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GOVERNMENT GRANTS

★ **Rural Development Community Program** (\$10.4 million): The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing grants for training or technical assistance, focusing on homeownership education, minority business entrepreneurship, strategic community planning, or alternative funding sources. Intermediary organizations must provide matching funds at least equal to the grant. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3fFH3>.

DEADLINE: Thursday, August 13, 2015. To get an application, consult the Code of Federal Regulations, 2 CFR 200, page 27887, <http://go.usa.gov/3fFzY>, or contact your rural development community program officer, <http://go.usa.gov/3fFHJ>.

CONTACT: Rural Development Community Program officer, <http://go.usa.gov/3fFHJ>.

★ **EPA Environmental Governance Capacity Building Program** (\$5 million). EPA is funding collaborative programs to enhance the environmental governing capacity of institutions in Central America and the Caribbean, South America, the Middle East, and North Africa. Applicants must have technical expertise in climate mitigation and adaptation, water resources, air quality, waste management, emergency response, environmental impact assessments, public participation and social inclusion, and environmental enforcement and compliance. Proposals should address technical capacity building via workshops, meetings, video conferences, study tours, trainings, and technology transfer. For more information, visit. <http://go.usa.gov/37vxQ>.

DEADLINE: Friday, August 14, 2015. Funding Opportunity Number, EPA-OITA-2015-002.

CONTACT: Orlando Gonzalez, (202) 564-6446 or gonzales.orlando@epa.gov.



FY2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Grants (variable): The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is funding eligible mitigation activities to reduce losses from disasters and to protect life and property from future damage. Review the “Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance,” at <http://go.usa.gov/3fS7m>, for detailed information on eligibility and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program. Grant applications must be submitted through the Mitigation eGrants system, at <http://go.usa.gov/3fSAB>. See below for details on each grant program.

CONTACT: FEMA Grants Division, (510) 627-7121.



Department of Homeland Security FY 2015 Flood Mitigation Program (\$150 million): The department is funding measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program. Receiving priority are projects that mitigate flooding in structures with historic flooding characteristics, as well as projects in communities with the largest number of flood-insured properties. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/37dvJ>.

DEADLINE: Friday, August 28, 2015. Funding Opportunity Number, DHS-15-MT-029-000-99.

CONTACT: The Mitigation eGrants Helpdesk, MTeGrants@fema.dhs.gov.



Department of Homeland Security FY 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (\$30 million): The department is funding efforts to implement and sustain cost-effective measures to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards. Eligible activities include non-flood and flood mitigation projects. The department will also give priority to activities in communities with the highest assessed Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule rating and benefit-cost ratios. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/37d7d>.

DEADLINE: Friday, August 28, 2015. Funding Opportunity Number, DHS-15-MT-047-000-99.

CONTACT: The Mitigation eGrants Helpdesk, MTeGrants@fema.dhs.gov.



Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program (\$14 million): The agency is funding the Coastal Program, a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides technical and financial assistance, via cooperative agreements, to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitats on public and private lands. Projects should incorporate ecosystem adaptation to help coastal ecosystems and communities prepare for and adapt to the effects of sea-level rise and greenhouse gases. For more information, visit the <http://go.usa.gov/37dzk>.

DEADLINE: September 30, 2015. Funding Opportunity Number, F15AS00005.

CONTACT: Michael Murray, (703) 358 2031 or michael_murray@fws.gov.



TRAININGS & MEETINGS

Brownfields National Conference. Sponsored by EPA and the International City/County Management Association, this three-day conference will examine environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment. Sessions include the following: “Finding Your True Potential: How Tribes Can Leverage Resources from Within”; “Keys to Sustaining a Local Brownfields Program”; “Models for Transferring and Redeveloping Contaminated Properties”; and “New Horizons in Reuse: Solar on Superfund.” For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/PClXO>.

WHEN & WHERE: Wednesday, September 2, 2015, to Friday, September 4, 2015; Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

REGISTER: <http://ow.ly/PChBe>.

CONTACT: For more information, contact gms@prereg.net and Brownfields@prereg.net (registration) or barbara_jo_trent@sra.com (general information).



ODDS & ENDS

New EPA Publication --Tribal Green Building Toolkit. EPA Region 9 recently published the new “Tribal Green Building Toolkit,” available at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/tribal-green-building-toolkit-mobile-2015.pdf>. This toolkit was completed in July 2015 and is designed to assist tribal officials, community members, planners and architects in developing and adopting building codes to support green building practices. The Toolkit includes checklists, tribal case studies and other policies that meet tribal environmental, cultural and economic priorities. All tribes, regardless of whether they have building codes, can benefit from using this toolkit.

For additional information, contact Michelle Baker, baker.michelle@epa.gov or (415) 972-3206; Timonie Hood, hood.timonie@epa.gov or (415)972-3282.

Resilience AmeriCorps Pilot Program Inaugurated. A two-year pilot program will recruit, train, and post AmeriCorps VISTA members in up to 12 communities in 2015-2016. It is designed to help communities that are unable to address climate-resilience planning and implementation. AmeriCorps VISTA members will increase civic engagement in low-income areas, and help those communities develop plans to better prepare for shocks and stresses, including extreme weather events. The program’s sponsors are the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Department of Energy, EPA, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which are partners with the Rockefeller Foundation and Cities of Service in starting this program.

Climate Change Impact Grants. The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs announced an \$11.8 million grant to help tribes plan for the effects of climate change. The grant will support more than 104 awards for training, technical assistance, and capacity-building needs.