evidence of compliance.

VI. Pre-Application Review Information

All applications for sections 514 and 516 funds must be filed electronically or with the appropriate Rural Development State Office and meet the requirements of this Notice. The National Office will base its determination of completeness of the application and the eligibility of each applicant on the information provided in the pre-application.

A. *Selection Criteria.* Section 514 loan funds and section 516 grant funds will be distributed to States based on a national competition, as follows:

1. National Office will accept, review, and score pre-applications in accordance with this Notice. The scoring factors are:

i. The presence of construction cost savings, including donated land and construction leverage assistance, for the units that will serve program-eligible tenants. The savings will be calculated as a percentage of the Rural Development TDC. The percentage calculation excludes any costs prohibited by Rural Development as loan expenses, such as a developer's fee. Construction cost savings includes, but is not limited to, funds for hard construction costs, and State or Federal funds which are applicable to construction costs. A minimum of ten percent cost savings is required to earn points; however, if the total percentage of cost savings is less than ten percent and the proposal includes donated land, two points will be awarded for the donated land. To count as cost savings for purposes of the selection criteria, a written commitment from the funding source must be submitted with the pre-application. Points will be awarded in accordance with the following table using rounding to the nearest whole number.

Percentage	Points
75 or more	20
60–74	18
50–59	16
40–49	12
30–39	10
20–29	8
10–19	5
0–	0

ii. The presence of operational cost savings, such as tax abatements, non-Rural Development tenant subsidies or donated services are calculated on a per-unit cost savings for the sum of the savings. Savings must be available for at least 5 years and documentation must be provided with the application demonstrating the availability of savings for 5 years. To calculate the savings, take the total amount of savings and divide it by the number of units in the project that will benefit from the savings to obtain the per unit cost savings. For non-Rural Development tenant subsidy, if the value changes during the five year calculation, the applicant must use the lower of the non-rural development tenant subsidy to calculate per unit cost savings. For example, a 10 unit property with 100 percent designated farm labor housing units receiving $20,000 per year non-rural development subsidy yields a cost savings of $100,000 ($20,000*5 years); resulting to a $10,000 per-unit cost savings ($100,000/10 units).

To determine cost savings in a mixed income complex that will serve other income levels than farm labor housing income-eligible tenants, use only the number of units that will serve farm labor housing income-eligible tenants. Round percentages to the nearest whole number, rounding up at 0.50 and above and down at 0.49 and below.

Use the following table to apply points.

Per-unit cost savings	Points
Above $15,000	20
$10,001–$15,000	18
$7,501–$10,000	16
$5,001–7,500	12
$3501–$5,000	10
$2,001–$3,500	8
$1,000–$2,000	5

iii. Percent of units for seasonal, temporary, migrant housing. (five points for up to and including 50 percent of the units; 10 points for 51 percent or more units used for seasonal, temporary, or migrant housing.)

iv. Presence of tenant services.

(a) Up to 10 points will be awarded based on the presence of and extent to which a tenant services plan exists that clearly outlines services that will be provided to the residents of the proposed project. These services may include, but are not limited to, transportation related services, on-site English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, move-in funds, emergency assistance funds, homeownership counseling, food pantries, after school tutoring, and computer learning centers.

(b) Two points will be awarded for each resident service included in the tenant services plan up to a maximum of 10 points. Plans must detail how the services are to be administered, who will administer them, and where they will be administered. All tenant service plans must include letters of intent that clearly state the service that will be provided at the project for the benefit of the residents from any party administering each service, including the applicant.

v. Properties may receive points for Energy Conservation, Energy Generation and Green Property Management as follows:

(a) *New Construction Energy Conservation* (maximum 32 points). New construction projects may be eligible for up to 32 points when the pre-application includes a written certification by the applicant to participate in the following energy efficiency programs. The points will be allocated as follows:

(*1*) Participation in the Department of Energy's Energy Star for Homes program (5 points). *http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_multifamily_units.*

(*2*) Participation in the Green Communities program by the Enterprise Community Partners. (5 points) *http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/criteria/*.

