



RURAL HOMELESSNESS CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

What is the Capacity Building Project? The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) Rural Homelessness Capacity Building Initiative is in its third year of a three-year program. Funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Compassion Capital Fund, the RHCBC program brings together the knowledge and resources of HAC and the National Alliance to End Homelessness to provide the following services:



Technical Assistance. Organizations receive one-on-one technical assistance via:
Toll-free telephone line: 877- 842-RHCB (7422).
Email: RHCBinfo@ruralhome.org



Training. Audio web trainings have been presented on specific aspects of organizational capacity building and scholarships have been offered to regional and national training events.



Information. Rural homelessness providers have access to capacity building information resources including funding summaries and best practices case studies. Visit our website at <http://www.ruralhome.org>.



Financial Resources. Grants have been available to fund the capacity development goals of organizations serving homeless individuals and families in rural persistent poverty counties.

HAC's commitment to local capacity-building is based on its understanding that local organizations are most familiar with the nuances of culture and the language of their constituents. This knowledge enables local organizations to build the trust needed to get provide for their underserved constituents.

Who does it serve? The RHCBC program has targeted those faith-based and community organizations serving homeless populations in rural areas.

What is HAC? A nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, HAC has been helping local organizations build affordable homes in rural America since 1971. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in Georgia, New Mexico and California, HAC's mission is to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places. HAC's programs focus on local solutions, empowerment of the poor, reduced dependence and self-help strategies. HAC also maintains a special focus on high-need groups and regions: Indian country, the Mississippi Delta, farmworkers, the Southwest border colonias and Appalachia.

For further information on the RHCBC program, contact the Housing Assistance Council at 877- 842-RHCB(7422) or visit our Web site at <http://www.ruralhome.org>.