



USDA Rural Development-Texas Single Family Housing Section 509 Housing Application Packaging Grants

What Are Housing Application Packaging Grants?

Housing Application Packaging Grants (HAPG) reimburse eligible organizations for part or all of the costs of conducting, administering, and coordinating an effective housing application packaging program in colonias and designated counties. Eligible organizations will aid very low- and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefit from Federal, State, and local housing programs. .

What is an Eligible Grantee?

An eligible grantee is an organization that meets one of the following:

A State, State agency, or unit of general local government; or a private nonprofit organization or corporation that is owned and controlled by private persons or interests, is organized and operated for purposes other than making gains or profits for the corporation, and is legally precluded from distributing any gains or profits to its members and has received a current "Certificate of Training" pertaining to the type of application being packaged.

In addition, the grantee must:

(a) Have the financial, legal, and administrative capacity to carry out the responsibilities of packaging housing applications for very low- and low-income applicants. To meet this requirement it must have the necessary background and experience with proven ability to perform responsibly in the field of housing application packaging, low-income housing development, or other business or administrative ventures which indicate an ability to perform responsibly in this field of housing application packaging.

(b) Legally obligate itself to administer grant funds, provide adequate accounting of the expenditure of such funds, and comply with USDA Rural Development regulations.

(c) If the organization is a private nonprofit corporation, be a corporation that:

- (1) Is organized under State and local laws.
- (2) Is qualified under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (3) Has as one of its purposes assisting very low- and low-income families to obtain affordable housing.

What Counties in Texas are eligible?

The following Texas Counties are eligible for Housing Application Packaging Grants:

Atascosa, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Floyd, Frio, Gaines, Hall, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lynn, McMullen, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, Zavala

A list of USDA Rural Development Offices in Texas is located on the Texas USDA Rural Development Web site www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/

This handout is intended only as a summary of the Section 509 Housing Application Packaging Grants program. More information on the Housing Application Packaging Grants (HAPG) program can be found in USDA Rural Development Instruction **1944-B** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/regs/pdf/1944b.pdf>

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