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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5800-FA-18]

**Announcement of Funding Awards for  
 the Delta Community Capital Initiative  
 Fiscal Year 2014**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant  
 Secretary for Community Planning and  
 Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section  
 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of  
 Housing and Urban Development  
 Reform Act of 1989, this announcement  
 notifies the public of funding decisions  
 made by the Department in a  
 competition for funding under the  
 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)  
 for the Delta Community Capital  
 Initiative. This announcement contains  
 the names of the awardees and the  
 amounts of the awards made available  
 by HUD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director,  
 Office of Rural Housing and Economic  
 Development, Office of Community  
 Planning and Development, 451  
 Seventh Street SW., Room 7240,  
 Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone  
 (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll free  
 number). Hearing- and speech-impaired  
 persons may access this number via  
 TTY by calling the Federal Relay  
 Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Funds  
 used for the Delta Community Capital  
 Initiative were appropriated to the  
 Office of Rural Housing and Economic  
 Development in annual appropriations  
 between 1999 and 2009 (Pub. L. 105-  
 276; 106-74; 106-377; 107-73; 108-7;  
 108-199; 108-447; 109-115; 110-5;  
 110-161; and/or 111-8) and  
 subsequently recaptured from or  
 surrendered by underperforming or  
 nonperforming grantees.

The competition was announced in  
 the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. No FR-  
 5800-N-18) on Thursday, September 4,  
 2014. Applications were rated and  
 selected for funding on the basis of  
 selection criteria contained in that  
 notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic  
 Assistance number for this Delta

Community Capital Initiative program is  
 14.271. The Delta Community Capital  
 Community Initiative is designed to  
 increase access to capital for business  
 lending and economic development in  
 the chronically underserved and  
 undercapitalized Lower Mississippi  
 Delta Region. Specifically, it will  
 provide direct investment and technical  
 assistance to community development  
 lending and investing institutions that  
 focus on business lending and economic  
 development to benefit the residents of  
 the Lower Mississippi Region. Eligible  
 applicants for the Delta Community  
 Capital Initiative are Federally  
 recognized Indian tribes and local rural  
 nonprofit organizations having a  
 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The funds  
 made available under this program were  
 awarded competitively through a  
 selection process conducted by HUD.

In accordance with section  
 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of  
 Housing and Urban Development  
 Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987. 42  
 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is  
 publishing the grantees and amounts of  
 the awards in Appendix A to this  
 document.

Dated: October 1, 2015.

**Harriet Tregoning,**  
*Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for  
 Community Planning and Development.*

**APPENDIX A**

**FY 2014 DELTA COMMUNITY CAPITAL  
 INITIATIVE GRANTEES**

Grantee	State	Amount awarded
Communities Unlim- ited, Inc.	AR ....	\$228,040.00
Southern Bancorp Capital Partners.	AR ....	250,000.00
LiftFund, Inc .....	TX .....	1,000,000.00
Total .....	.....	1,478,040.00

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5800-FA-19]

**Announcement of Funding Awards for  
 the Appalachia Economic  
 Development Initiative Fiscal Year 2014**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant  
 Secretary for Community Planning and  
 Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section  
 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of

Housing and Urban Development  
 Reform Act of 1989, this announcement  
 notifies the public of funding decisions  
 made by the Department in a  
 competition for funding under the  
 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)  
 for the Appalachia Economic  
 Development Capital Initiative. This  
 announcement contains the names of  
 the awardees and the amounts of the  
 awards made available by HUD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director,  
 Office of Rural Housing and Economic  
 Development, Office of Community  
 Planning and Development, 451  
 Seventh Street SW., Room 7240,  
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 (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll free  
 number). Hearing- and speech-impaired  
 persons may access this number via  
 TTY by calling the Federal Relay  
 Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Funds  
 used for the Appalachia Economic  
 Development Initiative were  
 appropriated to the Office of Rural  
 Housing and Economic Development in  
 annual appropriations between 1999  
 and 2009 (Public Laws 105-276; 106-  
 74; 106-377; 107-73; 108-7; 108-199;  
 108-447; 109-115; 110-5; 110-161;  
 and/or 111-8) and subsequently  
 recaptured from or surrendered by  
 underperforming or nonperforming  
 grantees.

