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<p>Office of Safe and Drug Free School (OSDFS): Mentoring Programs</p> <p>CFDA # 84.184B</p>	<p>Assistance is provided to promote mentoring programs for children with the greatest need. Grants are for programs that: (1) assist such children in receiving guidance and support from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of such children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between such children and their peers, teachers, adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of such children; and (5) reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs by such children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Education Agencies ▪ Nonprofit, Community-Based Organization ▪ A partnership between a non-profit organization and a local education agency 	<p>FY Application Package Available June 2004</p> <p><i>Funds also support continuation awards.</i></p> <p><i>For More Information Call Contact Person</i></p>	<p>Bryan Williams or Earl Myers US Dept. of Education, OSDFS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W. , FB-6 Washington, DC 20202-6450 Ph: (202) 260-3954 Fx: (202) 260-7767 Email: bryan.williams@ed.gov Email: earl.myers@ed.gov Website: www.ed.gov/programs/dvpmmentoring/index.html</p>
<p>Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (OSDFS): Safe Schools-Healthy Students Initiative</p> <p>CFDA # 84.184L</p>	<p>Grants Support LEAs in the development of community-wide approaches to creating safe and drug free schools and promoting healthy childhood development Programs are meant to prevent violence and the illegal use of drugs and to promote safety and discipline. Coordination with other community-based organizations is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Education Agencies <p><i>Additional funds for these grants are available through the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. This program is jointly funded and administered by the Department of Dept. of Ed., Justice, and Health and Human Services.</i></p>	<p>FY Applications Package Tentatively Available July 12, 2004</p> <p><i>Funds also support continuation awards</i></p> <p><i>For More Information Call Karen Dorsey or Jane Hodgdon</i></p>	<p>Karen Dorsey or Jane Hodgdon US Dept. of Education, OSDFS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 3E347, FB-6 Washington, DC 20202-6450 Ph: (202) 708-4674 Fx: (202) 260-7767 Email: karen.dorsey@ed.gov Email: jane.hodgdon@ed.gov Website: www.ed.gov/programs/dvpsafeschools/index.html</p>
<p>Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Transition to Teaching</p> <p>CFDA #84.350A (Local Programs) CFDA # 84.350B (Statewide Programs)</p>	<p>This program provides grants to: (1) retain and recruit highly qualified mid-career professionals and paraprofessionals, and recent college graduates as teachers in high-need schools. The program also supports alternative routes to teacher certification; (2) to encourage the development and expansion of alternative routes to certification under state approved programs that enable individuals to be eligible for teacher certification within a reduced period time, relying on experience, and academic qualifications of the individual, or other factors in lieu of traditional course work in the field of education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Institutions of Higher Learning ▪ Local Education Agencies ▪ Nonprofit Organization ▪ State Education Agencies 	<p>Proposed Deadline: June 2004</p> <p>FY Application Package Tentatively Available: April 2004</p> <p><i>For More Information Call Thelma Leenhouts</i></p>	<p>Thelma Leenhouts US Dept. of Education, OII Teacher Quality Programs 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 3C102, FB-6 Washington, DC 20202-6100 Ph: (202) 260-0223 Fx: (202) 205-5630 Email: thelma.leenhouts@ed.gov Website: www.ed.gov/programs/transitionteach/index.html</p>

