

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Help Repair Affordable Rental Housing in Rural Communities**

**WASHINGTON, May 26, 2022** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to help owners of rental housing repair and rehabilitate their units, if they make them available for low- and very-low-income rural residents. USDA is providing the funding through the [Housing Preservation Grant program](#).

Eligible applicants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations.

USDA encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities;
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to USDA Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects; and,
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

USDA does not provide funding directly to individual homeowners under this program.

Paper pre-applications are due by 4:30 p.m. local time on July 11, 2022, at the Rural Development state office where the project will be located. Electronic pre-applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, July 11, 2022. For a list of offices, visit the [state office website](#).

See page 31976 of the May 26, 2022, [Federal Register](#) for additional information.

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