

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FY 2001 GRANTS

PROJECT SUMMARY

ALABAMA

Alabama Rural Heritage Foundation, Inc., in Thomaston, Alabama will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This innovative activities grant will assist in the training of local residents while using agricultural products from small acreage minority farms. Through a partnership with the West Alabama Retail Coop, the products manufactured will be sold locally and through the internet. The project will also strengthen the local economy creating a local industry and distribution center. It is anticipated that eight jobs will be created through this innovative project. Three will be retained, eight people will be trained. Local and State resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$257,702. Partners for this Project include: the Town of Thomaston, Auburn University, Americorp, University of Alabama, West Alabama Retail Coop, Ala-tom Resource and Development.

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ALABAMA

AL Mayors Corp. for Economic Cultural and Educational Development in Birmingham, Alabama will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$398,768. This innovative activities grant will provide workforce training in the building and construction trades through rural housing rehabilitation in Dallas County, Alabama. Through the proposed activities, at least 20 rural houses will be rehabilitated and brought up to standard housing codes; 36 persons will be trained with new skills, and an area business incubator will expand to provide small business start-up support in the Black Belt and West Alabama. In-kind leveraging and resources total \$403,838. Partners for this Project include: the Dallas County Commission, Minority Business and Community Extension, Henry Brick Company, USA Block Company, and Fuller Building, Black Belt Human Resource and Development Corporation, USDA Rural Development, Dallas-Selma Community Action Agency and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

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United Presbyterians of Wilcox County in Catherine, Alabama will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will further assist the organization in serving the Lower Mississippi Delta Region. To reach the goals, the organization is proposing to hire a director and staff, purchase computer technology, train staff and board members, and develop an apprenticeship program to meet the challenges of the community. The organization also plans to assess the needs of the community. The applicant proposes to train 200 local residents and anticipates new employment opportunities for their community. It is anticipated that 10 jobs will be created through their efforts. The proposed leveraging and in-kind resources total \$180,380. Partners for this Project include: the International Corps on the Environment, Resource Conservation and Development Corporation, Housing Assistance Council, The University of West Alabama, Onsite Wastewater Training Center, Auburn University, and Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

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South East Alabama Self-Help Association, Inc. in Tuskegee, Alabama will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$148,797. This capacity building grant will assist the organization in training 24 young adults in various construction fields. This applicant's targeted area will be the Appalachian Counties. The employment opportunities for local residents will lower the unemployment rate and add to the tax base. Job creation and retention is anticipated to be 20. On-the job training will focus on construction and will result in the renovation of 30 housing units, 40 rehabilitated units, and an increase in the housing stock of the area. The proposed in-kind leveraging totals \$259,372. Partners for this Project include: Local Initiatives Support Corporation and South East Alabama Self-Help Association, Inc.

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