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<p>Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) and Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation (PPI): Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program</p> <p>CFDA # 84.345A</p>	<p>This program provides grants to support research, exhibition, interpretation, and collection of artifacts related to the history of the Underground Railroad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nonprofit Organizations ▪ Other Organizations, and/or Agencies 	<p>FY 2004 Application Package Deadline late spring/early summer 2004</p> <p><i>For More Information Call Jay Donahue</i></p>	<p>Jay Donahue US Dept. of Education, OPE Office Of Higher Education Programs 1990 K St., N.W. Washington, DC 20006-8500 Ph: (202) 502-7507 Fx: (202) 502-7877 Email: jay.donahue@ed.gov Website: www.ed.gov/programs/ugroundrr/index.html</p>
<p>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Administration (OSERS/RSA): Special Education-Parent Information Centers</p> <p>CFDA # 84.328C</p>	<p>This program is designed to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve educational outcomes for their children. Awards are made for parent information centers, community parent centers, and for technical assistance to such centers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nonprofit Organizations 	<p>April 16, 2004</p> <p><i>For More Information Call Barbara Edelen</i></p>	<p>Barbara Edelen US Dept. of Education, OSERS Office of Special Education Programs 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 3519, MES Washington, DC 20202-2500 Ph: (202) 205-8522 Fx: (202) 205-0376 Website: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html</p>
<p>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Improving Literacy through School Libraries</p> <p>CFDA # 84.364</p>	<p>The Literacy through School Libraries program helps local education agencies (LEAs) improve reading achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and professionally certified school library media specialists. LEAs may use their funds to: (1) acquire up-to-date school library media resources; (2) acquire and use advanced technology to develop and enhance the information literacy, information retrieval and critical thinking skills of students; (3) facilitate Internet links and other resource-sharing networks; (4) provide professional development for school library media specialists and provide activities that foster increased collaboration between school library media specialists, teachers, and administrators; and (5) provide students with access to school libraries during nonschool hours.</p>	<p>Local education agencies in which at least 20 percent of students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line may apply. Outlying areas and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are eligible for funds under a set aside.</p> <p><i>To see if your school qualifies read "Eligibility" requirements at:</i> http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index.html</p>	<p>FY 2004 Application Package Tentatively Available end of March</p> <p><i>For More Information Call Irene B. Harwarth</i></p>	<p>Irene B. Harwarth US Dept. of Education, OESE Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs 400 Maryland, Ave., S.W. Rm. 2W104, FB-6 Washington, DC. 20202-6100 Ph: (202) 401-3751 Fx: (202) 260-8969 Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index.html</p>

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<p>Office of Innovation and School Improvement: 21st Century Community Learning Centers</p> <p>CFDA # 84.287</p>	<p>The focus of this program, re-authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the No Child Left Behind Act, is to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low performing schools. Tutorial services and academic enrichment activities are designed to help students meet local and state academic standards in subjects such as reading and math. In addition 21st CCLC programs provide youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, technology education programs, art, music and recreation programs, counseling and character education to enhance the academic component of the program.</p>	<p>Any public or private organization is eligible to apply for a 21st CCLC grant, examples include but are not limited to: non-profit organizations, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations. An “eligible entity” means a local educational agency (LEA), school, community based organization, another public or private entity, or a consortium of two or more of such agencies, organizations, or entities. The statute encourages eligible organizations to collaborate with LEAs when applying for funds. LEAs that presently have grants from the USDE are eligible to receive additional funds under the State administered program. However, new funds must be used in a manner consistent with all the requirements of the new statute and must be used only to supplement, not supplant, and Federal, State or local dollars available to support activities allowable under the 21st CCLC Program. Funds may be used to expand or enhance current activities, or to establish programs in non-participating schools within an LEA that has a 21st CCLC grant. LEAs that have already received 21st CCLC awards that have ended, or will end this year, may apply for funds to continue those programs. The supplanting provision does not prohibit federal funds from being used to continue programs where a previous federal grant has ended.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February 27, 2004 Intent to submit form ▪ April 30, 2004 @ 3:00pm Proposals Due ▪ May 3-7, 2004 Evaluation of Proposals ▪ June 18, 2004 State Board of Education approval ▪ June 18, 2004 Notification of awards (contingent on Board’s approval) ▪ July 14, 2004 Revisions due (if needed) ▪ July 1, 2004 Authorization to expend, pending approved revisions <p><i>Note: Although deadline has passed for intent to submit form, still submit form and apply.</i></p>	<p>Maridine Wall 21st CCLC Coordinator Office of Innovative Support PO Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205 Ph: (601) 359-3499 Fx: (601) 359-2587 Email: mwall@mde.k12.ms.us</p>

