

2018 USDA RD Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)

Statement of Activities

Notification of Intent to Apply - The White Mountain Housing Authority (WMAHA) is submitting an application for the 2018 HPG grant. The purpose is to assist with funding for the WMAHA Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program. This program generally completes 2 or 4 homes annually as funding availability allows for the Native Americans who are low and very low-income veterans. They must own homes and live on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Their homes must be in a very poor condition and require multiple health and safety or handicap accessibility repairs. These repairs will be completed on the homes of low income veterans who have applied for assistance through the WMAHA Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program; whose application has been approved and whose name is at the top of the waiting list for this program. The number of homes rehabilitated depends on the scope of work and the available funding.

The statement of activities for the WMAHA Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program are stated in the Policies and Procedures for this program as presented with more detail below. The WMAHA HPG Statement of Activities and the WMAHA Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program comply with 7 CFR 1944 Subpart N and NOSA in the Federal Register/Vol. 82, No. 104/Thursday June 1, 2017/Notices.

- A. Scope of work:** The WMAHA Veteran's Home Rehabilitation Program may assist either a tribal member who is an honorably discharged veteran, who owns his/her own home and who lives in their home on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation OR who is an unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran and who meets the requirements stated below. The veteran's home must be in need of home rehabilitation or repairs. Most veterans on the reservation live at or below the poverty level and would not otherwise be able to afford the home repairs of home rehabilitation on their own. There is no cost to the eligible veteran for this program.

Eligible proposals must need the following requirements:

- The applicant must be the head of household and be honorably discharged Veteran of the United States Military (all branches of the military are eligible);
- The surviving and unremarried spouse of a veteran who has died or of a service member missing in action or prisoner of war, may also apply, provided he/she is the head of household;
- The applicant must meet WMAHA eligibility requirements;
- The applicant must own and reside in his or her own home located within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation;
- The applicant's household must meet the NAHASDA low income guidelines used by the WMAHA Housing Management Department.
- The applicant (veteran or unremarried eligible surviving spouse) must submit a notarized statement certifying that the applicant has no other means to complete the home repairs or home rehabilitation (Please use the form attached to the application);

- A WMAHA Veteran's Home Rehabilitation Program application form must be completed and submitted to the WMAHA Housing Management Department along with all required documentation requested on the application form; and
- The applicant's home must be in need of repairs and renovation as are noted on their specific WMAHA scope of work developed by the WMAHA Development Department.
- The applicant must sign the "CONSENT TO HAVE PREMISES TESTED FOR PRESENCE OF METHAMPHETAMINE" form agreeing to allow a Methamphetamine (Meth) testing of his/her home by the WMAHA Security Department staff. The testing must have been completed prior to being determined eligible for the WMAHA Veterans Home Rehabilitation Program. The applicant's home must be completely free of meth residue and if the test indicated the presence of methamphetamine the applicant will be permanently removed from the waiting list and no further application processing will occur.

Only modest repairs will be performed. A representative of the WMAHA Development Department will meet with the family and complete an assessment for the condition of the home in order to determine what repairs are necessary and the estimated cost of the home rehabilitation. The extent of the rehabilitation will be at the sole discretion of the WMAHA Executive Director. If an application requesting a home rehabilitation is approved, arrangements for a temporary relocation of the household must be made by the applicant for when the rehabilitation commences and until it is completed. Weather will be a consideration as to the start and finish dates.

An environmental review must be completed under 24 CFR, Part 58 and clearance issued prior to commencing any part of the home rehabilitation. The White Mountain Apache Tribe is the Environmental Review "Responsibility Entity" and will conduct the actual environmental review including the concurrence of the WMAT THPO.

The definition of Housing Preservation is codified in 7 CFR 1944.656 is followed in the preparation of the scope of work. The dilapidated homes that the Apache veterans who own their home and are living on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are brought up to "Tribal Code" and the compliance with today's code standards which contributes to the health and safety of the homeowner and their family.