

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Funds to Construct Housing for Farmworkers

(This announcement was originally posted on Feb 2, 2021. It was updated on April 21, 2022, to highlight that USDA is accepting a third round of applications for the Farm Labor Housing Program. The * denotes new or updated information since the original announcement.)

WASHINGTON, **April 21**, **2022** – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it is seeking applications for funding to increase the supply of affordable housing for farmworkers.

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

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

- The deadline for pre-applications for the first round of funding was April 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Final applications were due Aug. 2, 2021.
- Pre-applications for the second round of funding opened on Sept. 1, 2021. The deadline to submit pre-applications was Nov. 1, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by May 2, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- *Pre-applications for the third round of funding will open on May 16, 2022. The deadline to submit pre-applications is July 15, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. local time.

*USDA will host a workshop on May 11, 2022, to discuss the application process and the borrower's responsibilities under the program, among other topics. Interested parties should pre-register for the session using the following link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2244949179096454669.

*For additional information, see page 23792 of the April 21, 2022, Federal Register.

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

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