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<p>Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE): Community Technology Centers</p> <p>CFDA #84.341</p>	<p>The purpose of the program is to create or expand community technology centers that will provide disadvantaged residents of economically distressed urban and rural communities with access to information technology and the training to use it.</p>	<p>Community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, state and local education agencies, institutions of higher education, and other entities such as foundations, libraries, museums, public and private nonprofit organizations, and for-profit businesses, or consortia thereof that have the capacity to significantly expand access to computers and related services for disadvantaged residents of economically distressed urban and rural communities may apply.</p>	<p>To Be Announced</p> <p><i>For more information, call Karen Holliday</i></p>	<p>Karen Holliday U.S. Department of Education, OVAE Division of High Schools, Postsecondary and Career Education 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5520 MES Washington, DC 20202-7120 Ph: (202) 358-3339 Fx: (202) 401-4079 Email: karen.holliday@ed.gov Website: http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/AdultEd/CTC/index.html</p>
<p>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Early Reading First</p> <p>FR Doc 04-5149 / March 8, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 45)</p>	<p>This program supports local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.</p> <p>Project Period: Up to 36 months.</p> <p>Estimated Range of Awards Type of Award: Discretionary grant. Estimated Available Funds: \$94,439,000. Estimated Range of Awards: \$750,000-\$4,500,000. Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$2,500,000. Estimated Number of Awards: 21-125.</p>	<p>1. Eligible Applicants: The term "eligible applicant" means the following: (a) One or more LEAs that are eligible to receive a subgrant under the Reading First program (title I, part B, subpart 1, ESEA), (b) one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or (c) one or more of the eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration with one or more of the eligible organizations or agencies. To qualify under (b) of this paragraph, the organization's or agency's application must be on behalf of one or more programs that serve preschool-age children (such as a Head Start program, a child care program, or a family literacy program such as Even Start, or a lab school at a university), unless the organization or agency itself operates a preschool program. 2. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not involve cost sharing or matching.</p>	<p>Transmittal of Pre-Applications: April 22, 2004.</p> <p>Transmittal of Applications: July 1, 2004 (for applicants invited to submit full applications only).</p> <p>Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 2004.</p> <p>Note on Deadline and Submissions: The dates and times for the transmittal of pre- and full applications by mail or by hand (including a courier service or commercial carrier) are in the application package for this program. We do not consider a pre-application or a full application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.</p>	<p>Mary Ann Lesiak, U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3W240 Washington, DC 20202-6132 Telephone: (202) 260-2195 E-Mail: MaryAnne.Lesiak@ed.gov</p> <p>Download Application: http://www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/applicant.html</p> <p>To see the complete NOFA for this funding: http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-1/030804a.html</p>

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<p>Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Program "Technical Assistance (TA) Component"</p> <p>FR Doc. 03-2338 / Vol. 68, No. 23</p>	<p>Is in connection with the FY 2003 and FY 2004 funding rounds of the Technical Assistance Component of the CDFI Program. Through the Technical Assistance Component of the CDFI Program, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund") provides technical assistance ("TA") grants to CDFIs, and entities proposing to become CDFIs, in order to build their capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their particular target markets, including Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.</p> <p><i>*Visit http://www.cdfifund.gov or see the complete NOFA for more information</i></p>	<p>Eligible applicants for the Technical Assistance Component of the CDFI Program consist of CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs.</p> <p>Note: All applicants must be certified by the applicable date. CDFI certification information and applications may be obtained through the Fund's Web site at http://www.cdfifund.gov</p> <p>Download Application and see the complete NOFA for this funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ http://www.cdfifund.gov ➤ http://www.cdfifund.gov/docs/2003_ta_nofa.pdf 	<p>Applications must be received in the specific Bureau of the Public Debt—Franchise Services (BPD) office designated below not later than 5 p.m. ET on May 31, 2004. Any applicant whose application is declined may submit a new application before May 31, 2004.</p>	<p>Tony T. Brown, <i>Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.</i> Telephone (202) 622-8401</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Questions regarding programmatic requirements, contact the Fund's Program Operations Manager Questions regarding administrative requirements, contact the Fund's Awards Manager CDFI Fund 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South Washington, DC 20005 Telephone (202) 622-6355 Facsimile (202) 622-7754 E-mail: cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov</p>
<p>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Centers for Independent Living (CILS)</p> <p>CFDA #84.132A</p>	<p>This program provides support for planning, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living that comply with the standards and assurances in Sec. 725 of the Rehabilitation Act, consistent with state plans for establishing statewide networks of centers. Centers are consumers controlled, community based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living services.</p>	<p>Nonprofit Organizations</p>	<p>To Be Announced</p> <p><i>For more information, call Tom E. Finch</i></p>	<p>Tom E. Finch Tom.Finch@ed.gov Fax (202) 260-9424 Telephone (202) 205-8292</p>

