



AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RURAL VETERANS GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ABOUT HAC AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RURAL VETERANS INITIATIVE

Since 1971, the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) has provided RESOURCES to increase the capacity of rural housing organizations. The purpose of the Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans (AHRV) initiative is to support local nonprofit housing development organizations that meet or help meet the affordable housing needs of veterans in rural areas. Work supported UNDER THE AHRV GRANTS PROGRAM must be bricks-and-mortar projects that provide critical home repair and rehab needs, support homeless shelter rehab and/or construction, AND/OR affordable housing development for low-income, elderly and/or disabled veterans. This initiative is funded through the generous support of The Home Depot Foundation (THDF).

GRANTS can be used to provide both temporary and permanent housing for veterans, depending on the local needs of the community. HAC will coordinate with The Home Depot volunteers and THDF on volunteer opportunities especially around home repair and rehab.

Suggestions for grants include but are not limited to:

- Home repair
- Homeownership
- Multi-family rental development and preservation
- Shelters for homeless veterans

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications are due by **Monday, January 22, 2024, before 4:00pm (EST)**. Submissions must contain all documentation and required forms outlined in the application checklist. The narrative should be limited to no more than 5-7 pages and **must** include the following:

- **SUMMARY.** Applicant's name (organization), address, contact person, email, phone, and website.
- **OVERVIEW & ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND.** A brief description of YOUR mission and accomplishments, INCLUDING YOUR record of accomplishment in providing affordable housing and services to veterans. Please include the exact geographic area(s) and population(s) served.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** A concise summary of what you propose to do for rural veterans, and how you will accomplish the work. Projects should produce or repair bricks-and-mortar homes. Describe the proposed program/project in detail (# of units, type of unit, female veterans served, special adaptive features included – please also provide specific addresses where veterans have been pre-identified; include addresses as separate chart attachment, if necessary).
- **OTHER FUNDING SOURCES.** Please include all sources that will support the project.
- **ONGOING SUPPORT.** Please provide how the project will be maintained beyond this grant.

SUBMIT TO

Only applications submitted via ahrv@ruralhome.org will be accepted. All applications submitted to the address will receive an emailed confirmation of receipt.



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INITIATIVE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Grants will not normally exceed a maximum of \$30,000. The standard grant period is 12 months (*all development activity must be totally completed within 12 months*).

WHO MAY APPLY

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. The applicant must be a 501(c)(3), tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), or Housing Authority acting as a nonprofit, that have a history (*minimum of 3 years of direct or related experience*) serving veterans at or below 80% of area median income. Applicants with previous funding under HAC's AHRV initiative with currently open rounds, as of the due date of this application, are unfortunately not eligible.

RURAL SERVICE AREA. Only projects located in nonmetropolitan areas or in counties that meet the USDA definition of rural for housing (Sec. 520 of the Housing Act of 1949) are eligible. Please check the USDA Property Eligibility Site, <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=sfpd>, to determine proposed property rural eligibility. HAC desires geographic diversity in selecting grantees throughout the United States.

Only fully completed proposals, accompanied by a copy of the organization's most recent determination letter from the IRS, will be considered. Partial submissions will not be considered.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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