

Housing Preservation Grants

What does this program do?

USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grants (HPGs) provide funds to eligible 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 governments**
- **Nonprofit organizations**
- **Federally recognized Tribes (information is available at go.usa.gov/xzHPW)**

NOTE: Individuals apply through an organization that has received a Housing Preservation Grant; not directly through USDA Rural Development.

What is an eligible area?

Properties must be located in eligible rural areas. To learn more, visit the USDA Rural Development Income and Property Eligibility webpage at this link: go.usa.gov/xzcdM.

How can funds be used?

- Organizations can provide grants or low-interest loans to eligible recipients to repair or rehabilitate housing.
- Rental and cooperative properties that house very-low and low-income tenants also can get help to repair or rehabilitate rural rental housing.

What are some eligible expenses?

- 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 is available at this link: go.usa.gov/xz6tM

How do we get started?

Applications are accepted annually through a notice in the *Federal Register*. Updates also are available on the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant webpage at go.usa.gov/xz6zh.

Who can answer questions?

Your local USDA Rural Development Housing team can help you. A list of office locations is available at this link: go.usa.gov/xzHPf.

What governs this program?

- CFR 1944-N, available at this link: go.usa.gov/xubYA
- Title Five of the Housing Act of 1940, available at this link: go.usa.gov/xzF9d
- Additional regulations apply and can be found at this link: go.usa.gov/xz6zh.

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: go.usa.gov/xJHPE. You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.