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Rural Housing Service

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Availability of Funds; Multi-Family Housing, Single Family Housing

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of housing funds for fiscal year 2006 (FY 2006). This action is taken to comply with 42 U.S.C. 1490p, which requires that RHS publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the availability of any housing assistance.

DATES: Effective March 20, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this notice contact Lou Paulson, Management Analyst, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, telephone 202–720–1478, for single family housing (SFH) issues and Tammy S. Daniels, Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, telephone 202–720–0021, for multi-family housing (MFH) issues, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, 20250. (The telephone numbers listed are not toll free numbers). For information on applying for assistance, visit our Internet Web site at *http://offices.usda.gov* and select your State or check the blue pages in your local telephone directory under ''Rural Development'' for the office serving your area. Near the end of this Notice is a listing of Rural Development State Directors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

The following programs are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 that requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. These programs or activities are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos.

10.405 Farm Labor Housing (LH) Loans and Grants
10.410 Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans
10.411 Rural Housing Site Loans and Self-Help Housing Land Development Loans
10.415 Rural Rental Housing Loans
10.417 Very Low Income Housing Repair Loans and Grants
10.420 Rural Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance
10.427 Rural Rental Assistance Payments
10.433 Rural Housing Preservation Grants
10.442 Housing Application Packaging Grants

Discussion of Notice

Part 1940, subpart L of 7 CFR contains the ''Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds.'' To apply for assistance under these programs or for more information, contact the Rural Development Office for your area.

Multi-Family Housing (MFH)

I. General

A. This provides guidance on MFH funding for the Rural Rental Housing program (RRH) for FY 2006. Allocation computations have been performed in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.575 and 1940.578. For FY 2006, State Directors, under the Rural Housing Assistance Grants (RHAG), will have the flexibility to transfer their initial allocations of budget authority between the Single Family Housing (SFH) Section 504 Rural Housing Grants and Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) programs.

B. MFH loan and grant levels for FY 2006 are as follows:

MFH Loan Programs Credit Sales	$1,485,000
Section 514 Farm Labor Housing (LH) loans *	$38,116,887
Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loans	$99,000,000
Section 521 Rental Assistance (RA) and 502(c)(5)(C) Advance	$638,650,980
Section 516 LH grants	$13,860,000
Sections 525 Technical and Supervisory Assistance grants (TSA) and 509 Housing Application Packaging grants (HAPG) (Shared between single and multi-family housing)	$990,000
Section 533 Housing Preservation grants (HPG) *	$10,497,716
Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program	$99,000,000
Preservation Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Program	$6,415,183
Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Demonstration	$8,910,000
Rural Housing Voucher Program	$15,840,000
Housing Demonstration Program for Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	$990,000
Natural disaster 2003/2004 hurricane funds (Section 516 LH grants)	$880,519

* Includes Carryover Funds.

II. Funds Not Allocated to States

A. Credit Sales Authority

For FY 2006, $1,485,000 will be set aside for credit sales to program and nonprogram buyers. Credit sale funding will not be allocated by State.

B. Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program

Guaranteed loan funds will be made available under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) being published in this **Federal Register**. Additional guidance is provided in the NOFA.

C. Multifamily Revitalization Initiative Demonstration Program

The Multifamily Revitalization Initiative Demonstration Program is designed to preserve and revitalize Section 515 multifamily rental housing properties. The Program is designed to utilize several tools to restructure debt and financing of an aging portfolio of rental properties. The objective is to ensure that properties have sufficient resources to continue providing safe and affordable housing for low-income rural residents.

D. Rural Housing Voucher Program

The Rural Housing Voucher Program, authorized under Section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, is designed to provide tenant protections in properties that prepay their mortgages after September 30, 2005. These Vouchers are portable and will enable tenants to continue to access affordable housing without benefit of the traditional Rental Assistance Program.

III. Farm Labor Housing (LH) Loans and Grants

The Administrator has the authority to transfer the allocation of budget authority between the two programs. Upon NOFA closing the Administrator will evaluate the responses and determine proper distribution of funds between loans and grants.

A. Section 514 Farm LH Loans

1. These loans are funded in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.579(a).

FY 2006 Appropriation	$38,116,887
Available for Off-Farm Loans	$31,937,082
Available for On-Farm Loans	$2,000,000
National Office Reserve	$4,179,805

2. Off-farm loan funds will be made available under a NOFA being published in this **Federal Register**. Additional guidance is provided in the NOFA.

B. Section 516 Farm LH Grants

1. Grants are funded in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.579(b). Unobligated prior year balances and cancellations will be added to the amount shown.

FY 2006 Appropriation	$13,860,000
Available for LH Grants for Off-Farm	$10,490,040
National Office Reserve	$3,369,960

2. Labor Housing grant funds for Off-Farm will be made available under a NOFA being published in this **Federal Register**. Additional guidance is provided in the NOFA.

C. Labor Housing Rental Assistance (RA) will be held in the National Office for use with LH loan and grant applications. RA is only available with am LH loan of at least 5 percent of the total development cost. Projects without a LH loan cannot receive RA.

IV. Section 515 RRH Loan Funds

FY 2006 Section 515 Rural Rental Housing allocation (Total)	$99,000,000
New Construction funds and set-asides	$25,740,000
New construction loans	$8,562,510
Set-aside for nonprofits	$8,910,000
Set-aside for underserved counties and colonias	$4,950,000
Earmark for EZ, EC, or REAP Zones	$2,327,490
State RA designated reserve	$990,000
Rehab and repair funds and equity	$53,460,000
Rehab and repair loans	$48,510,000
Designated equity loan reserve	$4,950,000
General Reserve	$19,800,000

A. New Construction Loan Funds

New construction loan funds will be made available using a national NOFA being published in this **Federal Register**. Additional guidance is provided in the NOFA.