(*3*) Participation in one of the following two programs will be awarded points for certification. Note: each program has four levels of certification. State the level of certification that the applicant plans to achieve in their certification:

- LEED for Homes program by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC): *http://www.usgbc.org/homes*
  - Certified Level (4 points), OR
  - Silver Level (6 points), OR
  - Gold Level (8 points), OR
  - Platinum Level (10 points), OR

• The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) ICC 700–2008 National Green Building Standard TM: *http://www.nahb.org*

○ Bronze Level (4 points), OR
○ Silver Level (6 points), OR
○ Gold Level (8 points), OR
○ Emerald Level (10 points).

(*4*) Participation in local green/energy efficient building standards; Applicants, who participate in a city, county or municipality program, will receive an additional 1 point. The applicant should be aware and look for requirements that are sometimes embedded in the third-party program's rating and verification systems. (1 point).

(b) *Energy Conservation for Purchase and Substantial Rehabilitation of an existing non-Farm labor Housing (FLH) property (maximum of 16 points).* Pre-applications for the purchase and substantial rehabilitation of non-program MFH and related facilities in rural areas may be eligible to receive a maximum of 16 points for the following initiatives.

Note: If you are participating in (*1*) the Green Communities program, you may not receive additional points for items listed under (*2*). In other words, you may participate in (*1*) and (*3*) below or (*2*) and (*3*):

(*1*) Participation in the Green Communities program by the Enterprise Community Partners (*http://www.enterprisecommunity.org*) will be awarded 15 points for any project that qualifies for the program. (15 points) At least 30 percent of the points needed to qualify for the Green Communities program must be earned under the Energy Efficiency section of the Green Communities qualification program OR,

(*2*) Energy conservation points can be awarded for the following energy conservation measures only when the applicant is not enrolled in Green Communities (maximum 10 points) and are listed in the preliminary plans for rehabilitation.

• Replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment with Energy Star qualified HVAC equipment and 100 percent of water heaters to be installed are Energy Star quality. (2 points)

• Replacement of windows and doors with Energy Star qualified windows and doors. (1 point)

• Additional insulation is added to the property to exceed the required R–Value of those building elements in that area of the country per the International Energy Conservation Code 2009. One point will be awarded if all exterior walls exceed insulation code and 1 point will be awarded if attic insulation exceeds code for a maximum of 2 points. (2 points total)

• Reduction in building shell air leakage by at least 15 percent as determined by pre- and post-rehab blower door testing on a sample of units. Building shell air leakage may be reduced through materials such as caulk, spray foam, gaskets, and house-wrap. Sealing of duct work with mastic, foil-backed tape, or aerosolized duct sealants can also help reduce air leakage. (2 points)

• 100 percent of installed appliances and exhaust fans are Energy Star qualified. (1 point)

• 100 percent of showerheads and faucets replaced with new showerheads and faucets with EPA Water Sense label and 100 percent of toilets with flush capacity of more than 1.6 gallon flush capacity are replaced with new toilets with 1.6 gallon flush capacity or less, with EPA Water Sense label. (1 point)

• 100 percent Energy-efficient lighting including Energy Star qualified fixtures, compact fluorescent replacement bulbs in standard incandescent fixtures, and Energy Star Ceiling Fans (1 point) AND

(*3*) Participation in local green/energy efficient building standards; Applicants, who participate in a city, county or municipality program, will receive an additional 1 point. The applicant should be aware and look for requirements that are sometimes embedded in the third-party program's rating and verification systems. (1 point)

(c) *Energy Generation* (maximum 5 points). Pre-applications for new construction or purchase and substantial rehabilitation of non-program multi-family projects which participate in the Green Communities program by the Enterprise Community Partners or receive at least 8 points for Energy Conservation measures are eligible to earn additional points for installation of on-site renewable energy sources. Renewable, on-site energy generation will complement a weather tight, well insulated building envelope with highly efficient mechanical systems. Possible renewable energy generation technologies include but are not limited to: wind turbines and micro-turbines, micro-hydro power, photovoltaics (capable of producing a voltage when exposed to radiant energy, especially light), solar hot water systems and biomass/biofuel systems that do not use fossil fuels in production. Geo-exchange systems are highly encouraged as they lessen the total demand for energy and, if supplemented with other renewable energy sources, can achieve zero energy consumption more easily. Points under this section will be awarded as follows:

