

LOCCS/VRS with the drawdown request, and will be used as a prompt for entering the information through the touch-tone pad and for confirming information that is spoken back by the VRS simulated voice.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Public and Indian Housing—Line of Credit Control System/Voice Response System: LOCCS/VRS Payment Voucher.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0166.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Grant recipients will use the applicable payment voucher to request funds from HUD through the LOCCS/VRS voice activated system. The information collected on the payment voucher will also be used as an internal control measure to ensure the lawful and appropriate disbursement of Federal funds as well as provide a service to program recipients.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-50080 Series.

Members of affected public: Local, State, or Tribal Governments; Resident Organizations.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 5,312 respondents, 22 responses per respondent; 116,864 total responses, .15 minutes per

responses (116,864 × .15) 17,540 total reporting burden hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

William Russell III,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4800-FA-03]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program; Fiscal Year 2003

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7137, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-

9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Housing and Economic Development program was authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The competition was announced in the SuperNOFA published April 25, 2003. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.250.

The Rural Housing and Economic Development Program is designed to build capacity at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Eligible applicants are local rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, and State housing finance agencies. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD.

Prior to the rating and ranking of this year's applications, Eastern Eight Community Development in Johnson City, Tennessee was awarded \$134,000, Fort Belknap Indian Community in Harlem, Montana was awarded \$66,782, and Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe in Hollister, North Carolina was awarded \$89,421 as a result of funding errors during the previous year's funding. For the Fiscal Year 2003 competition, a total of \$24,590,272 was awarded to 87 projects nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community, Planning and Development.

APPENDIX A.—FISCAL YEAR 2003 FUNDING AWARDS FOR RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Applicant	City	State	Award dollars
Innovative Grants			
Arkansas Human Development Corporation	Little Rock	AR	400,000
Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc.	Saint Michaels	AZ	400,000
PPEP Microbusiness and Housing Development	Tucson	AZ	400,000

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Applicant	City	State	Award dollars
International Sonoran Desert Alliance	Ajo	AZ	400,000
Nogales Main Street Association	Tucson	AZ	389,927
Arizona Department of Housing	Phoenix	AZ	400,000
Tule River CDC	Porterville	CA	400,000
North Fork CD Council	North Fork	CA	400,000
Westside Housing and Economic Network, Inc	Fresno County	CA	400,000
I-5 Social Services Corporation	Fresno	CA	400,000
Walking Shield American Indian Society	Tustin	CA	400,000
SW Georgia United Empowerment Zone	Vienna	GA	400,000
Homeward, Inc.	Clarion	IA	400,000
Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc.	Nortonville	KS	400,000
HPCHDA, Inc.	Hazard	KY	400,000
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation	London	KY	400,000
Frontier Housing, Inc.	Morehead	KY	400,000
Macon Ridge CDC	Ferriday	LA	202,400
Four Directions Development Corporation	Orono	ME	400,000
Midwest MN CDC	Detroit Lakes	MN	400,000
Chippewa Cree Housing Authority	Box Elder	MT	400,000
The Heritage Capital Fund	Wolf Point	MT	399,848
Lumbee Regional Development Association	Pembroke	NC	379,328
Hollister R.E.A.C.H	Hollister	NC	190,750
Community Developers of Beaufort-Hyde	Belhaven	NC	397,796
Ho-Chunk CDC	Walthill	NE	400,000
Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation	Anthony	NM	399,625
Rural Opportunities, Inc.	Rochester	NY	400,000
Portage Area Development Corporation	Ravenna	OH	400,000
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks	Athens	OH	306,964
Little Dixie Community Action Agency	Hugo	OK	386,207
Community First Fund	Lancaster	PA	400,000
Ceiba Housing and Economic Development Corporation	Ceiba	PR	397,900
Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership, Inc.	Pine Ridge	SD	400,000
Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing	Pine Ridge	SD	400,000
Oti Kaga, Inc.	Eagle Butte	SD	400,000
Carey Counseling Center, Inc.	Paris	TN	400,000
Buffalo Valley, Inc.	Hobenwald	TN	400,000
Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc	Morristown	TN	400,000
Organizacion Progresiva de San Elizario	San Elizario	TX	400,000
El Paso Empowerment Zone Corporation	El Paso	TX	400,000
Alianza Para El Desarrollo Community, Inc.	El Paso	TX	374,321
ACCION Texas	San Antonio	TX	400,000
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc.	Laredo	TX	400,000
Community Development Corporation of Brownsville	Brownsville	TX	400,000
Center for Economic Opportunity, Inc.	San Juan	TX	400,000
Telamon Corporation	Richmond	VA	399,659
Washington State Housing Finance Commission	Seattle	WA	387,872
WISC Wisconsin Department of Commerce	Madison	WI	400,000
Southern Appalachian Labor School	Kincaid	WV	400,000