B. National Office New Construction Set-asides

The following legislatively mandated set-asides of funds are part of the National office set-aside:

1. Nonprofit Set-aside

An amount of $8,562,510 has been set aside for nonprofit applicants. All Nonprofit loan proposals must be located in designated places as defined in 7 CFR 3560.

2. Underserved Counties and Colonias Set-Aside

An amount of $4,950,000 has been set aside for loan requests to develop units in the underserved 100 most needy counties or colonias as defined in section 509(f) of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended. Priority will be given to proposals to develop units in colonias or tribal lands.

3. EZ, EC or REAP Zone Earmark

An amount of $2,327,490 has been earmarked for loan requests to develop units in EZ or EC communities or REAP Zones until June 30, 2006.

C. Designated Reserves for State RA

An amount of $990,000 of Section 515 loan funds has been set aside for matching with projects in which an active State sponsored RA program is available. The State RA program must be comparable to the RHS RA program.

D. Repair and Rehabilitation Loans

Tenant health and safety continues to be the top priority. Repair and rehabilitation funds must be first targeted to RRH facilities that have physical conditions that affect the health and safety of tenants and subsequently made available to facilities that have deferred maintenance. All funds will be held in the National office and will be distributed based upon indicated rehabilitation needs in the MFH survey conducted in November 2005.

E. Designated Reserve for Equity Loans

An amount of $4,950,000 has been designated for the equity loan preservation incentive described in 7 CFR 3560. The $4,950,000 will be further divided into $4 million for equity loan requests currently on the pending funding list and $950,000 to facilitate the transfer of properties from for-profit owners to nonprofit corporations and public bodies. Funds for such transfers would be authorized only for for-profit owners who are currently on the pending funding list who agree to transfer to nonprofit corporations or public bodies rather than to remain on the pending list. If insufficient transfer requests are generated to utilize the full $1 million set aside for nonprofit and public body transfers, the balance will revert to the existing pending equity loan funding list.

F. General Reserve

There is one general reserve fund of $19,800,000. Some examples of immediate allowable uses include, but are not limited to, hardships and

emergencies, RH cooperatives or group homes, or RRH preservation.

V. Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants (HPG).

Total Available	$9,900,000
Carryover Funds	$597,716
Less General Reserve	$990,000
Less Earmark for EZ, EC or REAP Zones	$594,000
Total Available for Distribution	$8,913,716

Amount available for allocation. (See end of this Notice for HPG State allocations.) Fund availability will be announced in a NOFA being published in the **Federal Register**.

The amount of $594,000 is earmarked for EZ, EC or REAP Zones until June 30, 2006.

Single Family Housing (SFH)

I. General

All SFH programs are administered through field offices. For more information or to make application, please contact the Rural Development office servicing your area. To locate these offices, contact the appropriate State Office from the attached State Office listing, visit our Web site at *http://offices.usda.gov* or check the blue pages in your local telephone directory under ''Rural Development'' for the office serving your area.

A. This notice provides SFH allocations for FY 2006. Allocation computations have been made in accordance with 7 CFR 1940.563 through 1940.568. Information on basic formula criteria, data source and weight, administrative allocation, pooling of funds, and availability of the allocation are located on a chart at the end of this notice.

B. The SFH levels authorized for FY 2006 are as follows:

Section 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing (RH) loans:	
Nonsubsidized Guarantees—Purchase	**$3,539,282,975
Nonsubsidized Guarantees—Refinance	**$243,016,441
Section 502 Direct RH loans:	
Very low-income subsidized loans	*$564,695,478
Low-income subsidized loans	*$564,695,478
Credit sales (Nonprogram)	$10,000,000
Section 504 housing repair loans	*$34,651,692
Section 504 housing repair grants	*/**$30,123,945
Section 509 compensation for construction defects**	$204,066
Section 523 mutual and self-help housing grants	*/**$34,374,327
Section 523 Self-Help Site Loans	$4,998,058
Section 524 RH site loans	$5,000,000
Section 306C Water and waste disposal grants	**$1,484,567
Section 525 Supervisory and technical Assistance and Section 509 Housing Application Packaging Grants Total Available for single And multi-family	**$1,056,370
Natural disaster funds (Section 502 Direct loans)	**$1,801,535
Natural disaster 2005 hurricane funds (Section 502 Direct loans)	$175,592,625
Natural disaster 2005 hurricane funds (Section 502 Guaranteed loans)	$1,293,103,448
Natural disaster funds (Section 504 loans)	**$3,055,447
Natural disaster 2003/2004 hurricane funds (Section 504 loans)	**$15,306,168
Natural disaster 2005 hurricane funds (Section 504 loans)	$34,188,034
Natural disaster funds (Section 504 grants)	**$38,157
Natural disaster 2003/2004 hurricane funds (Section 504 grants)	**$2,360,903
Natural disaster 2005 hurricane funds (Section 504 grants)	$20,000,000

* Includes funds for EZ/EC and REAP communities until June 30, 2006.
** Carryover funds are included in the balance.

C. SFH Funding Not Allocated to States

The following funding is not allocated to States by formula. Funds are made available to each state on a case-by-case basis.

1. Credit Sale Authority

Credit sale funds in the amount of $10,000,000 are available only for nonprogram sales of Real Estate Owned (REO) property.

2. Section 509 Compensation for Construction Defects

$204,066 is available for compensation for construction defects.

