CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

HAC Rural Housing Conference

December 5-7, 2018

Washington, DC.

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Lead a Workshop at the HAC Rural Housing Conference!

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**Proposal Deadline:** July 11, 2018

**Notification By:** August 17, 2018

**Workshop Dates:** Wed, December 5th & Thu, December 6th

**Location:** Washington, DC

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) seeks proposals for workshop sessions for the 2018 Rural Housing Conference. The biennial Rural Housing Conference brings together the rural affordable housing community including persons from local nonprofits, federal agencies, state and local governments, elected officials, and other industry leaders for two-and-a-half days of learning and networking. For many attendees, this conference represents their primary opportunity to connect with policymakers and industry experts.

**About HAC**

HAC has been helping local organizations build affordable homes in rural America since 1971. Our mission is “to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places.”

HAC assists in the development of both single and multifamily homes and promotes affordable housing efforts for low-income rural families by emphasizing local solutions, empowerment of people in poverty, reduced dependence, and self-help strategies. HAC offers services to public, nonprofit, and private organizations throughout the rural United States and maintains a special focus on high-need populations and regions which include Native American lands, the Lower Mississippi Delta, the US-Mexico border regions (Colonias), Central Appalachia and farmworkers.

**About the Conference**

The conference will be held December 5 – 7, 2018 at The Capital Hilton in Washington, DC.
About the Workshops

The conference workshops facilitate an active exchange of approaches and ideas to improve housing conditions for the rural poor.

We encourage proposals that include more than a lecture and seek to engage participants. Possible methods of engagement could include:

- Discussion
- Case Study
- Role Play
- Small Group Activity.

The 2018 Rural Housing Conference will be paperless (except when needed for workshop engagement). All materials will be made available to participants via the conference app and conference website.

Workshops on emerging topics or new angles on perennial issues are encouraged.

Workshops that connect housing with other topics (e.g. health, sustainability and the environment, economic and community development, etc.) are welcome.
Submission Guidelines

HAC invites interested parties to submit workshop proposals to 2018workshops@ruralhome.org. Proposals should be for 60–75 minute workshops. Proposals should be in PDF format and include the following information:

- Workshop title
- Topic(s) the workshop will address
- Relevance to the rural, affordable housing community
- Experience that make the proposers well suited for organizing and presenting the workshop
- Brief workshop outline
- Proposers’ names, titles, affiliations, contact information and brief bios (or links to bios).

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected based on:

- Educational value to conference participants
- Well-defined proposal focus
- Potential to contribute to a balanced conference program.

Submission of a workshop proposal does not guarantee its acceptance.