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For more information, contact LIFT Community Action Agency, Inc.’s Mutual Self-Help T&MA Contractor Department for guidance and counseling. We can provide a qualified and experienced Self-Help Specialist to assist you at no charge to your organization.

Application Assistance

Financial Management Training

Staff Training

Program Reviews

Grant Management

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Self-Help Housing...

Providing opportunities for families to work together to realize the American dream of homeownership.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer
Lift Community Action Agency, Inc.
Housing for Rural America through the Rural Development Self-Help Housing Program

Self-Help Housing

Self-Help has been around for many years and it grew out of the early barn raising tradition of the Amish and Mennonites. Mutual Self-Help Housing is families working together to participate in the construction of their homes. The work performed by the families is referred to as "sweat equity" and the value of their contribution results in significant cost savings, making these homes affordable for low and very-low income households.

Homes are financed utilizing USDA Rural Development’s 502 home ownership loan program. This is a very low interest loan based on the family’s income and is available to low and very-low income credit worthy families in rural areas.

USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America and supports that commitment by providing affordable housing opportunities for low and very-low income individuals/families. The Self-Help Program can make the American dream of homeownership for individuals/families become a reality.

Assisting the Grantee

The Mutual Self-Help T&MA Contractor Department assists organizations with training in areas such as pre and final application training, and overall program structuring, planning and operational management including budgeting, staffing, staff training and accounting requirements.

Assisting Rural Development

The Mutual Self-Help T&MA Contractor Department provides monitoring services to Rural Development offices within their region in program compliance reviews, administrative funding expenditures, expenditures of participating family funds and construction quality.

Assisting the Community

Communities benefit from money that will generate into the local economy through purchasing of supplies, building materials, employment of subcontractors, sale of real estate, enlargement of tax base and utility sales. The program brings pride into the community through revitalization of neighborhoods as well as the stabilization of the community by providing the opportunity for individuals and families to obtain affordable, safe and decent housing and homeownership.

Who is Eligible

Eligibility requirements include: Must be a State, political subdivision, or public nonprofit corporation including Indian tribes or Tribal corporations or a private nonprofit corporation. Nonprofit organizations must be organized under state and local laws; in good standing with the Secretary of State; tax exempt under IRS Section 501 c (3); have a board of directors with no less than 5 members and have the "production of affordable housing" as one of its purposes; must have at least five board members, the financial and administrative capacity to operate the program and must have previous experience operating housing programs.