3. Section 523 Mutual and Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants

$34,374,327 is available for Section 523 Mutual and Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants. Of these funds, $990,000 is earmarked for EZ, EC or REAP Zones until June 30, 2006. A technical review and analysis must be completed by the Technical and Management Assistance (T&MA) contractor on all predevelopment, new, and existing (refunding) grant applications.

4. Section 523 Mutual and Self-Help Site Loans and Section 524 RH Site Loans

$4,998,058 and $5,000,000 are available for Section 523 Mutual Self-Help and Section 524 RH Site loans, respectively.

5. Section 306C WWD Grants to Individuals in Colonias

The objective of the Section 306C WWD individual grant program is to facilitate the use of community water or waste disposal systems for the residents of the colonias along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The total amount available to Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas will

be $1,484,567 for FY 2006. This amount includes carryover unobligated balance and a transferred amount of $1 million from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to RHS for processing individual grant applications.

6. Section 525 Technical and Supervisory Assistance (TSA) and Section 509 Housing Application Packaging Grants (HAPG)

$1,056,370 is available for the TSA and HAPG programs. Funds are available on a limited basis for TSA grants. In accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR 1944.525, funding will be targeted nationally and then on an individual basis to States/areas with the highest degree of substandard housing and persons in poverty eligible to receive Agency housing assistance. States should submit proposals from potential applicants to the National Office for review and concurrence prior to authorizing an application.

Requests should be submitted to the National Office for HAPG based on projected usage of these funds for the quarter or as needed. HAPG requests should be submitted by e-mail to Gloria Denson, Senior Loan Specialist, SFH Direct Loan Division, 202–720–1487. Reserve funds will be held at the National Office and requests from eligible States will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional guidance is provided in the NOFA.

7. Natural Disaster Funds

Funds are available until exhausted to those States with active Presidential Declarations.

8. Deferred Mortgage Payment Demonstration

There is no FY 2006 funding provided for deferred mortgage authority or loans for deferred mortgage assumptions.

II. State Allocations

A. Section 502 Nonsubsidized Guaranteed RH (GRH) Loans

1. Purchase—Amount Available for Allocation

Total Available—Purchase	$3,539,282,975
Less National office General Reserve	$1,218,154,125
Less Special Outreach Area Reserve	$522,066,053
Basic Formula—Administrative Allocation	$1,799,062,798

a. *National office General Reserve.* The Administrator may restrict access to this reserve for States not meeting their goals in special outreach areas.

b. *Special Outreach Areas.* FY 2006 GRH funding is allocated to States in two funding streams. Seventy percent of GRH funds may be used in any eligible area. Thirty percent of GRH funds are to be used in special outreach areas. Special outreach areas for the GRH program are defined as those areas within a State that are *not* located within a metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

c. *National Office Special Area Outreach Reserve.* A special outreach area reserve fund has been established at the National office. Funds from this reserve may only be used in special outreach areas.

2. Refinance—Amount Available for Allocation

Total Available—Refinance	$243,016,441
Less National office general reserve	$243,016,441
Basic formula—Administrative Allocation	$-0-

a. *Refinance Funds.* Refinance loan funds will be distributed from the National Office on a case-by-case basis.

b. *National office general reserve.* The Administrator may restrict access to this reserve for States not meeting their goals in special outreach areas.

B. Section 502 Direct RH Loans

1. Amount Available for Allocation

Total Available	$1,129,390,956
Less Required Set Aside for Underserved Counties and Colonias	$56,469,548
EZ, EC and REAP Earmark	$10,679,648
Less General Reserve	$148,107,873
Administrator's Reserve	$10,107,873
Hardships & Homelessness	$2,000,000
Rural Housing Demonstration Program	$1,000,000
Homeownership Partnership	$110,000,000
Program funds for the sale of REO properties	$25,000,000
Less Designated Reserve for Self-Help	$175,000,000
Basic Formula Administrative Allocation	$739,133,887

2. Reserves

a. *State Office Reserve.* State Directors must maintain an adequate reserve to fund the following applications:

(i) Hardship and homeless applicants including the direct Section 502 loan and Section 504 loan and grant programs.

(ii) Rural Home Loan Partnerships (RHLP) and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) loans.

(iii) States will leverage with funding from other sources.

(iv) Areas targeted by the State according to its strategic plan.

b. *National Office Reserves.*

(i) General Reserve. The National office has a general reserve of $148 million. Of this amount, the Administrator's reserve is $10,107,873. One of the purposes of the Administrator's reserve will be for loans in Indian Country. Indian Country consists of land inside the boundaries of Indian reservations, communities made up mainly of Native Americans, Indian trust and restricted land, and tribal allotted lands. Another purpose of the reserve will be to provide funding for subsequent loans for essential improvements or repairs and transfers with assumptions.

(ii) Hardship and Homelessness Reserve. $2 million has been set aside for hardships and homeless.

(iii) Rural Housing Demonstration Program. $1 million dollars has been set aside for innovative demonstration initiatives.

(iv) Program Credit Sales. $25 million dollars has been set aside for program sales of REO property.

c. *Homeownership Partnership.* $110 million dollars has been set aside for Homeownership Partnerships. These funds will be used to expand existing partnerships and create new partnerships, such as the following:

(i) Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI). Funds will be available to fund leveraged loans made in partnership with the Department of Treasury CDFI participants.