Capacity Building Grants

Upper Sand Mountain United Methodist	Sylvania	AL	150,000
Arizona Border Health Foundation	Tucson	AZ	150,000
Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development	Fresno	CA	150,000
Region 9 Economic Development District of SW CO	Durango	CO	148,925
Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida-CDC	Immokalle	FL	147,728
Housing Partners, Inc.	Albany	GA	150,000
Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity	Cordele	GA	150,000
Area Committee to Improve Opportunity	Athens	GA	61,275
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	150,000
Partnership Housing Affordable to Society	Bainbridge	GA	150,000
Area 12 Council on Aging and Community	Dillsboro	IN	150,000
County Community Housing Development Corporation	Whitley City	KY	150,000
People's Self-Help Housing, Inc.	Vanceburg	KY	150,000
Sunrise County Economic Council	Machias	ME	150,000
Genesis Fund	Damariscotta	ME	39,000
Life Renewal Ministry, Inc.	Starkville	MS	149,296
Human Resource Development Council of District	Bozeman	MT	150,000
SER De New Mexico, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM	150,000
South Central Council of Governments, Inc	Elephant Butte	NM	138,000
Mexicano Land Education and Conservation Trust	Espanola	NM	128,640

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Community Unified Today, Inc.	Geneva	NY	150,000
Adams Brown County Economic Opportunities	Georgetown	OH	140,572
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla	Pendleton	OR	150,000
Confederated Tribes of Coos	Coos Bay	OR	150,000
Options for Southern Oregon, Inc.	Grants Pass	OR	108,625
Community Action Southwest	North Apollo	PA	148,988
Lakota Fund	Kyle	SD	150,000
Four Bands Community Fund, Inc.	Eagle Butte	SD	100,000
West Tennessee Legal Services	Jackson	TN	150,000
Amigos Del Valle, Inc.	Mission	TX	150,000
Texas Rural Legal Aid	Austin	TX	150,000
Rural Housing Development Corporation	Provo	UT	150,000
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	Carnation	WA	140,000
Makah Housing Authority	Neah Bay	WA	150,000
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Keshena	WI	150,000
Ho-Chunk Nation	Black River Falls	WI	126,626
Preservation Alliance of West Virginia	Charleston	WV	150,000
Total			24,590,272

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Recovery Plan for Behren's Silverspot Butterfly (*Speyeria zerene behrensii*)**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) announces the availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for Behren’s Silverspot Butterfly (*Speyeria zerene behrensii*). This draft recovery plan includes specific criteria and measures to be taken in order to effectively recover the species to the point where delisting is warranted. We solicit review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before March 22, 2004 to receive our consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521. Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed

to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Electronic comments on the draft recovery plan can be sent via e-mail to: fw1_behrensilverspot@fws.gov. An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is also available at <http://www.pacific.fws.gov/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/default.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Watkins, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Arcata address (telephone: 707–822–7201).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of our endangered species program and the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer appropriate under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical

comments may result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individual responses to comments will not be provided.

The Behren’s silverspot butterfly occupies early successional coastal terrace prairie habitat that contains *Viola adunca* (early blue violet), the larval host plant, adult nectar sources, and adult courtship areas. Several populations have apparently been extirpated, and the species likely remains at a single location near Point Arena, Mendocino County, California. It was federally listed as an endangered species on December 5, 1997 (62 FR 64306). Threats include invasion by exotic species, natural succession, fire suppression, residential development, and collection.

This draft recovery plan includes conservation measures designed to ensure that a self-sustaining population of Behren’s silverspot butterfly will continue to exist, distributed throughout its extant and historic range. Specific recovery actions focus on protection and management of suitable habitat with larval food plants. The draft recovery plan also addresses the need to re-establish multiple populations of Behren’s silverspot butterfly within its historic range. The ultimate objective of this recovery plan is to delist Behren’s silverspot butterfly through implementation of a variety of recovery