

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****U.S. Codex Office****Codex Alimentarius Commission: Public Meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Committee on Contaminants in Foods; the Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems; the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, and the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods****AGENCY:** U.S. Codex Office, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting changes.

**SUMMARY:** Due to circumstances related to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), USDA is publishing this notice to announce that arrangements have been changed to make the public meetings conducted by telephone conference only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doreen Chen-Moulec at 202-720-4063 or Mary Frances Lowe at 202-205-7760; U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 205 7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Codex Office is publishing this notice to announce that arrangements for the public meetings for the Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (March 23, 2020) (85 FR 11047), Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems (March 25, 2020) (85 FR 12887), and Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (April 16, 2020) (85 FR 10399), have changed and will be conducted by telephone conference only to be consistent with public health guidance related to outbreaks of novel coronavirus (COVID19). The arrangement for the public meeting of Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (April 30, 2020) (85 FR 13822) will be also be conducted by telephone conference only for the same reason. Please find information on the schedule, telephone conference number and passcode for public meetings at the following address: [www.usda.gov/topics/trade/international-food-standards/codex-federal-register-notices-and-public-meetings](http://www.usda.gov/topics/trade/international-food-standards/codex-federal-register-notices-and-public-meetings). Please note that the documents related to these

public meetings will remain accessible via the internet at the following address: [www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en](http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en).

Done at Washington, DC, on March 17, 2020.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Housing Service**

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**Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for Fiscal Year 2020****AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an Agency within Rural Development, announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of pre-applications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The Agency will publish the amount of funding on its website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

**DATES:** The closing deadline for receipt of all paper pre-applications in response to this Notice is 5:00 p.m., local time for each Rural Development State Office on May 7, 2020. If submitting the pre-application in electronic format, the closing deadline for receipt is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 7, 2020.

Rural Development State Office locations can be found at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>. RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, applicants may contact Bonnie Edwards-Jackson, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-

Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, USDA-Rural Development, STOP 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone (202) 690-0759 (voice) (this is not a toll-free number) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD-Federal Information Relay Service) or via email at, [bonnie.edwards@usda.gov](mailto:bonnie.edwards@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Priority Language for Funding Opportunities**

The Agency encourages applications that will help improve life in rural America. See information on the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity found at: [www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity](http://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity). Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation.

Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

To leverage investments in rural property, the Agency also encourages projects located in rural Opportunity Zones where projects should provide measurable results in helping communities build robust and sustainable economies. An Opportunity Zone is an economically-distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Localities qualify as Opportunity Zones if they have been nominated for that designation by the State and that nomination has been certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury via his delegation of authority to the Internal Revenue Service.

To combat a key threat to economic prosperity, rural workforce and quality of life, the Agency also encourages applications that will support the Administration's goal to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with Substance Use Disorder (including opioid misuse) in high-risk rural communities by strengthening the capacity to address prevention, treatment and/or recovery at the community, County, State, and/or Regional levels:

Key strategies include:

- Prevention: Reducing the occurrence of Substance Use Disorder (including opioid misuse) and fatal