(ii) Partnership initiatives established to carry out the objectives of the rural home loan partnership (RHLP).

d. *Designated Reserve for Self-Help.* $175 million dollars has been set aside to assist participating Self-Help applicants. The National office will contribute 100 percent from the National office reserve. States are not required to contribute from their allocated Section 502 RH funds.

e. *Underserved Counties and Colonias.* An amount of $56,469,548 has been set aside for the 100 underserved counties and colonias.

f. *Empowerment Zone (EZ), Enterprise Community (EC) or Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) earmark.* An amount of $10,679,648 has been earmarked until June 30, 2006, for loans in EZ, EC or REAP Zones.

g. *State Office Pooling.* If pooling is conducted within a State, it must not take place within the first 30 calendar days of the first, second, or third quarter. (There are no restrictions on pooling in the fourth quarter.)

h. *Suballocation by the State Director.* The State Director may suballocate to each area office using the methodology and formulas required by 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L. If suballocated to the area level, the Rural Development Manager will make funds available on a first-come, first-served basis to all offices at the field or area level. No field office will have its access to funds restricted without the prior written approval of the Administrator.

B. Section 504 Housing Loans and Grants

Section 504 grant funds are included in the Rural Housing Assistance Grant program (RHAG) in the FY 2006 appropriation.

1. Amount Available for Allocation

Section 504 Loans

Total Available	$34,651,692
Less 5% for 100 Underserved Counties and Colonias	$1,732,584
EZ, EC or REAP Zone Earmark	$652,086
Less General Reserve	$733,915
Basic Formula—Administrative Allocation	$31,533,107

Section 504 Grants

Total Available	$30,123,945
Less 5% for 100 Underserved Counties and Colonias	$1,480,050
Less EZ, EC or REAP Earmark	$594,000
Less General Reserve	$1,649,895
Basic Formula—Administrative Allocation	$26,400,000

2. Reserves and Set-asides

a. *State Office Reserve.* State Directors must maintain an adequate reserve to handle all anticipated hardship applicants based upon historical data and projected demand.

b. *Underserved Counties and Colonias.* Approximately $1,732,584 and $1,480,050 have been set aside for the 100 underserved counties and colonias until June 30, 2006, for the Section 504 loan and grant programs, respectively.

c. *Empowerment Zone (EZ) and Enterprise Community (EC) or Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Earmark (Loan Funds Only).* $652,086 and $594,000 have been earmarked through June 30, 2006, for EZ, EC or REAPs for the Section 504 loan and grant programs, respectively.

d. *General Reserve.* $733,915 for Section 504 loan hardships and $1,649,895 for Section 504 grant extreme hardships have been set-aside in the general reserve. For Section 504 grants, an extreme hardship case is one requiring a significant priority in funding, ahead of other requests, due to severe health or safety hazards, or physical needs of the applicant.

INFORMATION ON BASIC FORMULA CRITERIA, DATA SOURCE AND WEIGHT, ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION, POOLING OF FUNDS, AND AVAILABILITY OF THE ALLOCATION

No.\ Description	Section 502 Nonsubsidized Guaranteed RH Loans	Section 502 Direct RH Loans	Section 504 Loans and Grants
1. Basic formula criteria, data source, and weight.	See 7 CFR 1940.563(b)	See 7 CFR 1940.565(b)	See 7 CFR 1940.566(b) and 1940.567(b).
2. Administrative Allocation:			
Western Pacific Area	$4,000,000	$2,000,000	$500,000 loan. $500,000 grant.
3. Pooling of funds:			
a. Mid-year pooling	If necessary	If necessary.	If necessary.
b. Year-end pooling	August 12, 2006	July 14, 2006	July 14, 2006.
c. Underserved counties & colonias.	N/A	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2006.
d. EZ, EC or REAP	N/A	June 30, 2006.	June 30, 2006.
e. Credit sales	N/A	June 30, 2006	N/A.
4. Availability of the allocation:			

No.\ Description	Section 502 Nonsubsidized Guaranteed RH Loans	Section 502 Direct RH Loans	Section 504 Loans and Grants
a. first quarter	40 percent	50 percent	50 percent.
b. second quarter	70 percent	75 percent	75 percent.
c. third quarter	90 percent	100 percent	100 percent.
d. fourth quarter	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent.

1. Data derived from the 2000 U.S. Census is available on the Web at *http://census.sc.egov.usda.gov.*

2. Due to the absence of Census data.

3. All dates are tentative and are for the close of business (COB). Pooled funds will be placed in the National office reserve and made available administratively. The Administrator reserves the right to redistribute funds based upon program performance.

4. Funds will be distributed cumulatively through each quarter listed until the National office year-end pooling date.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

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RURAL HOUSING SERVICE FY 2006
SECTION 533
HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
ALLOCATION IN THOUSANDS

STATE	FORMULA FACTOR	TOTAL ALLOCATION
ALABAMA	0.02957	$310,417
ALASKA	0.00587	$61,622
ARIZONA	0.01780	$186,859
ARKANSAS	0.02310	$242,497
CALIFORNIA	0.04653	$488,459
COLORADO	0.00840	$88,181
DELAWARE	0.00190	$19,946
MARYLAND	0.00880	$92,380
FLORIDA	0.02890	$303,384
VIRGIN ISLANDS	0.00273	$28,659
GEORGIA	0.03867	$405,947
HAWAII	0.00790	$82,932
WPA	0.00647	$67,920
IDAHO	0.00743	$77,998
ILLINOIS	0.02250	$236,199
INDIANA	0.02157	$226,436
IOWA	0.01340	$140,669
KANSAS	0.01130	$118,624
KENTUCKY	0.03483	$365,635
LOUISIANA	0.03170	$332,778
MAINE	0.00913	$95,844
MASSACHUSETTS	0.00793	$83,247
CONNECTICUT	0.00453	$47,555
RHODE ISLAND	0.00100	$10,498
MICHIGAN	0.02977	$312,517
MINNESOTA	0.01673	$175,627
MISSISSIPPI	0.03180	$333,827
MISSOURI	0.02460	$258,244
MONTANA	0.00620	$65,086
NEBRASKA	0.00713	$74,849
NEVADA	0.00263	$27,609
NEW JERSEY	0.00657	$68,970
NEW MEXICO	0.01437	$150,852
NEW YORK	0.02753	$289,002
NORTH CAROLINA	0.04497	$472,082
NORTH DAKOTA	0.00413	$43,356
OHIO	0.03450	$362,171
OKLAHOMA	0.01917	$201,241
OREGON	0.01423	$149,382
PENNSYLVANIA	0.03687	$387,051
PUERTO RICO	0.04923	$516,803
SOUTH CAROLINA	0.02690	$282,389
SOUTH DAKOTA	0.00597	$62,671
TENNESSEE	0.02973	$312,097
TEXAS	0.07645	$802,550
UTAH	0.00430	$45,140
VERMONT	0.00403	$42,306
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.00503	$52,804
VIRGINIA	0.02660	$279,239
WASHINGTON	0.01743	$182,975
WEST VIRGINIA	0.01937	$203,341
WISCONSIN	0.01873	$196,622
WYOMING	0.00307	$32,228
DISTR.	1.00000	$8,913,716
N/O RES.		$990,000
EZ/EC/REAP		$594,000
TTL AVAIL.		$10,497,716