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<p>Department of Education: Personnel Preparation To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities</p> <p>FR Doc 04-4722/ March 3, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 42)</p>	<p>This program is to 1) help address State identified needs for qualified personnel in special education, related services, early intervention, and regular education to work with children with disabilities; and 2) ensure that those personnel have the skills and knowledge derived from practices that have been determined through research and experience to be successful that are needed to serve those children.</p> <p>Funded Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation of Special Education, Related Services, and Early Intervention Personnel to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Low-Incidence Disabilities ➤ Preparation of Leadership Personnel ➤ Preparation of Personnel in Minority Institutions ➤ Improving the Preparation of Personnel to Serve Children with High-Incidence Disabilities 	<p>Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)</p> <p>Note: This competition does not involve cost sharing or matching.</p> <p>Type of Award: Discretionary grant. Estimated Available Funds: \$14,200,796. Estimated Range of Awards: See Chart inside the complete NOFA. Estimated Average Size of Awards: See Chart inside the complete NOFA. Estimated Number of Awards: See Chart inside the complete NOFA.</p>	<p>Please see the chart in the complete NOFA for deadline information because each project has a different deadline and award amount information.</p> <p>To see the complete NOFA for this funding: http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-1/030304g.html</p> <p>Download or Request Application: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs) P.O. Box 1398 Jessup, MD 20794-1398 Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827 / FAX: 1-301-470-1244 Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) (toll free): 1-877-576-7734</p>	<p>The Grants and Contracts Services Team U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. Room 3317 Switzer Building Washington, DC 20202-2550 Telephone: 1-202-205-8207</p> <p>Note: If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Individuals with disabilities may obtain the document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the Grants and Contracts Services Team listed in this section.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grants (Section 533)</p> <p>Use: Multi-Family Housing (MFH)</p>	<p>The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners to repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas, and to assist rental property owners and cooperatives housing complexes to repair and rehabilitate their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Financial assistance provided by grantee maybe in the form of a grant, loan, interest reduction on commercial loans, or other comparable assistance.</p>	<p>Nonprofits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 501 c 3s ▪ County Government ▪ City or Township Governments ▪ State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education ▪ Public Housing Authorities ▪ Native American Tribal Governments <p><i>Note: Funds must be used within a 2 year period.</i></p>	<p>May 6, 2004</p>	<p>Darnella Smith-Murray Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#MFH</p>

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<p>USDA Rural Development Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants (Section 514)</p> <p>Use: Multi-Family Housing (MFH)</p>	<p>The Farm Labor Housing Loan and Grant program provides capital financing for the development of housing for domestic farm laborers.</p>	<p>Loans are made to farmers, associations of farmers, family farm corporations, Indian tribes, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and associations of farm workers. Typically, loan applicants are unable to obtain credit elsewhere, but in some instances, farmers able to get credit elsewhere may obtain loans at a rate of interest based on the cost of federal borrowing. Grants are made to farm worker associations, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and public agencies.</p> <p>Farm Labor Housing loans and grants are provided to buy, build, improve, or repair housing for farm laborers, including persons whose income is earned in aquaculture (fish and oyster farms) and those engaged in on-farm processing. Funds can be used to purchase a site or a leasehold interest in a site; to construct housing, day care facilities, or community rooms; to pay fees to purchase durable household furnishings; and to pay construction loan interest.</p>	<p>May 6, 2004</p>	<p>Darnella Smith-Murray Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#MFH</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (Section 538)</p> <p>Use: Multi-Family Housing (MFH)</p>	<p>The Rural Housing Service guarantees loans under the Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed loan program for development of multi-family housing facilities in rural areas of the United States. Loan guarantees are provided for the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of rural multi-family housing.</p>	<p>An applicant must be: A citizen of the United States or a legally admitted alien for permanent residence in the United States; a nonprofit organization such as a local government, community development group or American Indian tribe, band, group, or nation (including Alaskan Indians, Aleuts, Eskimos, and any Alaskan native village); or a for-profit corporation.</p> <p>The program has been designed to increase the supply of affordable multifamily housing through partnerships between RHS and major lending sources, as well as State and local finance agencies and bond issuers.</p>	<p>May 14, 2004</p>	<p>Darnella Smith-Murray Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#MFH</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans (Section 502)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.</p>	<p>Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance. In addition, applicants must have reasonable credit histories.</p> <p>There is no required down payment.</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>

