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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program (RISE).

OMB Control Number: 0570-0075.

Summary of Collection: Section 6424 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill), Public Law 115-334, amended Subtitle D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (the "Act," 7 U.S.C. 2009cc) by adding the "Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program" ("RISE") to be established by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The purpose of the RISE program is to create and enhance jobs and support industry clusters in low-income rural areas. This is achieved through grants awarded to a rural jobs accelerator partnerships consisting of non-profit entities, Tribal entities, institutions of higher education and public bodies with expertise in delivering economic and job training programs. RISE grant funds can be used to build or support a business incubator facility, provide worker training to assist in either the creation of new jobs, upskilling the present work force to a high-wage job, or developing a base of skilled workers that will enhance the opportunities to enter a high-wage job within existing industry segments in the region.

Need and Use of the Information: The information provided will be used to determine applicant and project eligibility and to ensure that projects meet program goals and that funds will be used for authorized purposes.

Additionally, Partnerships that receive RISE grant funding are required to provide financial and program reports to ensure that the project is progressing, and that funds continue to be used for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 917.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA-2021-0016]

Information Collection Request; Market Facilitation Program (MFP) Payments to Producers

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection request associated with Market Facilitation Program (MFP). FSA, on the behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation, is making payments to domestic crop and commodity producers. FSA is authorized to assist in the disposition of surplus commodities and to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by February 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FSA-2021-0016. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Director, Safety Net Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0510, Washington, DC 20250-0522.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Kelly Hereth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activity, contact Kelly Hereth; telephone: (202) 720-0448; or email: kelly.hereth@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 or (844) 433-2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Market Facilitation Program (MFP) Payments to Producers.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0292.

OMB Expiration Date: 04/30/2022.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: FSA, on the behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation, is managing the MFP information collection activities, as specified in the 7 CFR part 1409, to provide eligible producers payments with respect to commodities that have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports. The information collection is necessary to evaluate the application and other required paperwork for determining the producer's eligibilities and assist in producer's payment calculations. The information collection is being extended to continue the OMB approval for any additional information that may be needed until their payment process is fully completed.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated 0.745 hours to include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining data needed and completing and reviewing the collections of information.

Type of Respondents: Producers or farmers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 898,600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 898,600.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.745 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 669,850.

FSA is requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Zach Ducheneaux,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS-21-MFH-0013]

Multi-Family Housing Non-Profit Transfer Technical Assistance Grants

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), a Rural Development agency (Agency) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the availability of \$3 million and the timeframe to submit applications for Multi-Family Housing Non-Profit Transfer Technical Assistance (MFHNPTA) Grants program from qualified nonprofits (NP) and public housing authorities (PHA) to provide technical assistance to RHS Multi-Family Housing (MFH) borrowers and applicants to facilitate the acquisition of Section 515 properties by NPs and PHAs.

DATES: The closing deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this NOFA is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on February 8, 2022. See the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for additional information.

ADDRESSES: Applications in response to this NOFA must be submitted electronically to the CloudVault. Specific instructions on how to submit applications electronically are provided below within this Notice under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section and can also be viewed at: <https://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Vergin, Preservation and Production Division, Multi-Family Housing, at (651) 602-7820 (this is not a toll-free number) or via email: stephanie.vergin@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This NOFA is authorized pursuant to Section 749 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-141), Section 746 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Pub. L. 116-6), and Section 764 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94).

Overview Information

Federal Agency Name: Rural Housing Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funding Availability for the Multi-Family Housing Non-Profit Transfer Technical Assistance (MFHNPTA) Grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

Announcement Type: Initial Announcement.

Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 10.494. (formerly Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

Dates: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this NOFA is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on February 8, 2022.

Submissions: Applications must be submitted electronically to CloudVault. Applications must be received by the closing deadline.

The process for submitting an electronic application to the Agency via CloudVault is as follows:

At least three business days prior to the application deadline for the applicable funding round, the applicant must email the Agency a request to create a shared folder in CloudVault. The email must be sent to the following address: npta.rfp@usda.gov. The email must contain the following information:

- *Subject line:* Non-Profit Technical Assistance NOFA Submission.
- *Body of email:* Applicant Name and Applicant Contact Information.
- *Request language:* "Please create a shared CloudVault folder so that we may submit our application documents."

Once the email request to create a shared CloudVault folder has been received, a shared folder will be created within two business days. When the shared CloudVault folder is created by the Agency, the system will automatically send an email to the applicant's submission email with a link to the shared folder. All required application documents in accordance with this NOFA must be loaded into the shared CloudVault folder. When the submission deadline is reached, the applicant's access to the shared CloudVault folder will be removed. Any document uploaded to the shared CloudVault folder after the application deadline will not be reviewed or considered.

The applicant should upload a Table of Contents of all the documents that have been uploaded to the shared CloudVault folder. Last-minute requests and submissions may not allow adequate time for the submission process to take place prior to the deadline. Applicants are reminded that all submissions must be submitted electronically via CloudVault and received by the deadline.

Documents received after the deadline will not be evaluated. Upon request, the Agency will provide the responding entities with a written acknowledgement of receipt.

A. Funding Opportunity Description

The technical assistance (TA) grants offered under this NOFA are for the purpose of facilitating the transfer and preservation of existing Rural Rental Housing properties under Section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1485). Agency regulations for the Section 515 program are published at 7 CFR part 3560.

Applications must demonstrate the responding entity's experience and expertise in the acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable MFH properties and their capacity to provide advisory services in affordable housing. Responding entities may submit applications to serve a single-state or multi-state area.

B. Award Information

The Agency will evaluate and score the grant applications according to the criteria set forth in this NOFA. The maximum award per funded application will be \$350,000.

The Agency was granted authority for this pilot program under Section 749 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-141); Section 746 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Pub. L. 116-6); and Section 764 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94). In addition, the Agency is authorized to utilize the appropriations from each fiscal year for a total appropriation of \$3 million to provide grants to qualified NPs and PHAs who will then provide technical assistance, including financial and legal services, to MFH borrowers to facilitate the acquisition of Section 515 MFH properties by NPs and PHAs. These grants will be provided in areas where the USDA Secretary determines there is a risk of loss of affordable housing to keep such properties in the MFH program. Risk of loss of affordable housing may be driven by market conditions or may be due to property-specific factors, including mortgages