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
ALLOCATION IN THOUSANDS
SECTION 502 DIRECT RURAL HOUSING LOANS

	STATE	STATE BASIC FACTOR	FORMULA	TOTAL FY 2006 ALLOCATION
1	ALABAMA	0.02893348		$19,158
2	ARIZONA	0.01551438		$12,128
3	ARKANSAS	0.02202430		$15,538
4	CALIFORNIA	0.04281159		$26,426
5	COLORADO	0.01225178		$10,228
6	CONNECTICUT	0.00445853		$6,522
7	DELAWARE	0.00293815		$5,540
9	FLORIDA	0.02769317		$18,508
10	GEORGIA	0.03803061		$23,922
12	IDAHO	0.00847438		$8,440
13	ILLINOIS	0.02627571		$17,764
15	INDIANA	0.02616726		$17,708
16	IOWA	0.01764334		$13,242
18	KANSAS	0.01336777		$11,004
20	KENTUCKY	0.02807301		$18,706
22	LOUISIANA	0.02361424		$16,370
23	MAINE	0.01109070		$9,810
24	MARYLAND	0.01010209		$9,292
25	MASSACHUSETTS	0.00622585		$8,152
26	MICHIGAN	0.03579346		$22,750
27	MINNESOTA	0.02361828		$16,372
28	MISSISSIPPI	0.02636473		$17,812
29	MISSOURI	0.02809053		$18,716
31	MONTANA	0.00738806		$7,870
32	NEBRASKA	0.00953784		$8,996
33	NEVADA	0.00339314		$5,778
34	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.00666198		$7,490
35	NEW JERSY	0.00551402		$7,696
36	NEW MEXICO	0.01296637		$10,792
37	NEW YORK	0.03378933		$21,700
38	NORTH CAROLINA	0.05148079		$30,968
40	NORTH DAKOTA	0.00469453		$6,460
41	OHIO	0.03725173		$23,514
42	OKLAHOMA	0.02019475		$14,580
43	OREGON	0.01654303		$12,666
44	PENNSYLVANIA	0.04269918		$26,368
45	RHODE ISLAND	0.00090026		$4,588
46	SOUTH CAROLINA	0.02669849		$17,986
47	SOUTH DAKOTA	0.00705037		$7,694
48	TENNESSEE	0.03062418		$20,042
49	TEXAS	0.07365688		$42,586
52	UTAH	0.00500465		$6,622
53	VERMONT	0.00579860		$7,038
54	VIRGINIA	0.02711459		$18,204
56	WASHINGTON	0.01939199		$14,158
57	WEST VIRGINIA	0.01591004		$12,334
58	WISCONSIN	0.02634031		$17,798
59	WYOMING	0.00393497		$6,062
60	ALASKA	0.00623983		$7,270
61	HAWAII	0.00623301		$7,266
62	W PAC ISLANDS	0.00239453		$2,000
63	PUERTO RICO	0.00884495		$13,060
64	VIRGIN ISLANDS	0.00217552		$5,140
	STATE TOTALS			$739,134
	100 UNDERSERVED COUNTIES/COLONIAS			$56,470
	EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY EARMARK			$10,680
	GENERAL RESERVE			$148,108
	SELF HELP			$175,000
	TOTAL			$1,129,391

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
FISCAL YEAR 2005
ALLOCATION IN THOUSANDS
SECTION 502 DIRECT RURAL HOUSING LOANS

