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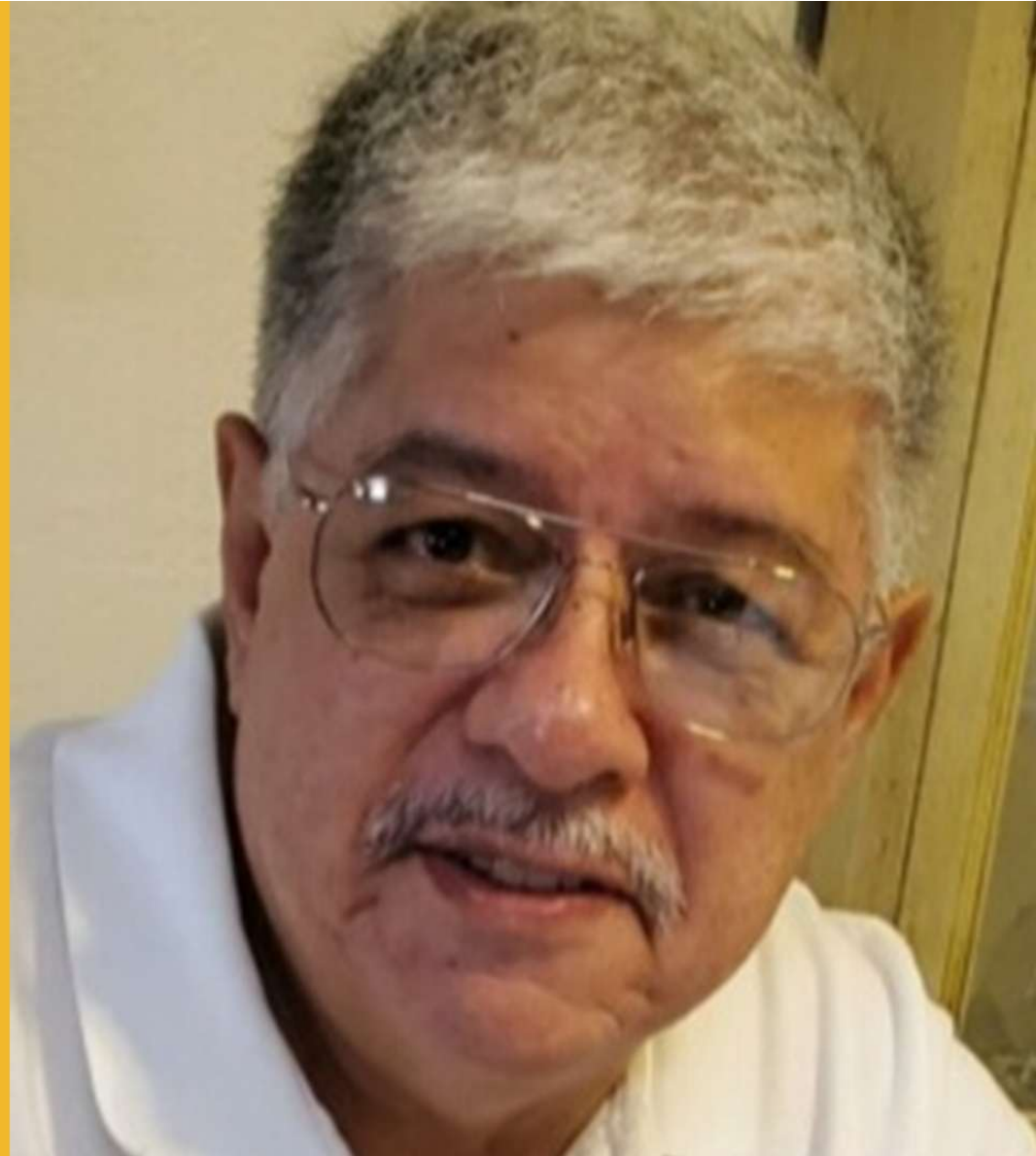


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General Information



Purpose

HAC's Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans (AHRV), funded by The Home Depot Foundation; was created with the specific purpose of supporting and helping to meet the affordable housing needs of veterans with low incomes in rural areas.



Type(s) of Activity

The AHRV is intended to support brick-and-mortar projects that either provide temporary and/or permanent housing for veterans, depending on the needs of the local community.



Average Grant Award

The average grant award per nonprofit organization is \$30,000.



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Eligible Uses



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- Development and or Rehabilitation
- Units must be for low-income veterans
- Hard Costs
- Ineligible Activities



Eligible Uses

Grant funds may be used for a variety of activities. The program is intended to be flexible to allow groups to respond to the specific needs of their communities.





