

Form RD 3550-7 (Rev. 10-07) United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Housing Service Form Approved
OMB No. 0575-0172

**FUNDING COMMITMENT
and
Notification of Loan Closing**

TO: (1) DATE: (2)

(6) It is a pleasure to notify you that your application for a (3) Section 502 Loan Section 504 Loan from the Rural Housing Service (RHS) has been approved in the amount of \$ (4) subject to a down payment of \$ (5) and the matters set forth below. This loan will be closed soon and will be secured by one of the following security instruments: Promissory Note Only
 Real Estate Mortgage Deed of Trust on the property located at: _____ (7)

INTEREST RATE IN EFFECT AT TIME OF LOAN APPROVAL: (8) percent
 (Note: The effective interest rate for your loan will be the lower of the interest rate in effect at the time of loan approval and obligation or loan closing.)

(9) **REPAYMENT TERMS:** Based on the interest rate stated above, the loan is to be repaid in _____ equal, monthly installments of principal and interest in the amount of \$ _____, with the first installment due approximately _____ days after date of settlement. The dollar amount of the monthly payments stated above may be reduced based on the amount of subsidy for which you may be eligible.

REQUIRED FEES

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Date Paid</u> | <u>Amount to be Paid at Closing</u> |
|---|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Report Fee | \$ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal Fee | \$ | | |
| (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Service Fee | \$ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection Fee | \$ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee | \$ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assumption Fee | \$ | | |

EVIDENCE OF TITLE: The following evidence of title is to be provided to RHS and must indicate no liens, encumbrances, or any adverse covenants or conditions to title unless approved by RHS. The evidence of title must be issued from a firm or source, and in a form, acceptable to RHS.

(10) Mortgage Title Insurance Policy
 Attorneys Opinion of Title

You will be charged for the cost of providing such title and the cost of recording documents, all which will be ordered by RHS unless requested otherwise.

For your protection RHS recommends a pre-closing inspection be made jointly with the seller and buyer just prior to closing. RHS inspections are made solely to protect the security interest of the government.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0575-0172. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

RHS Is An Equal Opportunity Lender

System generated form used to notify applicants of loan approval and conditions of pending closing.

(see reverse)

PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION : RD Instruction 1927-B and RD Handbooks 3550.

PREPARED BY : System generated by loan approval official or designee.

NUMBER OF COPIES : Original and two copies.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED : Loan approval official and applicants.

DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES : Original and cone opy to applicants, original signed by applicants and returned to loan origination office; copy retained by loan origination office until executed original returned by applicants.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION

Form to be generated through UniFi.

- (1) Insert applicant(s) name and mailing address.
- (2) Date form is completed.
- (3) Check the appropriate box.
- (4) Insert approved loan amount.
- (5) Insert required down payment amount.
- (6) Check the appropriate box for real estate mortgage, deed of trust, or promissory note only.
- (7) Insert address of property being financed.
- (8) Insert effective interest rate.
- (9) Insert repayment terms.
- (10) Complete appropriate information for this loan.
- (11) Complete appropriate information.
- (12) Signature of loan approval official and date signed. Date signed will be the same as the date of the loan approval and loan obligation.
- (13) Insert phone number of field office.
- (14) Insert expiration date (15 days from date in Item 2).
- (15) Insert field office address.
- (16) Insert dollar amount of personal funds required from applicant(s) at loan closing.
- (17) Applicant(s) must sign, date, and return form.