(*1*) Projects who's preliminary or rehabilitation building plans project it will provide on-site energy generation as described above which will provide at least 10 percent of estimated energy consumption needs for the project. (1 point), OR

(*2*) Projects whose preliminary building plans and energy analysis project they will have a 30 percent to 100 percent energy generation commitment (where generation is considered to be the total amount of energy needed to be generated on-site to make the building a net-zero consumer of energy) may be awarded points as follows: 0 to 9 percent commitment to energy generation = 0 points; 10 to 29 percent commitment to energy generation = 1 point; 30 to 49 percent commitment to energy generation = 2 points; 50 to 69 percent commitment to energy generation = 3 points; 70 to 89 percent commitment to energy generation = 4 points; and 90 percent or more commitment to energy generation = 5 points. In order to receive more than 2 points for this section (Energy Generation) accurate energy analysis prepared by an engineer will need to be submitted with the pre-application. Energy analysis of preliminary building plans using industry-recognized simulation software must document the projected total energy consumption of the building, the portion of building consumption which will be satisfied through on-site generation, and the building's Home Energy Rating System (HERS) score.

(d) *Green Property Management Credentials* (5 points). Pre-applications for new construction or purchase and substantial rehabilitation of non-program multi-family projects may be awarded an additional 5 points if the designated property management company or individuals that will assume maintenance and operations responsibilities upon completion of construction work have a Credential for Green Property Management. Credentialing can be obtained from the National Apartment Association (NAA), National Affordable Housing Management Association, the Institute for Real Estate Management, U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Operations and Maintenance (LEED OM), or another source with a certifiable credentialing program. Credentialing must be illustrated in the resume(s) of the property management team and included with the pre-application. (5 points)

The National Office will rank all pre-applications nationwide and distribute funds to States in rank order, within funding and RA limits. A lottery in accordance with 7 CFR part 3560.56(c) (2) will be used for applications with tied point scores when they all cannot be funded. If insufficient funds or RA remain for the next ranked proposal, that applicant will be given a chance to modify their pre-application to bring it within remaining funding levels. This will be repeated for each next ranked eligible proposal until an award can be made or the list is exhausted. Rural Development will notify all applicants whether their applications have been accepted or rejected and provide appeal rights under 7 CFR part 11, as appropriate.

VIII. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Loan applicants must submit their initial applications by the due date specified in this Notice. Once the applications have been scored and ranked by the National Office the National Office will advise States Offices of the proposals selected for further processing, State Offices will respond to applicants by letter.

If the application is not accepted for further processing, the applicant will be notified of appeal rights under 7 CFR part 11.

B. Administrative and National Policy

All Farm Labor Housing loans and grants are subject to the restrictive-use

provisions contained in 7 CFR part 3560.72(a)(2).

C. Reporting

Borrowers must maintain separate financial records for the operation and maintenance of the project and for tenant services. Tenant services will not be funded by Rural Development. Funds allocated to the operation and maintenance of the project may not be used to supplement the cost of tenant services, nor may tenant service funds be used to supplement the project operation and maintenance. Detailed financial reports regarding tenant services will not be required unless specifically requested by Rural Development, and then only to the extent necessary for Rural Development and the borrower to discuss the affordability (and competitiveness) of the service provided to the tenant. The project audit, or verification of accounts on Form RD 3560–10, ''Borrower Balance Sheet,'' together with an accompanying Form RD 3560–7, ''Multiple Family Housing Project Budget Utility Allowance,'' showing actuals, must allocate revenue and expense between project operations and the service component.

IX. Agency Contacts

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

Alabama State Office, Suite 601, Sterling Centre, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106–3683, (334) 279–3618, TDD (334) 279–3495, Vann McCloud.

Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, (907) 761–7723, TDD (907) 761–8905, Cindy Jackson.

