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USDA ANNOUNCES APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 20, 2004 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service published NOTICES in the February 6, 2004 Federal Register announcing the timeframes and guidelines for applications to be submitted under the agency's following programs: Rural Rental Housing (RRH), Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (GRRH), Farm Labor Housing (FLH) and Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). Applications are awarded funding based on a national competitive application process.

The Rural Rental Housing loan program helps build and maintain affordable multi-family housing rental developments in rural areas. Potential applicants include individuals, corporations, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, state or local public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes. Only rural rental housing proposals located in the state's designated places will be accepted for review. These places have been selected based upon certain demographic data, which indicates a possible need for additional affordable rental units. The designated places for Nebraska in Fiscal Year 2004 are: Alda, Ansley, Arcadia, Arlington, Ashton, Atkinson, Bassett, Bayard, Beatrice, Beemer, Bennington, Brady, Broken Bow, Cairo, Cambridge, Central City, Chapman, Clarkson, Columbus, Craig, Crawford, Creighton, Crete, Dalton, Doniphan, Dorchester, Duncan, Emerson, Ewing, Fairmont, Falls City, Fort Calhoun, Franklin, Friend, Geneva, Gordon, Greenwood, Gretna, Gresham, Hartington, Hays Center, Hickman, Homer, Humphrey, Juniata, Laurel, Lodgepole, Long Pine, Loup City, Lyman, Lyons, Madison, McCool Junction, Mead, Milford, Minatare, Minden, Morrill, Neligh, Newman Grove, Norfolk, Oakdale, O'Neill, Osceola, Overton, Oxford, Pawnee City, Paxton, Petersburg, Pierce, Plainview, Ponca, Ravenna, Red Cloud, Rushville, Santee, Sargent, Scottsbluff, Seward, Shelton, Spalding, Stanton, St. Edward, Stromsburg, Stuart, Sutherland, Syracuse, Tecumseh, Terrytown, Thedford, Tilden, Unadilla, Union, Valley, Verdigre, Wakefield, Waverly, Wayne, Weston, Weeping Water, Wilber, Wood River, Wymore, and York. Applications must be delivered to USDA Rural Development Rm. 152 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888 by April 6, 2004, 5:00 P.M.

Applicants may apply for a Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing loan through an eligible lender to develop new structures or to acquire and rehabilitate existing structures. The lender provides the loan funds with USDA Rural Development guaranteeing the loan for up to 90 percent of the total development cost. Potential applicants include nonprofit corporations, public bodies, and for-profit organizations. Applications should be submitted by May 14, 2004, responses received after May 14 will be held for review subject to availability of funds. Interested lenders must submit loan applications to: Arlenes Nunes, Senior Loan Specialist, Guaranteed Loans, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Agriculture Building, Room 1271 (Stop 0781), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0781.

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The Farm Labor Housing (FLH) program assists in financing the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of off-farm housing units for domestic farm laborers. FLH loans and grants are authorized to be made to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farm workers, public agencies, Indian Tribes, and subdivisions of state and local government. Applications must be delivered to USDA Rural Development Rm. 152 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888 by May 6, 2004, 5:00 P.M.

Housing Preservation Grants (HPG) provide funding to selected recipient organizations (grantee) to develop programs that financially assist in the repair and rehabilitation of individually owned housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by eligible households. Potential applicants include qualified state and local governments, private nonprofit organizations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, or consortium of eligible entities. Applications must be delivered to USDA Rural Development Rm. 152 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888 by May 6, 2004, 5:00 P.M.

For additional information and application packages, contact the Nebraska USDA Rural Development State Office at 402-437-5594 (RRH, GRRH & FLH programs), 402-437-5035 (HPG program) or write USDA Rural Development Room 152 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>.

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