

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Funds to Construct Housing for Farm Workers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2021 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it is seeking applications for funding to increase the supply of affordable housing for farm workers.

Subject to the availability of funds, the loans and grants will be provided through USDA's <u>Farm Labor Housing Program</u>. Eligible recipients are farmers, associations of farmers, family farm corporations, nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes and public agencies, among others.

The funds may only be used for the construction of new off-farm worker housing.

USDA is issuing this notice now in order to allow applicants enough time to leverage financing, prepare and submit their applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within Fiscal Year 2021.

Applications must be submitted electronically to USDA's <u>Rural Housing Service</u> before the deadline for each round of funding. The deadline for preapplications for the first round of funding is April 1, 2021, 12:00 P.M., Eastern Time. Final applications must be submitted by Aug. 2, 2021. For additional information, see page 7840 the Feb. 2, 2021, <u>Federal Register</u>.

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