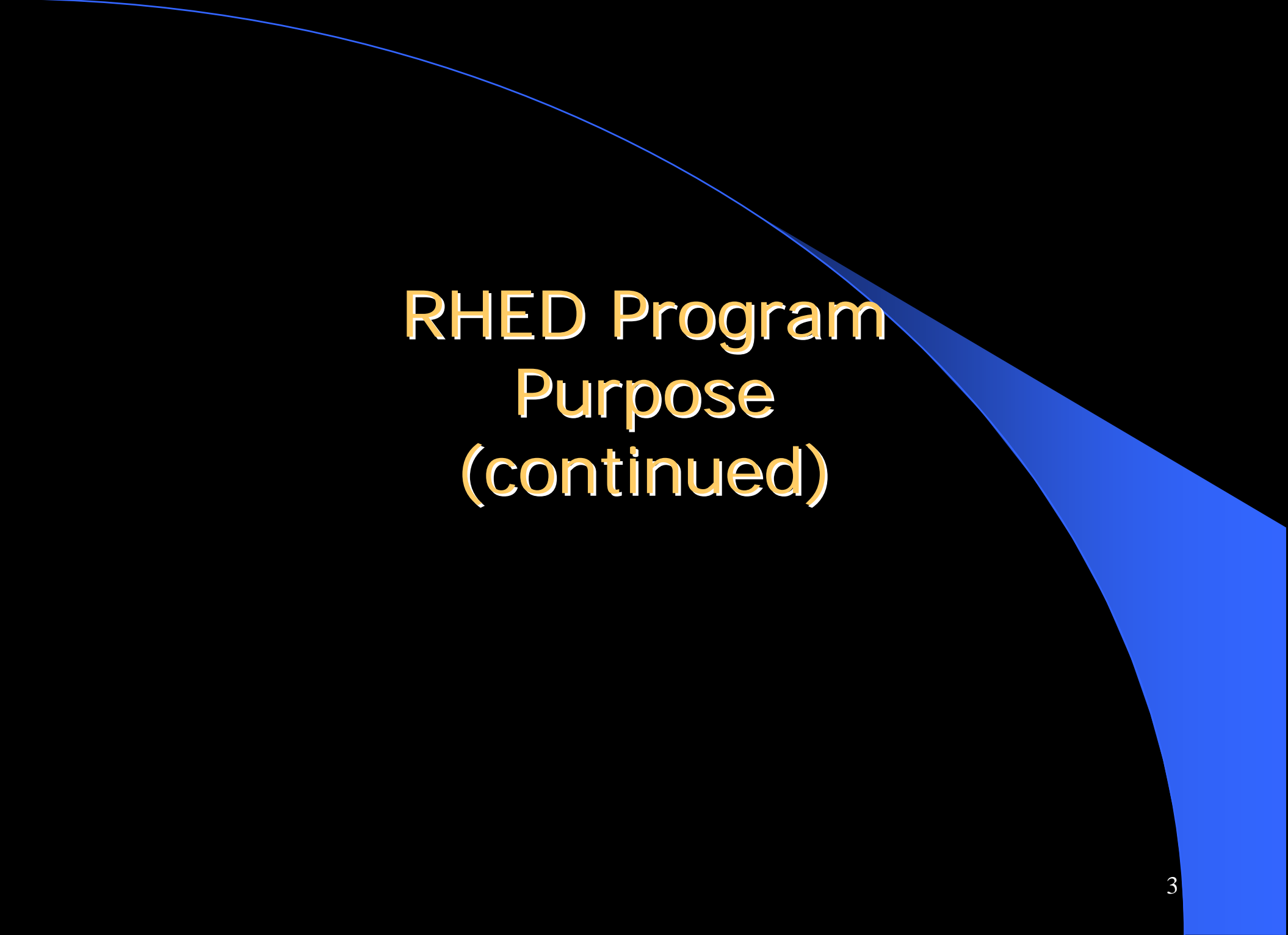


Rural Housing and Economic Development Program

2006
Notice of Funding
Availability

RHED Program Purpose

To support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development.

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RHED Program Purpose (continued)

Available Funds

Approximately \$17 million will available

Previous Years' Funding FY 1999-2005

Fiscal Year	Amount	Number of Grantees
2005	\$23.7 million	103
2004	\$24.5 million	105
2003	\$24 million	90
2002	\$25 million	101
2001	\$24 million	111
2000	\$24.7 million	103
1999	\$26.9 million	91

Eligible Applicants

- Local rural non-profits
- Community Development Corporations (CDC)
- Federally Recognized Indian tribes

Eligible Applicants (continued)

- State housing finance agencies
- State community development and/or economic development agencies

Funding Categories

There is one funding category for FY 2006 :

Support for Innovative Rural Housing and
Economic Development Activities.

