



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development

## **HUD's SHOP Program Under New Management!**

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is pleased to announce the transfer of the oversight and management of the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) from the Office of Affordable Housing Programs to the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED), under the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, effective December 16, 2015.

The SHOP program, authorized by section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, as amended, provides federal funding through an annual competition to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia that have experience in providing or facilitating innovative single-family and multifamily self-help housing opportunities for low-income persons and families.

SHOP involves more than just the federal government and non-profit organizations coming together to develop housing. Along with homebuyer sweat equity, SHOP promotes community participation in which volunteer workers assist in the construction of the housing units. SHOP assistance must result in housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families who otherwise would be unable to purchase a home. Since 1996, Congress has appropriated \$406,604,409 to SHOP which has helped leverage more than \$2 billion of other public and private funds to aid in the construction of more than 28,000 SHOP units.

ORHED was established by Congress in the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Public Law 105-276, October 21, 1998 to create and maintain a clearinghouse for rural and underserved communities – Colonias, Lower Mississippi Delta Region, Appalachia Distressed Counties, and Federally Recognized Indian tribes and to manage the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program.

ORHED has extensive experience administering competitive programs, including HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development Program, Youthbuild, and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program. The Office also manages the Rural Gateway Clearinghouse, which provides technical assistance and training, and housing and economic development resources to

local and regional nonprofits, federally recognized Indian tribes, colleges and universities, and state and local governments. ORHED maintains collaborative relationships with federal partners including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Rural Development (RD), U.S. Department of Treasury/Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) – that will enhance SHOP.

HUD anticipates that ORHED's extensive experience creating housing and economic opportunities in rural and underserved areas can help to enhance the administration of SHOP. For further information regarding ORHED or the transfer of SHOP, please contact Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development at 202-708-2290 or 1-877-787-2526 or [jackie.williams@hud.gov](mailto:jackie.williams@hud.gov).