

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5600-FA-38]

**Announcement of Funding Awards for the Border Community Capital Initiative Fiscal Year 2013**

**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 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Border Community Capital Initiative. 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 Seventh Street SW., Room 7137,

Washington, DC 20410-7000; 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Funds used for the Border Community Capital Initiative were appropriated to the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development in Annual Appropriations between 1999 and 2009 (Public Laws 105-276; 106-74; 106-377; 107-73; 108-7; 108-199; 108-447; 109-115; 110-5; 110-161; and/or 111-8) and subsequently recaptured from or surrendered by underperforming or nonperforming grantees. The competition was announced in the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. FR-5600-N-38) on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. 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 Border Community Capital Initiative program is 14.266. The Border Capital Community Initiative is designed to support local rural nonprofits and federally recognized Indian tribes serving colonias for lending and investing

activities in affordable housing, small businesses, and/or community facilities, and for securing additional sources of public and private capital for these activities. Eligible applicants for the Border Community Capital Initiative are local rural nonprofits and federally recognized Indian Tribes with demonstrated experience in lending or investing for affordable housing, small business development, and/or community facilities. Such applicants may be certified CDFIs, but CDFI certification is not required. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD.

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: November 19, 2014.

**Clifford Taffet,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

**Appendix A****FY 2013 BORDER COMMUNITY CAPITAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANTEES**

Grantee	State	Amount awarded
Accion Texas, Inc .....	TX .....	\$800,000.00
Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc .....	TX .....	600,000.00
Community Resource Group, Inc .....	AR .....	200,000.00
International Sonoran Desert Alliance .....	AZ .....	200,000.00
Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation .....	NM .....	200,000.00

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**Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations Under Cobell Settlement**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations has released its 2014 Status Report that details what the Program has been doing to execute terms of the Cobell Settlement. The Program continues to actively engage tribes and individuals across Indian

Country to raise awareness of the Program and will host a listening session on March 19, 2015, in Laveen, Arizona. We hope to receive feedback on the Report from tribes and individuals.

**DATES:** The listening session will take place on March 19, 2015, at the Vee Quiva Hotel, 15091 South Komatke Lane, Laveen, AZ 85339. Comments must be received by April 20, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Treci Johnson, Public Relations Specialist, Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, (202) 208-6916.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program or Program) is the Department of the Interior's (Department) collaborative effort with Indian Country to realize the historic opportunity afforded by the

*Cobell Settlement*—a \$1.9 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund—to compensate individuals who willingly choose to transfer fractional land interests to tribal nations for fair market value. Directly following final approval of the Settlement in December 2012 and early consultations in 2011, the Department established the Buy-Back Program and published an Initial Implementation Plan in light of consultation that occurred in 2011 and 2012. The Department released an Updated Implementation Plan in November 2013 after several rounds of additional government-to-government consultation with tribes and feedback on the Initial Implementation Plan.

The Department is currently implementing the Buy-Back Program at multiple locations across Indian Country. Thus far, the Program has made \$754 million in offers to individual landowners and paid more