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PROJECT SUMMARY

FLORIDA

Everglades Community Association, Inc., in Homestead, Florida will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This innovative grant will be used to assist the Association in building a migrant farmworker village in Immokalee which is located in the Southwest Florida Enterprise Community. This comprehensive plan to provide 79 new units of housing and additional job training along with social services in the villages will enable the migrant workers to have access to affordable rental housing as well as provide a community for commercial growth. This "Main Street Village" will offer all the advantages of a economic revitalization. The seasonal workers would have a stable community with shopping, cafes, bakeries, and services to meet the needs of the community, all within walking distances. Proposed leveraging for this project is estimated to be \$7.1 million. Partners in this Project include: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the Collier County Government.

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FLORIDA

Homes in Partnership, Inc. in Apopka, Florida will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will be utilized in the operation of an outreach program for underserved rural areas of Sumter County. The applicant intends to hire staff for their mobile office along with maintenance and supplies. The targeted audience is the migrant farmworker. The organization will focus on providing homebuyer counseling, assistance with securing mortgage financing and loan packaging, technical assistance to build homes through their self-help program and linkages with other social service organizations. Proposed leveraging total \$285,000. Partners in this Project include: Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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