Range of Uses

Uses range from general development to rehabilitation; and might include homeowner repair, homeownership, multi-family rental development and preservation, and housing for homeless veterans.





The Grant Term

The grant term is one year or within 12 months of grant execution.





Veteran Unit Eligibility

Units built and/or preserved **must** be for veterans (as defined by the Department of Veteran Affairs) with low-incomes in rural areas.

Income of veterans should meet one of the following income definitions:

1. Annual income as defined at 24 CFR 5.609

or

2. Adjusted Gross Income as defined for purposes of reporting under the IRS Form 1040 series for individual Federal annual income tax purposes.



Hard and Soft Costs

- Allowable expenses include hard and soft costs directly related to the construction and rehabilitation of units





Ineligible Activities

While the program is flexible, supporting project management and or administrative activities are ineligible unless the nonprofit is acting as the project's General Contractor.



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Application



Application Scoring

HAC will score applications based on the following criteria:

- Application Completeness
- Organizational capacity
- Proposed use of funds
- Need for funds
- Project outcomes

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Completeness of Application and Required Exhibits

Applicants must complete **all** sections of the application and include **all** supporting required exhibits.



Organizational Capacity

Applicants must show a minimum level of organizational capacity as demonstrated by financial statements, administrative funding support, internal policies and procedures, and regular oversight by the Board of Directors.





Organizational Capacity

- Are the project goals realistic based on organizational capacity and time constraints?
- Is there adequate staffing and/or strategic partnerships in place to do the work?
- Does the Mission and housing development experience address the needs of rural veterans.

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Proposed Use Of and Need For Funds

Applicants must clearly outline the program/project to be funded through the initiative. The program/project description should illustrate how the proposed activities will help the organization increase veterans' housing development and/or lead to a more sustainable rural veterans' housing program.

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Proposed Use Of and Need For Funds

Proposed use of funds must support *brick-and-mortar* projects that assist low-income, elderly and/or disabled veterans with *critical home repair and rehab needs*, support homeless veterans, help veterans become homeowners, and/or to support rehabilitation of affordable veteran-occupied rental housing units.

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Proposed Use Of and Need For Funds

Project budget **must** be on the required template, complete and clearly identify need for and use of AHRV funds and other proposed funds. If acting in the capacity of a General Contractor, are proposed administrative costs reasonable in comparison to project scope and number of units proposed.

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Proposed Use Of and Need For Funds

Project narrative must clearly describe work to be completed and correspond to related application information provided.



Projected Outcomes

Applicants must clearly identify the desired outcomes of the proposed program/project and demonstrate the anticipated impact of the funded activity on veterans' housing development, and the economic security of veterans in rural areas.

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Application Submission

We will only accept typed Word or PDF version of the application, exhibits and attachments. Handwritten applications cannot be accepted.

All documents/attachments should be submitted in one single email.

***Incomplete applications will be considered to have not met threshold requirements and will not be reviewed.*

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Application Submission and Due Date

If you forgot to include any document(s), you will need to resubmit the entire application with revisions to **ahrv@ruralhome.org** by **January 21, 2025**

4:00 PM EST/ 3:00 PM CST/ 2:00 PM MST/ 1:00 PM PST.

To access the application and information, please visit HAC's website www.ruralhome.org.



Tips for Completing Application

- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed; ONLY complete and properly executed applications will be considered. Unfortunately, we cannot accept additional updates after the submission deadline.
- The application is available in Microsoft Word. Handwritten applications or formats other than Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF will not be accepted.



Tips for Completing Application

- Complete and answer all sections/question(s).
- Include all required exhibits.
- Complete grant application must be signed by an authorized representative of your organization.





Tips for Completing Application

- Tax Exempt Legal status of applicant (IRS Letter) or tribal designation
- Certificate of Good Standing from SOS
- Current fiscal year operating budget with YTD actual through at least September 30, 2024
- Most recent audited 2023 financial statements or IRS form 990
- List of board members with affiliations / diversity composition
- Proposed program/project budget



Tips for Completing Application

- If multifamily rehab - assurance of occupancy
- **Updates to application cannot be accepted** after the final submission date of January 21, 2025, at 4:00 PM (ET)



Tips for Completing Application

Additional Factor – Service Area

- **High Needs Area.** HAC high needs areas served are - Appalachia, Indian Country, Mississippi Delta, SW Border Colonias, and N/A. Please be sure to indicate all that apply.



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- **Underserved Populations.** HAC underserved populations are - African Americans, Farmworkers, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, and NA. Please be sure to indicate all that apply.
- **Home Depot Connection.** Are you a grantee of Home Depot or The Home Depot Foundation? (Y/N) If yes, please describe current grant.



Time for Q&A



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