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<p>USDA Rural Development Direct Rural Housing Loans (Section 502)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>Rural Housing Direct Loans are loans that are directly funded by the Government. These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. The purpose of this loan is to provide financing at reasonable rates and terms <u>with no down-payment</u>. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. These loans are commonly referred to as Section 502 Direct Loans.</p> <p>Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including <u>providing water and sewage facilities</u>.</p>	<p>Applicants for direct loans from RHS must have very low or low incomes. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI; moderate income is 80 to 100 percent of AMI.</p> <p>Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance. These payments are typically within 22 to 26 percent of an applicant's income. In addition, applicants must be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have reasonable credit histories. Elderly and disabled persons applying for the program may have incomes up to 80 percent of area median income (AMI).</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Grant/Loan (Section 504)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Grants are funded directly by the Government. A grant is available to dwelling owner/occupant who is 62 years of age or older. Funds may only be used for repairs or improvements to remove health and safety hazards, or to complete repairs to make the dwelling accessible for household members with disabilities. The amount of the grant is based on the applicant's ability to repay and must be used in conjunction with the Repair and Rehabilitation Loan.</p> <p>Note: Lifetime Maximum Grant Amount is \$7,500.00.</p>	<p>To obtain a loan, homeowner-occupants must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and must have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. They must need to make repairs and improvements to make the dwelling more safe and sanitary or to remove health and safety hazards.</p> <p>Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan.</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>

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<p>USDA Rural Development Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Loan (Section 504)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Loans are loans funded directly by the Government. These loans are available to very low-income rural residents who own and occupy a dwelling in need of repairs. Funds are available for repairs to improve or modernize a home, or to remove health and safety hazards. This loan is a 1% loan that may be repaid over a 20 year period.</p>	<p>To obtain a loan, homeowner-occupants must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and must have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. They must need to make repairs and improvements to make the dwelling more safe and sanitary or to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan.</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development Mutual Self-Help Loans (Section 523)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>The Section 502 Mutual Self-Help Housing Loan program is used primarily to help very low- and low-income households construct their own homes. The program is targeted to families who are unable to buy clean, safe housing through conventional methods. Families participating in a mutual self-help project perform approximately 65 percent of the construction labor on each other's homes under qualified supervision. The savings from the reduction in labor costs allows otherwise ineligible families to own their homes. If families cannot meet their mortgage payments during the construction phase, the funds for these payments can be included in the loan.</p>	<p>Applicants must have very low or low incomes. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI. Families must be without adequate housing; however, they must be able to afford the mortgage payments including principal, interest, taxes and insurance (PITI). These payments are 22 to 26 percent of an applicant's income. In addition, applicants must be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have reasonable credit histories. Families with very low incomes living in substandard housing are given first priority.</p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development Rural Housing Site Loans (Section 524)</p> <p>Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)</p>	<p>This program provides Government funding for a public or private non-profit organization to buy and develop building sites, including the construction of access roads, streets, and utilities. Sites developed under this program may be sold to individual households, non-profit organizations, public agencies, and cooperatives that provide financial assistance for housing to low-and moderate income families.</p>	<p>Private and public nonprofit organizations. Section 524 sites may be sold to low- or moderate-income families utilizing RHS or any other mortgage financing program with serves the same eligible families.</p> <p><i>Note: Must be repaid within 2 years.</i></p>	<p>No Deadline</p>	<p>Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH</p>

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USDA Rural Development Supervisory and Technical Assistance Grant (Section 525) Use: Single Family Housing (SFH)	This Technical Assistance Grant is funded directly by the Government. These grants provide financial assistance to non-profit organizations that will provide technical assistance to low- and very low-income households to build their own homes in a rural area. Funds may be used to pay salaries, rent, and office expenses of the non-profit organization.	Nonprofit Organizations	No Deadline	Johnny Jones Mississippi State Office Federal Building Suite 831 100 W. Capital St. Jackson, MS 39269 Ph: (601) 965-4325 TDD: (601) 965-5850 Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#SFH