

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RURAL VETERANS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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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 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 assist low-income, elderly and disabled veterans with home repair and rehab needs, support homeless veterans, help veterans become homeowners, AND/OR secure affordable rental housing. This initiative is funded through the generous support of The Home Depot Foundation (THDF).

THESE GRANTS can provide both temporary and permanent housing for veterans, depending on the local needs of the community. HAC will coordinate with 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

LETTER OF INTENT (REQUIRED)

Please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) before or by **Friday, February 3, 2017** at 5:00 pm ET. This initial letter SHOULD BE no longer than 3 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 track record 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.
- **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 LETTERS TO

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INITIATIVE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Grants will not normally exceed a maximum of \$30,000. Several smaller requests may be granted rather than a few larger ones. The standard grant period is 12 months.

HAC will review all LsOI and invite select organizations to submit full proposals. Full proposals will not be accepted without a preliminary LOI accepted by the Housing Assistance Council. Final grant actions will be announced by HAC in SPRING 2017.

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 serves veterans at or below 80% of area median income. (PLEASE NOTE: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AFFILIATES ARE FUNDED SEPARATELY BY THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THESE AHRV GRANTS.)

Rural Service Area. The applicant must apply to support programs working in nonmetropolitan areas or in counties that meet the USDA definition of rural for housing (Sec. 520 of the Housing Act of 1949). Please check the USDA Property Eligibility Site, <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>, to determine rural eligibility. HAC also desires geographic diversity in selecting grantees throughout the United States.

Only proposals accompanied by a photocopy of the organization's most recent determination letter from the IRS will be considered.

PROPOSAL REVIEW AND GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

LsOI are initially reviewed to determine if projects fall within The Home Depot Foundation and HAC's grant parameters. Full proposal submission is by invitation only.

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