How does HUD define "Rural"?

- A non-urban place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants
- A county or parish with an urban population of 20,000 inhabitants or less
- Territory, persons, and housing units in the rural portions of "extended cities" (U. S. Census Bureau)

How does HUD define "Rural"? (continued)

- Open country which is not part of or associated with an urban area (USDA)
- Any place with a population under 20,000 that is not located in an Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Activities

- Up to \$17 million will be awarded.

The maximum award amount under this category is \$300,000.

Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Eligible Activities

Examples of activities include:

- Preparation of plans
- Architectural and engineering work
- Financial assistance for acquisition of land and buildings

Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Eligible Activities

- Provision of infrastructure
- Purchase of materials and construction cost
- Training and counseling for beneficiaries
- Financial services such as revolving loan funds.

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Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Eligible Activities (continued)

Please Note!

Only one application will be accepted
from any given organization

Application Deadline and Contact Telephone Number

- Application deadline is May 12, 2006
- The contact phone number is (202) 708-2290
- Contacts for the RHED Program are Thann Young or Linda Streets

Rating Factor 1

Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant
Organizational Experience
(25 Points)

Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience

3 sub-factors for Rating Factor 1:

- Team member composition and experience
- Organization structure and management capacity

Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (continued)

- Experience with performance based funding

Rating Factor 2

Need and Extent of the Problem
(20 Points)

Need and Extent of the Problem

- Extent to which there is need based on levels of distress and an indication of the urgency in meeting the need/distress in the target area
- Compares need in target area and nation – provide poverty data in both numbers and percent form

Need and Extent of the Problem (continued)

- unemployment rate in numbers and percent
- other indicators of social/economic decline (i.e. falling tax base, factory or plant closings, etc.)

Demographics of Distress

Special Factors

- Population of less than 2,500
- Federally Recognized Indian tribe
- Colonias
- Migrant/Seasonal Farmworkers
- The Lower Mississippi Delta Region
- Appalachia Distressed Counties

Rating Factor 3

Soundness of Approach
(20 Points)

Soundness of Approach

- Overall cost of the workplan including activities proposed and the cost-effectiveness of the proposed program
- Linkage between innovative rural housing and economic development activities

Soundness of Approach (continued)

Management plan:

- Description of and rationale for proposed activities

Soundness of Approach (continued)

- Thoroughness of plan and schedule outlining completion of tasks and line item budget
- Describes linkage between innovative rural housing and economic development activities

Soundness of Approach (continued)

Policy Priorities:

- i. Providing Increased Homeownership and Rental Opportunities for Low and Moderate Income Persons, person with Disabilities and the Elderly, Minorities and Families with Limited English Proficiencies

Soundness of Approach (continued)

ii. Improving Our Nation's
Communities

iii. Encouraging Accessible Design
Features

Soundness of Approach (continued)

- iv. Providing Full and Equal Access to Grassroots Faith-based & Other Community Based Organizations
- v. Ending Chronic Homelessness
- vi. Removal of Barriers to Affordable Housing

Rating Factor 4

Leveraging Resources
(10 Points)

Leveraging Resources

- Firm commitments of financial or in-kind resources from other federal, state, local and private resources
- Letter of firm commitment from all contributing parties must be included in the application

Leveraging Resources (continued)

- Letters must not be dated earlier than the date of the 2006 RHED program NOFA publication
- Letters of commitment must state the dollar value of the cash or in-kind contribution

Rating Factor 5

Achieving Results and
Program Evaluation
(25 Points)

Achieving Results and Program Evaluation

- Number of housing units constructed
- Number of housing units rehabbed that will be made available to low-moderate income beneficiaries
- Number of jobs created

Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (continued)

- Number of beneficiaries trained
- Percent of beneficiaries trained that find employment
- Percentage change in earnings as a result of employment for beneficiaries

Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (continued)

- Number of new businesses created
- Number of existing businesses assisted
- Annual estimated savings for low-income families as a result of energy efficiency

RC/EZ/EC Bonus Points (2 points)

- 2 bonus points for all applications documenting that proposed activities and projects will be located in and serve a Federally designated Renewal Community, Empowerment Zone or Round II Enterprise Community (RC/EZ/EC)

Common Mistakes

- Letters of leveraging and commitment are misdated
- Letters are not on the proper letterhead
- Requested amount of RHED grant funds is unclear
- Information in the application is unclear

Points to Remember!

- Carefully read the RHED Program NOFA
- Determine which category is applicable
- Clearly define the target area

Points to Remember!

- Adhere to the 15 page limitation for the Rating Factors narrative
- Complete and submit all required forms
- Call the Office of RHED for clarification

Application Submission Reminder !!!

- Applications must be received and validated by Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date.
- Paper application submissions must be received by HUD by the deadline date. There is no 15 day grace period for paper application submissions.