Arizona State Office, Phoenix Courthouse and Federal Building, 230 North First Ave., Suite 206. Phoenix, AZ 85003–1706, (602) 280–8768, TDD (602) 280–8706, Carol Torres.

Arkansas State Office, 700 W. Capitol Ave., Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201–3225, (501) 301–3250, TDD (501) 301–3063, Greg Kemper.

California State Office, 430 G Street, #4169, Davis, CA 95616–4169, (530) 792–5821, TDD (530) 792–5848, Debra Moretton.

Colorado State Office, USDA Rural Development, Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room 2300, P.O. Box 25426, Denver, CO 80225–0426, (720) 544–2923, TDD (800) 659–2656, Mary Summerfield.

Connecticut, Served by Massachusetts State Office.

Delaware and Maryland State Office, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904, (302) 857–3615, TDD (302) 857–3585, Debra Eason.

Florida & Virgin Islands State Office, 4440 NW. 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606–6563, (352) 338–3465, TDD (352) 338–3499, Tresca Clemmons.

Georgia State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601–2768, (706) 546–2164, TDD (706) 546–2034, Wayne Rogers.

Hawaii State Office, (Services all Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and Western Pacific), Room 311, Federal Building, 154 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720 (808) 933–8305, TDD (808) 933–8321, Nate Reidel.

Idaho State Office, Suite A1, 9173 West Barnes Dr., Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378–5630, TDD (208) 378–5644, Roni Atkins.

Illinois State Office, 2118 West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821–2986, (217) 403–6222, TDD (217) 403–6240, Barry L. Ramsey.

Indiana State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290–3100 (ext. 423), TDD (317) 290–3343, Paul Neumann.

Iowa State Office, 210 Walnut Street Room 873, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284–4493, TDD (515) 284–4858, Heather Honkomp.

Kansas State Office, 1303 SW First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604–4040, (785) 271–2721, TDD (785) 271–2767, Mike Resnik.

Kentucky State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224–7325, TDD (859) 224–7422, Paul Higgins.

Louisiana State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473–7962, TDD (318) 473–7655, Yvonne R. Emerson.

Maine State Office, 967 Illinois Ave., Suite 4, PO Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402–0405, (207) 990–9110, TDD (207) 942–7331, Bob Nadeau.

Maryland, Served by Delaware State Office.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, & Rhode Island State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253–4310, TDD (413) 253–4328, Richard Lavoie.

Michigan State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324–5192, TDD (517) 337–6795, Julie Putnam.

Minnesota State Office, 375 Jackson Street Building, Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101–1853, (651) 602–7812, TDD (651) 602–7830, Tom Osborne.

Mississippi State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965–4325, TDD (601) 965–5850, Darnella Smith-Murray.

Missouri State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876–0987, TDD (573) 876–9480, Rachelle Long.

Montana State Office, 2229 Boot Hill Court, Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 585–2515, TDD (406) 585–2562, Deborah Chorlton.

Nebraska State Office, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437–5734, TDD (402) 437–5093, Linda Anders.

Nevada State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703–5146, (775) 887–1222 (ext. 25), TDD (775) 885–0633, William Brewer.

New Hampshire State Office, Concord Center, Suite 218, Box 317, 10 Ferry Street, Concord, NH 03301–5004, (603) 223–6050, TDD (603) 229–0536, Robert McCarthy.

New Jersey State Office, 5th Floor North Suite 500, 8000 Midlantic Dr., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, (856) 787–7740, TDD (856) 787–7784, George Hyatt, Jr.

New Mexico State Office, 6200 Jefferson St., NE., Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761–4944, TDD (505) 761–4938, Susan Gauna.

New York State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 S. Salina Street, Suite 357 5th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 477–6421, TDD (315) 477–6421, Michael Bosak.

North Carolina State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873–2066, TDD (919) 873–2003, Beverly Casey.

North Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, PO Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502, (701) 530–2049, TDD (701) 530–2113, Kathy Lake.

Ohio State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215–2477, (614) 255–2409, TDD (614) 255–2554, Cathy Simmons.