The competition was announced in  
 the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. No. FR-  
 5800-N-19) on Thursday, September 4,  
 2014. Applications were rated and  
 selected for funding on the basis of  
 selection criteria contained in that  
 notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic  
 Assistance number for this Appalachia  
 Economic Development Initiative  
 program is 14.270. The Appalachia  
 Economic Development Community  
 Initiative is designed to increase access  
 to capital for business lending and  
 economic development in the  
 chronically underserved and  
 undercapitalized Appalachian region.  
 Eligible applicants for the Appalachia  
 Economic Development Initiative are  
 State community and/or economic  
 development agencies. The funds made  
 available under this program were  
 awarded competitively through a  
 selection process conducted by HUD.

In accordance with section  
 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of  
 Housing and Urban Development  
 Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987. 42  
 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is  
 publishing the grantees and amounts of  
 the awards in Appendix A to this  
 document.

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**Harriet Tregoning,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for  
Community Planning and Development.*

**Appendix A**

**FY 2014 APPALACHIA ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTEES**

Grantee	State	Amount awarded
Kentucky Department of Local Government.	KY .....	\$200,000.00
State of Maryland—Department of Housing and Community Development.	MD ....	350,000.00
Total .....	.....	550,000.00

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS–R8–ES–2015–N177;  
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**Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan  
for Seven Covered Species, Los  
Angeles Department of Water and  
Power Land, Inyo and Mono Counties,  
California**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request  
for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application for a 10-year incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (applicant). The application includes the draft habitat conservation plan (draft HCP) for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's operations, maintenance, and management activities on its land in Mono and Inyo Counties, California, pursuant to the Act. We invite public comment on the permit application, draft HCP, and draft Environmental Action Statement/Low Effect Screening Form. The Service is considering the issuance of a 10-year ITP for seven covered species in a 314,000-acre permit area. The permit is needed because take of species could occur as a result of the proposed covered activities.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by November 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain copies of the draft HCP and Environmental Action Statement/Low Effect Screening Form online at [http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/HCPs/HCP\\_Docs.html](http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/HCPs/HCP_Docs.html). You may request copies of the documents by email, fax, or U.S. mail (see below). These documents are also available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the office below. Please send your requests or written comments by any one of the following methods, and specify "LADWP HCP" in your request or comment.

**Submitting Request for Documents/Comments:** You may submit comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods:

**Email:** [fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov](mailto:fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov). Include "LADWP HCP" in the subject line of your message. If you choose to submit comments via email, please ensure that the file size does not exceed 10 megabytes. Emails that exceed the maximum file size may not be properly transmitted to the Service.

**Telephone:** Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, 760–322–2070.

**Fax:** Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, 760–322–4648, Attn.: LADWP HCP.

**U.S. Mail:** Kennon A. Corey, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office, Attn.: LADWP HCP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

**In-Person Viewing or Pickup of Documents, or Delivery of Comments:** Call 760–322–2070 to make an appointment during regular business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kennon A. Corey, Assistant Field Supervisor, Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office; telephone 760–322–2070. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

The applicant, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, requests an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. If approved, the applicant anticipates the taking of five federally listed species and two unlisted species as a result of activities undertaken or authorized on lands held by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in Inyo and Mono Counties. These activities are associated with

water conveyance, agriculture, recreation, road maintenance, habitat restoration, and other land management activities. Take of listed species would be incidental to the applicant's performance or authorization of these activities on lands they manage.

**Background**

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17 prohibit the "take" of fish and wildlife species federally listed as endangered or threatened. Take of federally listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as to "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed species, or attempt to engage in such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1538). "Harm" includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering (50 CFR 17.3(c)). Under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take, which is defined under the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. All species included on the incidental take permit, if issued, would receive assurances under the Service's "No Surprises" regulation (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

**Applicant's Proposal**

To comply with the requirements of the Act, the draft HCP defines biological goals and objectives, evaluates the effects of covered activities on covered species, describes a conservation strategy, describes a monitoring and adaptive management program, identifies changed circumstances and responsive actions, identifies funding sources, and identifies alternative actions to the proposed impacts. The draft HCP is intended to be a document that will facilitate regional species conservation and assist the applicant to better meet its legal obligations to provide water and power to the citizens of Los Angeles while managing its non-urban lands. The draft HCP will also provide a coordinated process for permitting and mitigating the incidental take of covered species as an alternative to activity-by-activity review.

The draft HCP addresses seven covered species, including three fish species and four bird species. The permit would provide take authorization for all covered species