



Rural Development

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TO: Rural Development State Directors

ATTN: Administrative Program Directors and Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Coordinators

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SUBJECT: USDA Rural Development Use of "Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants"

The subject survey was first utilized to assist Rural Development (RD) in ensuring that all qualified applicants for Federal assistance, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for funding.

After looking at the program as a whole, it has been determined that while the survey, at one time, served a vital purpose, the survey is no longer necessary. The inclusion of the subject survey in applications for the 12 RD programs identified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is now discontinued and no longer required. The 12 programs included are as follows:

- Community Facilities Direct & Guaranteed Loan
- Community Facilities Grants
- Farm Labor Housing
- Rental Assistance
- Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans
- Mutual Self-Help Housing Grants
- Housing Preservation Grants
- Rural Rental Housing Loans
- Technical and Supervisory Assistance Loans and Grants
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

You may direct inquiries regarding Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to Jamie Davenport, Rural Development, Innovation Center, partnerships Team Director on (202) 720-0002, or email at jamie.davenport@usda.gov.

EXPIRATION DATE:
May 31, 2020

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Administrative/Other Programs

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