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HAC’s Mission
The Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a national nonprofit organization, has been helping local organizations in rural America build affordable homes since 1971. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in California, Georgia, Missouri, and New Mexico, HAC assists public, nonprofit, and private organizations in the development of both owner-occupied and rental housing with programs that focus on local solutions, empowerment of the poor, reduced dependence, and self-help strategies.

HAC’s mission is to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places, particularly regions and populations with high needs: Native American communities, the Mississippi Delta, farmworkers, the southwest border colonias, and Appalachia.

WHAT IS THE POVERTY RATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
RuralDataPortal.org
BUILDING SKILLS

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Each year, HAC delivers thousands of hours of technical advice to improve housing conditions for low-income residents in the rural United States, including local governments, private developers, and nonprofit organizations.

HAC’s national and regional office staff assist by a variety of methods: the Internet, telephone, mail correspondence, and on-site consultations.

To request Technical Assistance for your organization

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

HAC provides low interest rate loans to support single and multifamily affordable housing projects throughout the United States and territories. Loans may be used for pre-development, acquisition, site development, rehabilitation, and construction activities. Through HAC’s Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP), financing is available to support self-help projects in which low-income families contribute sweat equity towards the construction of their home and/or other self-help participants homes.

For more information on the HAC Loan Fund

Visit ruralhome.org/loans

BUILDING ORGANIZATIONS

TRAINING

HAC sponsors regional training sessions, webinars, peer exchanges, and the HAC Rural Housing Conference every two years. Workshops focus on housing development and financing as well as building healthy local organizations.

HAC also hosts specialized trainings at the request of nonprofits, foundations, and local, state, and federal governments.

To register for HAC’s trainings or request a training in your area

Visit ruralhome.org/ta

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

HAC is the nation’s foremost source of information on rural housing. With a library of over 150 studies and reports on a wide range of topics related to rural housing, HAC’s research and information division is a leading resource on rural housing data and issues and helping inform sound housing policy and strategy.

To access HAC’s research and information products

Visit ruralhome.org/info

HAC INFORMATION RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- www.ruraldataportal.org, The Rural Data Portal, provides demographic, economic, and housing data for every county in the U.S.
- Rural Voices, quarterly magazine
- HAC News, bi-weekly newsletter

PUBLICATIONS:

- Taking Stock: Rural People Poverty and Housing in the 21st Century
- Rural Research Briefs and Notes
- Research Reports
- Policy analysis

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