	STATE	VERY LOW INCOME ALLOCATION	LOW INCOME ALLOCATION 50 PERCENT
1	ALABAMA	$9,579	$9,579
2	ARIZONA	$6,064	$6,064
3	ARKANSAS	$7,769	$7,769
4	CALIFORNIA	$13,213	$13,213
5	COLORADO	$5,114	$5,114
6	CONNECTICUT	$3,261	$3,261
7	DELAWARE	$2,770	$2,770
9	FLORIDA	$9,254	$9,254
10	GEORGIA	$11,961	$11,961
12	IDAHO	$4,220	$4,220
13	ILLINOIS	$8,882	$8,882
15	INDIANA	$8,854	$8,854
16	IOWA	$6,621	$6,621
18	KANSAS	$5,502	$5,502
20	KENTUCKY	$9,353	$9,353
22	LOUISIANA	$8,185	$8,185
23	MAINE	$4,905	$4,905
24	MARYLAND	$4,646	$4,646
25	MASSACHUSETTS	$4,076	$4,076
26	MICHIGAN	$11,375	$11,375
27	MINNESOTA	$8,186	$8,186
28	MISSISSIPPI	$8,906	$8,906
29	MISSOURI	$9,358	$9,358
31	MONTANA	$3,935	$3,935
32	NEBRASKA	$4,498	$4,498
33	NEVADA	$2,889	$2,889
34	NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,745	$3,745
35	NEW JERSY	$3,848	$3,848
36	NEW MEXICO	$5,396	$5,396
37	NEW YORK	$10,850	$10,850
38	NORTH CAROLINA	$15,484	$15,484
40	NORTH DAKOTA	$3,230	$3,230
41	OHIO	$11,757	$11,757
42	OKLAHOMA	$7,290	$7,290
43	OREGON	$6,333	$6,333
44	PENNSYLVANIA	$13,184	$13,184
45	RHODE ISLAND	$2,294	$2,294
46	SOUTH CAROLINA	$8,993	$8,993
47	SOUTH DAKOTA	$3,847	$3,847
48	TENNESSEE	$10,021	$10,021
49	TEXAS	$21,293	$21,293
52	UTAH	$3,311	$3,311
53	VERMONT	$3,519	$3,519
54	VIRGINIA	$9,102	$9,102
56	WASHINGTON	$7,079	$7,079
57	WEST VIRGINIA	$6,167	$6,167
58	WISCONSIN	$8,899	$8,899
59	WYOMING	$3,031	$3,031
60	ALASKA	$3,635	$3,635
61	HAWAII	$3,633	$3,633
62	W PAC ISLANDS	$1,000	$1,000
63	PUERTO RICO	$6,530	$6,530
64	VIRGIN ISLANDS	$2,570	$2,570
	STATE TOTALS	$369,417	$369,417
	100 UNDERSERVED COUNTIES/COLONIAS	$28,235	$28,235
	EZ/EC/REAP RESERVE	$5,340	$5,340
	GENERAL RESERVE	$74,204	$74,204
	SELF HELP	$87,500	$87,500
	TOTAL	$564,696	$564,696

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
FISCAL YEAR 2006
ALLOCATION IN ACTUAL DOLLARS
SECTION 502 GUARANTEED PURCHASE LOANS (NONSUBSIDIZED)

STATE	STATE BASIC FORMULA FACTOR	TOTAL FY 2006 ALLOCATION
Alabama	0.02657575	$47,836,350
Alaska	0.00722325	$13,001,850
Arizona	0.01640900	$29,536,200
Arkansas	0.02282102	$41,077,836
California	0.05030996	$90,557,928
Colorado	0.01357525	$24,435,450
Connecticut	0.00408986	$7,361,748
Delaware	0.00276106	$4,969,908
Florida	0.02650361	$47,706,498
Georgia	0.03793281	$68,279,058
Hawaii	0.00796215	$14,331,870
Idaho	0.00888491	$15,992,838
Illinois	0.02591265	$46,642,770
Indiana	0.02361952	$42,515,136
Iowa	0.01674764	$30,145,752
Kansas	0.01333450	$24,002,100
Kentucky	0.02667768	$48,019,824
Louisiana	0.02306785	$41,522,130
Maine	0.01154316	$20,777,688
Maryland	0.00944838	$17,007,084
Massachusetts	0.00620846	$11,175,228
Michigan	0.03318174	$59,727,132
Minnesota	0.02265572	$40,780,296
Mississippi	0.02650848	$47,715,264
Missouri	0.02830414	$50,947,452
Montana	0.00778549	$14,013,882
Nebraska	0.00963559	$17,344,062
Nevada	0.00373060	$6,715,080
New Hampshire	0.00696793	$12,542,274
New Jersey	0.00489407	$8,809,326
New Mexico	0.01349689	$24,294,402
New York	0.03640605	$65,530,890
North Carolina	0.05076681	$91,380,258
North Dakota	0.00440032	$7,920,576
Ohio	0.03518978	$63,341,604
Oklahoma	0.02008600	$36,154,800
Oregon	0.01909631	$34,373,358
Pennsylvania	0.04089133	$73,604,394
Puerto Rico	0.00919939	$16,558,902
Rhode Island	0.00075627	$1,361,286
South Carolina	0.02526494	$45,476,892
South Dakota	0.00751015	$13,518,270
Tennessee	0.02902148	$52,238,664
Texas	0.07276234	$130,972,212
Utah	0.00510515	$9,189,270
Vermont	0.00663633	$11,945,394
Virgin Islands	0.00306743	$5,521,374
Virginia	0.02554389	$45,979,002
Washington	0.02205374	$39,696,732
West Pac	N/A	$4,000,000
West Virginia	0.01502432	$27,043,776
Wisconsin	0.02575423	$46,357,614
Wyoming	0.00395173	$7,113,114
STATE TOTALS		$1,799,062,798
GENERAL RESERVE		$1,218,154,125
SPECIAL OUTREACH AREAS RESERVE		$522,066,053
TOTAL		$3,539,282,976

** Total includes FY 2005 Carryover and Rescission

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
FISCAL YEAR 2006
ALLOCATION IN ACTUAL DOLLARS
SECTION 502 GUARANTEED REFINANCE LOANS (NONSUBSIDIZED)