Oklahoma State Office, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074–2654, (405) 742–1070, TDD (405) 742–1007, Tim Henderson.

Oregon State Office, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 414–3353, TDD (503) 414–3387, Rod Hansen.

Pennsylvania State Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110–2996, (717) 237–2281, TDD (717) 237–2261, Martha Hanson.

Puerto Rico State Office, 654 Munoz Rivera Avenue, IBM Plaza, Suite 601, Hato Rey, PR 00918, (787) 766–5095 (ext. 249), TDD (787) 766–5332, Lourdes Colon.

Rhode Island, Served by Massachusetts State Office.

South Carolina State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007,

Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 253–3432, TDD (803) 765–5697, Larry D. Floyd.

South Dakota State Office, Federal Building, Room 210, 200 Fourth Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352–1132, TDD (605) 352–1147, Roger Hazuka or Pam Reilly.

Tennessee State Office, Suite 300, 3322 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203–1084, (615) 783–1375, TDD (615) 783–1397, Don Harris.

Texas State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 742–9765, TDD (254) 742–9712, Scooter Brockette.

Utah State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Room 4311, Salt Lake City, UT 84147–0350, (801) 524–4325, TDD (801) 524–3309, Janice Kocher.

Vermont State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828–6021, TDD (802) 223–6365, Heidi Setien.

Virgin Islands, Served by Florida State Office.

Virginia State Office, Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287–1596, TDD (804) 287–1753, CJ Michels.

Washington State Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512, (360) 704–7706, TDD (360) 704–7760, Bill Kirkwood.

Western Pacific Territories, Served by Hawaii State Office.

West Virginia State Office, Federal Building, 75 High Street, Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505–7500, (304) 284–4872, TDD (304) 284–4836, David Cain.

Wisconsin State Office, 4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 345–7676, TDD (715) 345–7614, Cheryl Halverson.

Wyoming State Office, PO Box 11005, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 233–6716, TDD (307) 233–6733, Timothy Brooks.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability: Sections 514, 515 and 516 Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2011

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (Agency), which administers the programs of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), announces the timeframe to submit applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing Multi-Family Housing (MFH) projects financed by Rural Development under Section 515, Section 514 and Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended. The intended effect is to restructure selected existing Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loans and Section 514/516 Off-Farm Labor Housing loans (FLH) and to provide grants for the purpose of ensuring that sufficient resources are available to preserve the rental projects for the purpose of providing safe and affordable housing for very low-, low-, or moderate-income residents. Expectations are that properties participating in this program will be revitalized and the affordable use will be extended without displacing tenants because of increased rents. No additional Agency Rental Assistance (RA) units will be made available under this program.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all pre-applications in response to this Notice is 5 p.m., Eastern Time, August 22, 2011. The pre-application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. The Agency will not consider any pre-applications that are received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail pre-applications must allow sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage-due pre-applications will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia L. Johnson, *cynthial.johnson@wdc.usda.gov,* (202) 720–1940, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, STOP 0782, (Room 1263–S), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0782. All hard copy pre-applications and required documents (attachments) must be submitted to this address. (Please note this telephone number is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this Notice have received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Number 0570–0190.

Overview

Announcement Type: Inviting applications from eligible applicants for 2011 funding.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.447.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 111–80) October 16, 2009, authorized the Agency to conduct a demonstration program for the preservation and revitalization of the Section 515 RRH portfolio and Section 514/516 FLH portfolio. The Department of Defense and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112–10) April 15, 2011, continues the Agency's authority and provides funding for this demonstration program until expended. Sections 514, 515 and 516 MFH programs are authorized by the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 1484, 1485, 1486) and provide Rural Development with the authority to make loans for low-income MFH and FLH and related facilities. All funding for MPR are subject to the availability of funds for this purpose.

I. Funding Opportunities Description

This Notice solicits pre-applications from eligible borrowers/applicants to restructure existing MFH properties within the Agency's Section 515 MFH portfolio and Section 514/516 FLH portfolio for the purpose of revitalization and preservation. The demonstration program shall be referred to in this Notice as the Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Demonstration