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GOOD LUCK!!!

To Florida Home Partnership (FHP) on their 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Grant Re-Funding Application Requesting \$2,474,535 to assist 60 families build homes in Hillsborough, Pasco and Manatee Counties, in Florida.

Homes In Partnership, Inc.'s (HIP) Application seeking \$2,610,000 to assist 78 families, build homes in Orange, Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties, Florida.

To Multi County Community Service Agency (MCCSA) on their 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Grant Application Requesting \$425,000 to assist 20 families to build homes in Meridian, Mississippi.



FNPH HAS A NEW SELF HELP PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND NEW STAFF



Tara L. Rogers has been selected as the Self-Help Program Director for Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc (FNPH). Tara came to FNPH from Michigan in 1993. She joined the staff in 1994, while attending the local Law Enforcement Academy. Upon graduating, Tara decided she preferred working in the world of housing.

In 1998, FNPH added a new Self-Help Specialist's position to their team. Tara applied and was selected. Since that time, she has been assisting organizations with developing management, bookkeeping and construction systems; organizing workshops, holding training sessions and monitoring grantees. During the absence of a Program Director, Tara assisted in maintaining the status quo for the Self-Help program.

Your hard work has paid off. Congratulations Tara and good luck in your new role!



Kent Latham, Self-Help Specialist with Florida Non-Profit Housing Organization (FNPH). Kent recently joined the staff at FNPH after serving thirty-two years as Executive Director of a public housing agency. He was born in Elkton, Kentucky and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Agriculture from Murray State University, in Murray, Kentucky. Kent joined FNPH to continue to play an important role in helping low-income families obtain affordable housing. Kent's experience has provided him with a deep understanding of the obstacles low-income families face in obtaining decent affordable housing and looks forward to being a part of the FNPH Team. Kent and his wife Barbara recently moved to Sebring and look forward to being part of the community.



Victoria Rendon, Financial Specialist/Administrative Assistant is a newcomer to the Florida Non-Profit Housing family. She has 25+ years of experience of accounting and working with construction companies as well as workers compensation insurance companies. Born in Bradenton, Florida she is a crafter, and enjoys creating designs. She also enjoys coastal décor, mermaids, starfish, and beach life.

Registration for virtual National Rural Housing Conference coming soon.

HAC's National Rural Housing Conference is scheduled to take place virtually on November 30-December 3, 2021.

Beginning on September 15, and continuing through to October 15, we recognize **National Hispanic Heritage Month**. During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community.

NEWS & NOTES

- September is also National Preparedness Month to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.
- System for Award Management Registration and Screening Requirements for Suspension and Debarment: [RD AN No. 4882 \(1940-M\)](#)
- [Changes to HB-1-3550 and HB-1-3555 \(Income Limits\)](#)
- [USDA Invests \\$464 Million in Renewable Energy Infrastructure to Help Rural Communities, Businesses and Ag Producers Build Back Better](#)
- [USDA Launches Resource Guide to Help Rural Communities Seeking Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Assistance](#)
- [Requirements of submitting a “Five/Five” Review for Community Facility Direct Loan Applications](#)
- Single Family Housing Direct Eligibility Assessment tool:
<https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=assessmentType>
- [Best Practices for Evaluating the Feasibility and Eligibility of Community Facilities Projects](#)
- [USDA Launches Resource Guide to Help Rural Communities Seeking Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Assistance.](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of Up To \\$500 Million in Emergency Rural Health Care Funds Under the American Rescue Plan.](#)
- [Updated Sept. 14 – Rural Rental Housing and Repairs for Homeowners Included in Draft Bill.](#)
- [Submit a Nomination for the 2021 Rural Housing Awards.](#)
- [USDA Income and Property Eligibility Site.](#)

BE ON THE LOOK OUT

Guidance in this [Unnumbered Letter](#) regarding Temporary Authorizations for Fiscal Year 2021 Single Family Housing Direct Programs will be renewed. This memorandum provides temporary authorization to accept appraisals obtained by self-help grantees, certified loan application packagers, and Agency-approved intermediaries. This temporary authorization is needed given the record-high market demand for purchase appraisals and the timeliness issue this demand can cause.

DOL AWARDED FNPH A FEDERAL GRANT FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS

Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc. and the South East Housing Consortium is pleased to announce that the Department of Labor, Employment and Training awarded a Federal Grant for the Program Year 2021 to fund the organization’s National Farmworkers Job Program. This program is designed to provide Temporary and Permanent housing assistance to Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFWS).

The SEHC geographic service area is Florida, Mississippi and the Delmarva Peninsula of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The consortium works to support some of the most economically, occupationally, and educationally disadvantaged people. The program objective is to alleviate some of the harmful housing conditions for MSFWS by providing housing assistance for home ownership rehabilitation, rental housing development and housing counseling.

The Permanent Housing assistance program includes technical assistance to non-profit sponsors of farm labor housing. This Technical Assistance includes but is not limited to feasibility studies, market analysis, site identification, grant applications for new construction and/or rehabilitation of rental units. This program assists MSFWS with homeownership counseling such as completing mortgage loan applications and getting mortgage ready to pursue homeownership. It also provides education to maintain good credit, and for improving financial literacy skills to successfully manage household budgets.

The Temporary Assistance program provides help with utility payments, rental payments and shelter services to low-income Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers. This assistance enables MSFWS to retain employment and improve their immediate housing conditions.

If you know of a farmworker individual or family in need, please refer them to Florida Non-Profit Housing. Contact Santos de la Rosa at 863-785-2519 or text him at 863-273-7087.

FAREWELL TO OUR FORMER SELF HELP PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Obituary for Timothy Herman Goodyear

- Timothy Goodyear, 58, of Lehigh Acres, FL, went to his resting place in heaven on September 11, 2021. He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Mindy (Lambert) Goodyear, his children Arielle (Weidner) Goodyear, Elijah Goodyear and Jaida Goodyear. He is also survived by his mother Varie (Bear) Goodyear and his siblings, Daniel (Lisa) Goodyear, Jim (Patti) Goodyear and Terri (Ken) Gordon. He was preceded in death by his father, James Goodyear. A Celebration of life will be planned in Pennsylvania this fall and we look forward to hearing your most memorable Tim stories! In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a modest family fund to ensure his

children's ability to pursue their passions. Jaida, 17, wishes to attend college and work in Real Estate. Elijah, a graduate of Shippensburg University with a dual major in business and entrepreneurship, moved to Florida in hopes of starting a business with his father. More importantly, please honor Tim's legacy of love by giving those you love a hug, pausing to enjoy their presence and gifts they bring to your life. <https://gofund.me/61dcd133>

FNPH continues to be interested in our grantees contributing stories regarding the success of the families in your programs. We are certain all grantees are proud of the families they work with and we would like to spotlight them for all to see. Please submit your stories of the journey to homeownership of one, two, or a few of your families, a photo and authorization to FNPH. For more information or a submission, please email Stephen Lozada at slozada@fnph.org.

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FAMILIES WORKING TOGETHER, BUILDING A FUTURE

The Self-Help Housing Program gives you the opportunity to build your own house. Working together with other families, you will learn valuable construction skills as you build your own house. There is no construction experience required because our construction supervisor will be there every step of the way. The months that you spend building your home can save you as much as \$20,000, and there's never a payment to make during construction.

Self Help Housing Spotlight is being updated. If you have any changes that need to be made for your organization visit: <https://www.selfhelphousingspotlight.org/>