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(11) ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR CONDITIONS: REQUIRED BY CLOSING: All items checked below apply:

- Signed sales contract - required.
- Plat of survey, acceptable to RHS, showing the improvements to be properly within the lot lines and no encroachments on other properties - required.
- The attached list of repairs is to be completed prior to settlement or an escrow in the amount of \$ _____ will be held until the work is satisfactorily completed.
- We will fully disburse the loan proceeds upon completion of the building, subject to a satisfactory compliance inspection report by licensed appraiser and a certificate of occupancy from the governing municipality.
- A contractor's statement and supporting waiver of liens are to be provided.
- Termite and pest certification.
- Flood insurance is mandatory.
- Written evidence the following systems are functioning properly and meets all Rural Development requirement must be submitted to Rural Development before loan closing or to the closing agent attorney at loan closing:
____ Water System ____ Waste Disposal ____ Electrical System
____ Heating System ____ Plumbing System
- Fire and extended Coverage Insurance: At the time of settlement we will require an original insurance policy containing fire and extended coverage insurance in an amount at least equal to that of the mortgage through a company acceptable to RHS, and a receipt showing premiums paid in advance for one year. The insurance policy shall also contain a standard mortgage clause in favor of the United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service, or successor agency. The address should be: USDA, Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Attn: Insurance Department, P.O. Box 66876, St. Louis, Missouri 63166.
- Tax and Insurance Payments: Monthly deposits, and initial deposits as determined by Lender, are required to cover the payment of estimated annual real estate taxes, special assessments and hazard, flood, and other insurance if applicable.
- Special Assessments: All special assessment installments due prior to closing, must be paid in full prior to, or at time of settlement.
- Documentation: The mortgage or deed of trust, note and other pertinent loan documents will be provided by RHS and must be signed by all applicants that are to be contractually liable under this obligation. Further, the mortgage or deed of trust, must also be signed by any non-applicant spouses if their signature is required under state law to create a valid lien, pass clear title, or waive inchoate rights to property. Note: Samples of loan documents are available upon request.
- Other

(12) COMMITMENT ISSUED BY:

Loan Approval Official: _____ Date: _____

Note: Date of loan approval will be the same as date of obligation.

This loan is approved subject to the availability of funds and other conditions required by RHS. If you have any questions, contact the loan approval officer whose name appears above at _____ . (13)

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Cancellation: RHS reserves the right to terminate this commitment at any time prior to the settlement of the loan in the event of an adverse change in your personal or financial status, or the improvements on the property are damaged by fire or other casualty, or because of any materially false or incorrect information you directly or indirectly provided to RHS.

(14)
This commitment will expire on _____, _____. If you wish to accept this commitment for a loan, you must sign and date this form and return it to the following address prior to the expiration date previously stated: _____
(15) _____

If this commitment is not received by the RHS office whose address appears above on or before the previously stated expiration date, your loan application may be canceled.

I hereby certify to the following and accept the terms and conditions of this commitment:

- I/we have reviewed the instructions given by the Loan Approval Official and understand that I/we must meet the conditions outlined.
- I am unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance my actual needs at reasonable rates and terms, taking into consideration prevailing private and cooperative rates and terms in or near my community for loans for similar purposes and periods of time. I agree to use the sum specified herein, subject to and in accordance with regulations applicable to the type of assistance indicated above, and request payment of such sum. I agree to report to RHS any material adverse changes, financial or otherwise, that occur prior to loan closing. I certify that no part of the sum specified herein has been received. I have reviewed the loan approval requirements and comments associated with this loan request and agree to comply with these provisions.
- The information submitted on the application for assistance and supporting documentation is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to fully disclose accurate and truthful financial information may result in the denial or termination of program assistance now or in the future. I further understand that whoever knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact, or makes false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both, as provided under Section 1001 of Title 18, United States Code.
- You will be notified of the time and place of loan closing and any other specific requirements to be met. You will be required to provide \$ (16) of your personal funds at loan closing. If you are unable to comply with the above requirements, please notify this office immediately.

(17)

Applicant

Co-Applicant

Date:

Date:

Unlawful discrimination. The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract), or because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program. Department of Agriculture regulations provide that no agency, officer, or employee of the United States Department of Agriculture shall exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin under any program or activity administered by such agency, officer, or employee. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in real estate-related transactions, or in the terms or conditions of such a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. If you believe you have been discriminated against for any of these reasons, you can write the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250. You also cannot be denied a loan because you in good faith exercised your rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. If you believe you were denied a loan for this reason, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.