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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, January 22, 2004 and March 25, 2004. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meetings will be held January 22, 2004 and March 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Center (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to jingersoll@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Ingersoll, District Ranger, Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: December 6, 2003.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Cooperative Home-Based Health Care Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of \$1 million of grant funds through the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Home-Based Health Care Demonstration Program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), herein referred to as the Agency, USDA. These grant funds are split into two forms: Pre-development grants and revolving loan grants. The pre-development grants will not exceed \$50,000 each and will be made to qualified public bodies or nonprofit organizations to establish a home health care cooperative. The revolving loan grants will be made to qualified nonprofit or public organizations that will provide start-up funds and technical assistance to pre-planning grant recipients and home health care cooperatives established through this program. The intermediary recipients for the revolving loan funds will be required to provide matching funds at least equal to the grant funds awarded. This is a demonstration project intended to result in the establishment and operation of home-based health care cooperatives. As such, pre-development grants will be linked with a revolving loan grant, to the same community, in order that the full operation of the cooperative will occur. This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. e.s.t. on February 13, 2004. The application date and hour are firm. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application requirements delineated in this notice from the RCDI Web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm. Applicants may also request application packages from: Stephen Wetherbee, Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0787, Washington, DC 20250-0787,

Telephone: (202) 720-1503, E-mail: stephen.wetherbee@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Wetherbee, Senior Loan Specialist, Community Programs, RHS, USDA, STOP 0787, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787, Telephone: (202) 720-1503, Facsimile (202) 690-0471, E-mail: stephen.wetherbee@usda.gov. You may also obtain information from the RCDI Web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.446. This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, OMB must approve all "collection of information" by the Rural Housing Service. The Act defines "collection of information: as a requirement for "answers to * * * identical reporting or recordkeeping requirements imposed on ten or more persons * * *." (44 U.S.C. 3502(3)(A).) Because this NOFA will receive less than 10 respondents, the Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply.

Background

Congress created the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Rural Cooperative Home-Based Health Care demonstration project in fiscal year 2003 with an appropriation of \$1 million under the Rural Community Advancement Program. These funds are to be used solely to develop and establish home-based health care cooperatives. Pre-development grants, not to exceed \$50,000 each, will be made available to qualified public bodies or nonprofit-based community development organizations. Revolving loan grants will be made available to qualified public or nonprofit intermediary organizations (including tribal) proposing to carry out a program of financial and technical assistance.