

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Announces Industry Forum on Changes to the Section 504 Repair Loan and Grant Program

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13, 2019 – USDA Rural Housing Service Administrator Bruce Lammers today announced an industry forum scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time to learn more about recent changes to the Section 504 Single Family Housing Repair Loan and Grant Program.

The Section 504 program helps very-low income homeowners repair, improve, or modernize their homes, including grants to elderly homeowners to remove health, safety hazard, or accessibility barriers.

Non-profit loan packagers are encouraged to learn more about this program which provides measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. The forum objectives include:

- An overview of recent program changes
- A discussion of Procedure Notice 527
- An opportunity for industry questions and answers

Contact Danielle Eason at (202) 690-1530 or email danielle.eason@usda.gov for detailed information on how to join the industry forum.

Funding information for very-low income homeowners in rural areas, and forum handouts are available through USDA's [Single Family Housing Repair Loan and Grant Program](#) (Section 504 Program). Applications for loan and grant funds are accepted year-round. This program supports the recommendations made in the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#) (PDF, 5.4 MB) to improve and provide quality housing in rural America.

Additional information on the Section 504 Program and how to apply for funding is available online at www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants.

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