STATE	STATE BASIC FORMULA FACTOR	TOTAL FY 2006 ALLOCATION
Alabama	N/A	$0
Alaska	N/A	$0
Arizona	N/A	$0
Arkansas	N/A	$0
California	N/A	$0
Colorado	N/A	$0
Connecticut	N/A	$0
Delaware	N/A	$0
Florida	N/A	$0
Georgia	N/A	$0
Hawaii	N/A	$0
Idaho	N/A	$0
Illinois	N/A	$0
Indiana	N/A	$0
Iowa	N/A	$0
Kansas	N/A	$0
Kentucky	N/A	$0
Louisiana	N/A	$0
Maine	N/A	$0
Maryland	N/A	$0
Massachusetts	N/A	$0
Michigan	N/A	$0
Minnesota	N/A	$0
Mississippi	N/A	$0
Missouri	N/A	$0
Montana	N/A	$0
Nebraska	N/A	$0
Nevada	N/A	$0
New Hampshire	N/A	$0
New Jersey	N/A	$0
New Mexico	N/A	$0
New York	N/A	$0
North Carolina	N/A	$0
North Dakota	N/A	$0
Ohio	N/A	$0
Oklahoma	N/A	$0
Oregon	N/A	$0
Pennsylvania	N/A	$0
Puerto Rico	N/A	$0
Rhode Island	N/A	$0
South Carolina	N/A	$0
South Dakota	N/A	$0
Tennessee	N/A	$0
Texas	N/A	$0
Utah	N/A	$0
Vermont	N/A	$0
Virgin Islands	N/A	$0
Virginia	N/A	$0
Washington	N/A	$0
West Pac	N/A	$0
West Virginia	N/A	$0
Wisconsin	N/A	$0
Wyoming	N/A	$0
STATE TOTALS		$0
NATIONAL OFFICE RESERVE		$243,016,441
TOTAL		$243,016,441

** Includes FY 2005 Carryover and Rescission

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
ALLOCATION IN THOUSANDS
SECTION 504 DIRECT RURAL HOUSING LOANS

	STATE	STATE BASIC FORMULA FACTOR	TOTAL FY 2006 ALLOCATION
1	ALABAMA	0.02914691	$879
2	ARIZONA	0.02165916	$653
3	ARKANSAS	0.02301181	$694
4	CALIFORNIA	0.05356026	$1,615
5	COLORADO	0.01244796	$332
6	CONNECTICUT	0.00301503	$91
7	DELAWARE	0.00260858	$88
9	FLORIDA	0.02862195	$863
10	GEORGIA	0.03870552	$1,167
12	IDAHO	0.00926157	$279
13	ILLINOIS	0.02289193	$690
15	INDIANA	0.02163577	$653
16	IOWA	0.01497537	$452
18	KANSAS	0.01252499	$378
20	KENTUCKY	0.02699175	$814
22	LOUISIANA	0.02658801	$802
23	MAINE	0.01004646	$303
24	MARYLAND	0.00809012	$244
25	MASSACHUSETTS	0.00467784	$174
26	MICHIGAN	0.03036170	$916
27	MINNESOTA	0.02241926	$676
28	MISSISSIPPI	0.02944306	$888
29	MISSOURI	0.02649320	$799
31	MONTANA	0.00748030	$226
32	NEBRASKA	0.00889870	$268
33	NEVADA	0.00389431	$117
34	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.00533998	$161
35	NEW JERSY	0.00402807	$152
36	NEW MEXICO	0.01723147	$520
37	NEW YORK	0.02829025	$853
38	NORTH CAROLINA	0.04993409	$1,506
40	NORTH DAKOTA	0.00445144	$134
41	OHIO	0.03025666	$913
42	OKLAHOMA	0.02084848	$629
43	OREGON	0.01749746	$528
44	PENNSYLVANIA	0.03508076	$1,058
45	RHODE ISLAND	0.00061002	$87
46	SOUTH CAROLINA	0.02721728	$821
47	SOUTH DAKOTA	0.00727218	$219
48	TENNESSEE	0.02874616	$867
49	TEXAS	0.08626859	$2,602
52	UTAH	0.00539086	$156
53	VERMONT	0.00496554	$150
54	VIRGINIA	0.02455868	$741
56	WASHINGTON	0.02114040	$638
57	WEST VIRGINIA	0.01464971	$442
58	WISCONSIN	0.02300364	$694
59	WYOMING	0.00397110	$120
60	ALASKA	0.00945161	$285
61	HAWAII	0.00914234	$276
62	W PAC ISLANDS	0.00407807	$500
63	PUERTO RICO	0.01361295	$739
64	VIRGIN ISLANDS	0.00348170	$100
	STATE TOTALS		$31,533
	100 UNDERSERVED COUNTIES/COLONIAS		$1,733
	EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY EARMARK		$652
	GENERAL RESERVE		$733
	TOTAL		$34,652

