

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6000-FA-08]

Announcement of Funding Awards; Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program; Fiscal Year (FY) 2016

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

ACTION: Announcement 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 FY 2016 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the award recipients under said NOFA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Washington, Director, Office of Policy Development and Coordination, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7140, Washington, DC 20410, or email capacitybuilding@hud.gov. Telephone number (202) 402-4142 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this

number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113, approved December 18, 2015), the purpose of the Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing program is to fund capacity building activities performed by national rural housing organizations. Through this program, grants are made to eligible organizations to then provide training, education, support and advice to enhance the technical and administrative capabilities of rural housing development organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), local governments and Indian tribes. Eligible organizations are defined in the NOFA as a national, non-profit entity or consortium that has on-going experience in rural housing in five or more HUD regions.

Grants may be used by eligible organizations (grantees) to assist rural organizations to improve their capacity to participate in local, regional and State planning processes such as those for the Consolidated Plan, fair housing plan and the Continuum of Care for homeless assistance. Grantees will also help rural community organizations to build their capacity to evaluate performance, work broadly with the community, cooperatively plan for the use of available resources, and to link plans with neighboring communities in order

to foster regional planning. Eligible activities to accomplish these purposes include making loans, pass-through grants, development assistance, predevelopment assistance, or other financial assistance to rural housing organizations, CDCs, CHDOs, local governments, and Indian tribes. Community development and affordable housing activities must benefit low-income and low- and moderate-income families and persons, for both housing and economic development activities. Finally, other activities as determined by the grantees in consultation with the HUD Secretary or his or her designee, may be allowed.

The FY 2016 awards announced in this Notice were selected for funding in a NOFA competition posted on the <http://www.grants.gov> Web site on July 15, 2016 for \$5,000,000. Applications were received by the deadline from twelve organizations and eight of those applications passed the initial threshold review. Those eight applications were reviewed using criteria identified in the FY2016 NOFA, with a minimum score of 75 required for funding consideration. Six of the eight applications exceeded the minimum score and were selected for funding as outlined in Appendix A.

Dated: January 4, 2017.

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

Appendix A

FY2016 RURAL CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARDS

Applicant name	Contact	Award amount
Rural Community Assistance Corp	Stanley Keasling, Chief Executive Director, 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201, Sacramento, CA 95691-5010.	\$1,174,365
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders.	Noel Poyo, Executive Director, 5404 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX 78238	1,000,000
Minnesota Housing Partnership	Rosemary Fagrelus, Housing Development Director, 2446 University Avenue West, Suite 140, Saint Paul, MN 55114.	978,791
Housing Assistance Council	Moises Loza, Executive Director, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20005	778,923
Collaborative Solutions, Inc	Russell Bennett, Executive Director, P.O. Box 130159, Birmingham, AL 35213-0159.	567,921
Economic Consultants for Housing Opportunities, Inc.	Linda Brockway, President, 6810 S. Cedar St., Suite #15, Lansing, MI 48911-6909	500,000

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R5-ES-2016-N222;
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Proposed Settlement Agreement Under Environmental Protection Statutes

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI), together with the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), reached agreement on a proposed settlement with Atlantic Richfield Company regarding natural resource

damages arising from environmental contamination at the Sinclair Refinery Superfund Site, located in Allegany County, New York. The settlement will resolve claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Oil Pollution Act; the Clean Water Act; and applicable State law.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by February 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability:* A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Amy Roe, USFWS Biologist, by mail to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045; via email to amy_roe@fws.gov; or via telephone at 607-753-9334.

Comment submission: Comments should be addressed to Amy Roe at the contact information listed above and should reference the Sinclair Refinery Superfund Site.

DOI response to comments: DOI's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at <https://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/ec/nrda.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct technical questions to Amy Roe (see **ADDRESSES**). For legal questions, contact Mark Barash, via mail to the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Suite 612, 1 Gateway Center, 300 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458; via email to mark.barash@sol.doi.gov; or via telephone at 617-527-2103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed settlement with Atlantic Richfield Company regarding natural resource damages arising from environmental contamination at the Sinclair Refinery Superfund Site, located in Allegany County, NY, will resolve claims in accordance with section 122(j) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9622(j); CERCLA), and Executive Order 12580 (52 FR 2923; January 29, 1987). The settling party to this settlement is Atlantic Richfield Company. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to section 107(a)(1)(C) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a)(1)(C); the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*; and the natural resource damages provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(f)(4).

The settlement will require Atlantic Richfield Company to pay a total of \$275,000. DOI and DEC will receive \$9,000 and \$1,500, respectively, to reimburse assessment costs. The rest of the money, \$264,500, will fund projects

to restore, rehabilitate, replace, and/or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources injured at the site, including the costs of restoration planning and oversight activities. In exchange, DOI and DEC will provide the settling party a covenant not to sue. The settlement has been approved by the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice.

For 30 days following the date of publication of this notice (see **DATES**), DOI will receive written comments relating to the settlement (section XI of the proposed settlement). DOI and DEC will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw their consent to settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Written comments that we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: December 28, 2016.

Deborah Rocque,

*Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-R-2016-N167; 1265-0000-10135-S3]

Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Completion of the Northern Islands Submerged Lands Transfer to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and final environmental assessment (Final EA) for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (Monument) Northern Islands Submerged Lands (submerged lands) Transfer to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The FONSI documents our decision to implement Alternative 2, as it is described in the Final EA, resulting in the Department of the Interior (DOI) conveying title to certain submerged lands within the Monument from the United States to the CNMI Government through a Patent, under the authority of the Territorial Submerged Lands Act (TSLA), as amended, 48 U.S.C. 1705, *et seq.* The effective date of the submerged lands transfer was December 21, 2016, the day the Patent was signed by the Governor of the CNMI.

DATES: The Service's Regional Director, Pacific Region, signed the FONSI on September 15, 2016, and the conveyance was effective December 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may download the FONSI, Final EA, and related documents from our Web site <https://www.fws.gov/marianastrenchmarinemonument/>, and view copies of them in person at the libraries listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

You may direct questions to the Service regarding the submerged lands transfer by any one of the following methods.

Email: fw1_sltransfer_cnmi@fws.gov. Include "Submerged Lands Transfer" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Charles Houghten, 503-231-6161.

U.S. Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region, Attn: Charles Houghten, Chief, Lands Division, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Houghten, 503-231-6207 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we are announcing the completion of our Final EA, FONSI, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and Patent, developed in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the CNMI Government. Copies of the documents are available on the Monument's Web site: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/mariana_trench_marine_national_monument/.