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FHA Multi-Family Small Projects Demonstration Launched in Region X

A new FHA "fast-track" Small Projects Demonstration Program (SPP), covering small mortgages up to \$1.5 million, offers streamlined processing, reducing time and transaction costs. The SPP is available to all FHA approved lenders for the construction, refinancing or substantial rehabilitation of multi-family housing apartments with 5 or more units located in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon or Washington. The SPP fulfills a market need by making it cost-effective for lenders and developers or owners of smaller multi-family apartments to use FHA's insured mortgage advantages. This pilot program, available only in Region X, will run through June 30, 2008. The SPP hopes to attract developers and capital into rural and other smaller project markets, including urban in-fill. [Read more](#)

Important Information for HUD's FY2007 Competitive Grants Applicants

On October 31, the Federal Register published a "Notice of Opportunity to Register Early and Other Information for Electronic Application Submission on Grants.gov," which provides information to help applicants better understand the electronic submission process. Prospective applicants for Fiscal Year 2007 grants should immediately begin the registration process or renew their prior registration. [Read more](#)

National American Indian Heritage Month

Since 1990, Americans have reserved the month of November to recognize the many contributions the First Americans have made to the establishment and growth of the United States. National American Indian Heritage Month gives all Americans the opportunity to learn about the heritage, history, art and traditions of the American Indian and Alaska Native people. [Read stories and view slideshows](#) to learn about Native Americans in the Northwest.

HUD's Veteran Resource Center (HUDVet)

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, in consultation with national veteran service organizations, has established a Veteran Resource Center (HUDVet). This directory is designed to increase knowledge of and participation in the wide variety of HUD homeless assistance programs and services for veterans and other individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. [Find HUDVet state and local resources](#) or call HUD's Veterans Resource Center toll free at (800) 998-9999 [TDD: (800) 483-2209].

"Choosing the Environmentally Safe Site"

In September 2006, HUD released a new publication designed to assist all HUD program participants, grant recipients, and responsible entities considering sites and structures that may have environmental risks. The publication addresses the most common environmental site contamination problems: toxic/hazardous wastes, underground storage tanks, asbestos and lead. [Read the publication online.](#)

HUD also has expert staff in locations around the country to assist with the environmental review of HUD-funded projects. [Find local HUD Environmental staff.](#)