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
ALLOCATION IN THOUSANDS
SECTION 504 DIRECT RURAL HOUSING GRANTS

	STATE	STATE BASIC FORMULA FACTOR	TOTAL FY 2006 ALLOCATION
1	ALABAMA	0.02895129	$710
2	ARIZONA	0.01822198	$447
3	ARKANSAS	0.02307817	$566
4	CALIFORNIA	0.04712512	$1,155
5	COLORADO	0.01159403	$241
6	CONNECTICUT	0.00371268	$93
7	DELAWARE	0.00293163	$100
9	FLORIDA	0.03041312	$746
10	GEORGIA	0.03661908	$898
12	IDAHO	0.00852842	$209
13	ILLINOIS	0.02641754	$648
15	INDIANA	0.02405959	$590
16	IOWA	0.01786210	$438
18	KANSAS	0.01364909	$335
20	KENTUCKY	0.02688977	$659
22	LOUISIANA	0.02413924	$592
23	MAINE	0.01074827	$264
24	MARYLAND	0.00927164	$227
25	MASSACHUSETTS	0.00548024	$171
26	MICHIGAN	0.03302491	$810
27	MINNESOTA	0.02348925	$576
28	MISSISSIPPI	0.02699213	$662
29	MISSOURI	0.02801252	$687
31	MONTANA	0.00736568	$177
32	NEBRASKA	0.00983363	$241
33	NEVADA	0.00359134	$100
34	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.00589663	$145
35	NEW JERSY	0.00461712	$146
36	NEW MEXICO	0.01420178	$348
37	NEW YORK	0.03156987	$774
38	NORTH CAROLINA	0.05019393	$1,231
40	NORTH DAKOTA	0.00470192	$115
41	OHIO	0.03422496	$839
42	OKLAHOMA	0.02108316	$517
43	OREGON	0.01770850	$434
44	PENNSYLVANIA	0.04090487	$1,003
45	RHODE ISLAND	0.00074832	$100
46	SOUTH CAROLINA	0.02591134	$635
47	SOUTH DAKOTA	0.00723669	$177
48	TENNESSEE	0.02972644	$729
49	TEXAS	0.07876808	$1,931
52	UTAH	0.00493463	$118
53	VERMONT	0.00527848	$129
54	VIRGINIA	0.02623675	$643
56	WASHINGTON	0.01980392	$486
57	WEST VIRGINIA	0.01559911	$382
58	WISCONSIN	0.02514997	$617
59	WYOMING	0.00385395	$94
60	ALASKA	0.00683910	$167
61	HAWAII	0.00731435	$179
62	W PAC ISLANDS	0.00280568	$500
63	PUERTO RICO	0.01023070	$463
64	VIRGIN ISLANDS	0.00243791	$100
	STATE TOTALS		$26,400
	100 UNDERSERVED COUNTIES/COLONIAS		$1,480
	EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY EARMARK		$594
	GENERAL RESERVE		$1,650
	TOTAL		$30,124

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

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 2006

Announcement Type: Initial Notice inviting applications from qualified applicants for Fiscal Year 2006.

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

SUMMARY: This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit 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. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. Applications may also include requests for section 521 rental assistance (RA) and operating assistance for migrant units. This document 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 NOFA is 5 p.m., local time for each Rural Development State Office on May 19, 2006. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. The Agency will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. 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), COD, and postage due applications will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry Searcy, Senior Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division—STOP 0781 (Room 1263–S), U.S. Department of Agriculture—Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250–0781, by telephone at (202) 720–1627 (This is not a toll free number.), or via email at *Henry.Searcy@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 0575–0045.

Overview

The FLH program is authorized by the Housing Act of 1949: Section 514 (42 U.S.C. 1484) for loans and section 516 (42 U.S.C. 1486) for grants. Tenant subsidies (RA) are available through section 521 (42 U.S.C. 1490a). Sections 514 and 516 provide Rural Housing Service (RHS) the authority to make loans and grants for financing off-farm housing to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farmworkers, federally recognized Indian tribes and agencies or political subdivisions of State or local government. In addition, loans may be made to limited partnerships in which the general partner is a nonprofit entity.

Program Administration

I. Funding Opportunities Description

The Agency's FLH program is authorized by Title V of the Housing Act of 1949: Section 514 (42 U.S.C. 1484) for loans and section 516 (42 U.S.C. 1486) for grants. Tenant subsidies (RA and operating assistance) are available through section 521 (42 U.S.C. 1490a). Agency regulations for the Off-FLH program are published at 7 CFR part 3560, subpart L. Eligibility for section 516 off-farm FLH grants is limited to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farmworkers, federally recognized Indian tribes, agencies or political subdivisions of State or local government, and public agencies (such as housing authorities). Eligibility for section 514 off-farm FLH loans includes each of the aforementioned entities and also includes limited partnerships which have a nonprofit entity as their sole general partner.

Housing that is constructed with these loans and grants must meet the Agency 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. Tenant eligibility is limited to persons who meet the definition of a ''domestic farm laborer'', a ''retired domestic farm laborer,'' or a ''disabled domestic farm laborer,'' as these terms are defined in 7 CFR 3560.11. A domestic farm labor is defined as ''[a] person who, * * *, receives a substantial portion of his or her income from farm labor employment (not self-employed) in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands and either is a citizen of the United States or resides in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands after being legally admitted for permanent residence. This definition may include the immediate family members residing with such a person.'' Farmworkers 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.

The term ''farm labor,'' as used in the definition of domestic farm laborer, includes ''[services in connection with cultivating the soil, raising or harvesting any agriculture or aquaculture commodity; or in catching, netting, handling, planting, drying, packing, grading, storing, or preserving in the unprocessed stage, * * *, any agriculture or aquaculture commodity; or delivering to storage, market, or a carrier for transportation to market or to processing any agricultural or aquacultural commodity in its unprocessed stage].'' 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.

Operating assistance may be used in lieu of tenant-specific rental assistance in off-farm labor housing projects financed under section 514 or section 516(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (U.S.C. 1486(i)) that serve migrant farmworkers. To be eligible for the operating assistance, projects must be off-farm FLH projects financed under section 514 or section 516 with units that are for migrant farmworkers (housing units for year-round farmworker households are ineligible) and must otherwise meet the requirements of 7 CFR 3560.574. ''Migrants or migrant agricultural laborer'' is defined in 7 CFR 3560.11 as ''[a] person (and the family of such person) who receives a substantial portion of his or her income from farm labor employment and who establishes a residence in a location on a seasonal or temporary basis, in an attempt to receive farm labor employment at one or more locations away from their home base state, excluding day-haul agricultural workers whose travels are limited to work areas within one day of their residence.'' 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.

II. Award Information

Applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 will only be accepted through the date and time listed in this NOFA.

Because RHS has the ability to adjust loan and grant levels, final loan and grant levels will fluctuate. The estimated funds available for FY 2006