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Self-help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)

SHOP provides funds for eligible national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed to set the stage for sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families. SHOP funds are used for eligible expenses to develop decent, safe and sanitary non-luxury housing for low-income persons and families who otherwise would not become homeowners. Homebuyers must be willing to contribute significant amounts of their own sweat equity toward the construction of the housing units. **Eligible homebuyers must apply through current SHOP grantees and their affiliates.**

SHOP is authorized by the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, Section 11, and is subject to other Federal crosscutting requirements. No separate program regulations exist for SHOP. All program requirements are listed annually in the SHOP NOFA.

Eligible Applicants:

National and regional nonprofit organizations or consortia with experience in using homebuyer and volunteer labor to build housing may apply. Applicants must have completed at least 30 units of self-help housing within the last 24 months.

Application:

SHOP funds are made available for funding through HUD's NOFA, which is published annually in the Federal Register. Once the notice is published, eligible applicants may apply through HUD's e-grant portal.

Eligible Activities:

SHOP funds may be used for only land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and administrative costs. Total land acquisition and infrastructure improvement costs together may not exceed an average of \$15,000 in SHOP assistance per home. Administrative costs (program administration, planning and management development costs) may not exceed 20% of the grant amount.

Technical Guidance:

No separate program regulations exist. The Office of Affordable Housing Programs at HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) administers the program. For information you may call (202) 708-2684. Hearing-impaired users may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Current Grantees:

- ▶ ACORN Housing Corporation
Contact: Martin Shalloo
Telephone: (312) 939-1611

- ▶ Community Frameworks
Contact: Christopher Holden
Telephone: (360) 377-7738

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity International
Contact: Donna Golden
Telephone: (229) 924-6935 x2408

- ▶ Housing Assistance Council
Contact: Joe Belden
Telephone: (202) 842-8600

- ▶ PPEP Microbusiness and Housing Development Corporation
Contact: Joni Soriano
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