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**FNPH RECEIVES FOURTH YEAR OF NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM GRANT**

Florida Non-Profit Housing, the lead grantee for the Southeast Housing Consortium (SEHC), received the final installment of a four-year housing grant under the United State Department of Labor’s National Farmworker Jobs Program this month. This grant will be used to provide emergency rental and utility payment assistance to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFW), and to help them to obtain or renovate decent and affordable housing. Working with our SEHC partners in Florida, Mississippi, and the DelMarva Peninsula, (Homes in Partnership; Centro Campesino; Delta Housing Development Center; and NeighborGood Partners) this grant will allow our agencies to help create new housing opportunities for MSFW’s, who often live in substandard or overcrowded housing. The grant will also support efforts to renovate existing housing inhabited by MSFW’s and their families and help connect MSFW’s to career education and training opportunities.

## ****Changes to Eligible Area Maps for USDA Rural Development Housing Programs****

Over the past few months, USDA Rural Development has been reviewing the eligibility of the USDA’s current service areas. This is the 2020 decennial review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify those that no longer qualify as rural for USDA housing programs based upon 2020 U.S. census data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnJkLnVzZGEuZ292L2ZpbGVzLzM1NTAtMWNoYXB0ZXIwNS5wZGYiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwODMxLjgxOTA4MzgxIn0.80r_y21tceURmYwepspQkQ44PhQtHPFQjNVWJKRLkuU/s/2161041277/br/225091110734-l).

**These changes will become effective October 1, 2023.**

**You can view the updated map by clicking the link -** [eligibility website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZWxpZ2liaWxpdHkuc2MuZWdvdi51c2RhLmdvdi9lbGlnaWJpbGl0eS93ZWxjb21lQWN0aW9uLmRvIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMS44MTkwODM4MSJ9.PWTHLXql0IeSlzOPZy4aG4AYdi-Pbeoqm-bdAbTHnuE/s/2161041277/br/225091110734-l)**.  You will also need to click on the specific program, i.e.,** “Single Family Housing Direct,” and then select the “Proposed Eligibility Areas” tab from the menu options.

**NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

It is time to register for the 2023 National Rural Housing Conference. You can click [Register](https://web.cvent.com/event/f62e6e4b-bd15-4324-8bba-9cbc6323cfcf/regProcessStep1?RefId=home) to begin the process. Take the opportunity to join participants in the rural affordable housing arena, community development, and placemaking. The conference is being held October 24-27 in Washington, DC.

The theme for this conference is “Build Rural”. The focus will be on addressing housing affordability and preservation, community infrastructure and essential facilities creation and revitalization, resident led placemaking, capacity building, and community inclusion and justice efforts. In addition, there are numerous opportunities to network and hear the experiences of others.

Make plans to attend the conference. Visit HAC’s website for hotel information, See you there!

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**Florida Home Partnership Celebrate 14 New Affordable Homes**

Florida Home Partnership (FHP) in Hillsborough County celebrated National Homeownership Month by hosting a ribbon cutting and groundbreaking ceremony for 14 new homes in Ruskin, Florida.

Seven homes that they broke ground are funded the USDA Mutual Self-Help Program. The other seven were funded by HUD HOME funds.

"One thing we wanted to accomplish today was to put a face on affordable housing. I am the face of affordable housing. I went through this program years ago. Your local teachers, nurses, neighbors - these are the faces of affordable housing," said Vanessa Josey. "Every day we work with people just like you and me who can't afford the rising cost of housing in our communities, and we are working hard to help them."

To learn more about affordable housing options through FHP, please visit their website at https: [flhome.org](https://flhome.org/) or email info@flhome.org or call 813-672-7860.

Thanks to FHP for all their hard work and the dedication of the entire staff.

**FNPH IS HIRING**

FNPH is looking for a Rural Housing Development Associate. This position will research and analyze rural housing initiatives in Highlands and surrounding counties to build affordable housing for low and very low-income families. To apply for this position please send your resume and cover letter indicating your interest in the position to jobs@fnph.org.

### USDA PROPOSES RULE BASED ON MANUFACTURED HOUSING PILOT

USDA is receiving comments on a proposed rule for a Manufactured Housing Pilot. All comments are due October 16. This proposed rule would expand the use of the Section 502 direct and guaranteed programs for manufactured housing. As part of the changes, the rule would remove the current limits on which existing manufactured homes could be purchased with both direct and guaranteed loans. Either of these types of loans could also be used for new energy-efficient homes sited on leased land in communities operating on a nonprofit basis or on Tribal land. For more information on direct loans, contact Sonya Evans, USDA, 423-268-4333; on guaranteed loans, contact the Guaranteed Loan Division, 833-314-0168.

Information received from HAC News. Get additional information and news at HAC’s [website](https://ruralhome.org/).

**SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES**

FNPH is seeking success stories of Self-Help families. We are interested in the accomplishments of all our grantees and the participating families. As a grantee, we can imagine how proud you are of your work and the families you work with. Help us spotlight your hardworking staff and families. Please submit us your stories of the journey to homeownership of some of your families. We also ask that you send along several photos and an authorization to FNPH. For more information or a submission, please email Tara L. Rogers at trogers@fnph.org.

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**SELF-HELP HOUSING SPOTLIGHT**

The spotlight is being updated. If you have not submitted your organizations information or have any changes that need to be made visit: <https://www.selfhelphousingspotlight.org/>

If you have any questions or need access to the information submittal form, please contact your T & MA Contractor.