

Housing Preservation Grants

What does this program do?

The Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG) provides funds to qualified organizations to repair or rehabilitate housing occupied by very-low- and low-income families in eligible rural areas.

Who can apply?

- **Most state and local government entities**
- **Nonprofit organizations**
- **Federally-recognized Tribes (information is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzHPW>)**
- **Individuals apply through an organization that has received a Housing Preservation Grant, not directly to USDA Rural Development**

What is an eligible area?

- Properties must be located in an eligible rural area. Visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for details.

How can funds be used?

- Organizations provide grants or low-interest loans to repair or rehabilitate housing for very-low- and low-income families
- Rental and cooperative properties that house very-low and low-income tenants can also get help to repair or rehabilitate those units
- Eligible expenses include:
 - Repairing or replacing foundations, roofs, insulation, electrical wiring, heating systems, and water and waste disposal systems
 - Installing features to address mobility or other accessibility needs
 - Labor and materials
 - Eligible administrative expenses up to 20 percent of the award
 - A complete list of eligible expenses can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations 1944.664 (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xz6tM>)

How do we get started?

Applications are accepted annually through a notice published in the *Federal Register*. Application window updates also are available on the Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant program webpage at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xz6zh>.

Who can answer questions?

The Rural Housing program staff at your local RD office can help you. A list of office locations is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzHPf>.

What governs this program?

- Code of Federal Regulations 1944-N, available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xubYA>
- RD Instruction 1944-N, available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1944n.pdf> (PDF)
- RD Instruction 1940-L, "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds," available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzF8F> (PDF)
- Code of Federal Regulations Part 1970, "Environmental Policies and Procedures," available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzF93>
- RD Instruction 1901-E, "Civil Rights Compliance Requirements," available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1901e.pdf> (PDF)
- Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzF9d>

NOTE: Because citations and other information are subject to change, always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Governs This Program?" You can also contact your local office (information is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzHPf>) for help. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*