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The USDA Rural Development (RD) Year-End Report presents fiscal year Rural Housing program loan and grant funding activities for most USDA housing programs at the state and national level. These figures derive from HAC tabulations of USDA-Finance Office reports. Most of the data comes from the USDA Rural Development "Report Code (RC) 205– Report of Loan and Grant Obligations, Vouchers, Allotments or Distributions."

The RC 205 report summarizes the number and dollar amount of the agency's fund obligations by program and by State. Sections of the report referenced herein are:

RC 205 – C includes data on the USDA housing programs except for programs in the AMAS and Rental Assistance systems.

RC 205 – D includes data on USDA obligations from the USDA Automated Multi-Family Housing Accounting System (AMAS).

RC 205 – F contains summarized Rental Assistance data.

Other data used in this report were provided by USDA's Single Family and Multi-Family Housing Divisions in the National Office. Examples of this include data on household income for single family housing borrowers and multi-family tenants. USDA Finance Office reports focus on the numbers and dollar amounts of the program loans and grants. Breakout information such as the numbers of new construction and rehabilitated/repaired units financed in Multi-Family Housing complexes comes from the agency's National Office program staff.

Data on tenant incomes is usually published about 5 to 6 months after the end of the fiscal year in the Multi-Family Housing Occupancy Report. This data was not available at the time of the initial release of this report but it will be added when available.

### Limitations of the data

The loan and grant obligation data in this report is based on the fiscal year-end (September 30, 2015) reports. Agency adjustments or corrections to the data after that date are not typically provided to HAC and therefore not available.

### Definitions

Allocation – the distribution of congressionally appropriated funds to the States. Most of the Single-Family Housing program funds are allocated to the States by a formula. Multi-Family Housing program funds are not allocated. MFH funds are made available through a Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) or a Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA).

Obligation – a commitment of program funds to a specific loan or grant applicant.

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