DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT


Announcement of Funding Awards for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) for Fiscal Year 2013

AGENCY: Office of 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 the Department’s funding decisions with respect to the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) that was posted on the Grants.gov Web site. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the recipients of the FY2013 SHOP grant awards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginger Macomber, SHOP Program Manager, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410–4500, telephone (202) 402–4605. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SHOP program provides federal grants on a competitive basis to national and regional nonprofit organizations and consortia to undertake self-help homeownership housing programs. Grantees may carry out SHOP activities directly and/or distribute SHOP funds to local nonprofit affiliate organizations. SHOP Grant funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning, administration and management costs (not to exceed 20 percent). The average SHOP Grant expenditure for the combined costs of land acquisition and infrastructure improvements must not exceed $15,000 per SHOP unit. The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds.

Low-income homebuyers must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity towards the development of the SHOP units. Sweat equity involves participation in the construction of the housing, which can include, but is not limited to, assisting in the painting, carpentry, trim work, drywall, roofing, and siding for the housing. Reasonable accommodations must be made for homebuyers with disabilities. Labor is also contributed by community volunteers. The SHOP funds together with the homebuyer’s sweat equity and volunteer labor contributions significantly reduce the cost of the housing for the low-income homebuyers.

SHOP units must be decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings that comply with state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements, and with the SHOP requirements (including requirements for energy-efficiency and water conservation). The SHOP units must be sold to homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price. A homebuyer’s sweat equity contribution must not be mortgaged or otherwise restricted upon future sale of the SHOP unit.

HUD awarded FY2013 SHOP grants to the following self-help housing organizations in accordance with the competitive criteria set forth in the FY2013 SHOP NOFA.

Community Frameworks, 409 Pacific Avenue Suite 105, Bremerton, WA 98337 …….. $1,579,500
Habitat for Humanity International, 270 Peachtree Street NW., Atlanta, GA 30303 ………………… 7,700,637
Housing Assistance Council, 1025 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20005 ………………… 2,846,803
Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation (lead entity), Western States Housing Consortium, 210 East Idaho Avenue, 880 Anthony Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005 ………………… 666,929.

Total …………………………….. 12,793,869

These organizations propose to distribute their SHOP grant funds to over a hundred local affiliates and consortium members that will acquire and prepare land for development, provide homebuyer counseling, select homebuyers, coordinate the homebuyer sweat equity and volunteer labor efforts, and assist in arranging interim and permanent financing. At least 718 units of self-help homeownership housing will be completed and conveyed to low-income homebuyers.

Dated: September 11, 2013.
Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before October 21, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W–2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916–414–6464; fax: 916–414–6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We seek review and comment from local, State,
and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

Applicant
Permit No. TE–062121
Applicant: Ryan R. Young, Wrightwood, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey and locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Colorado for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–815537
Applicant: Swaim Biological, Incorporated, San Francisco, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, collect tissue, insert passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataeniata) and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum) in conjunction with survey activities and scientific research throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Lawrence P. Kobernus, San Francisco, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the callippe silverspot butterfly (Speyeria callippe callippe) and California tiger salamander (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species within the jurisdictional area of the Sacramento Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–205609
Applicant: Los Angeles World Airports, Los Angeles, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey and conduct maintenance, restoration, and habitat enhancement activities) the El Segundo blue butterfly (Euphilotes battoides allyni) in conjunction with restoration and habitat enhancement activities on lands owned and operated by the Los Angeles World Airport, Los Angeles County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–022183
Applicant: Sue Orloff, San Rafael, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, and release) the California tiger salamander (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–075898
Applicant: Nicole M. Kimball, Spring Valley, California.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) and take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longianenna), Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocelphalus), San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegensis), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Public Comments
We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 13, 2013.
Larry Rabin,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Habitat Conservation Plan for the Community of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, CA; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; notice of public scoping meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, intend to prepare either an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (NEPA), for the proposed Los Osos Community-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (LOHCP or plan). The LOHCP is being prepared by the County of San Luis Obispo (County or applicant) in support of its application for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The decision to prepare an EA or EIS will be, in part, contingent on the complexity of issues identified during, and following, the scoping phase of the NEPA process. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of threatened and endangered wildlife species that could result from the activities covered under the LOHCP and would include conservation measures to an endangered plant species that would also be covered under the plan. We announce meetings and invite comments from other agencies, Tribes, and the public.

DATES: To ensure consideration of any written comments, please send by