



Form RD 3550-1  
(Rev. 06/06)

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United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development  
Rural Housing Service

**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account or Other Identifying Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Customer

I, and/or adults in my household, have applied for or obtained a loan or grant from the Rural Housing Service (RHS), part of the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture. As part of the process or in considering my household for interest credit, payment assistance, or other servicing assistance on such loan, RHS may verify information contained in my request for assistance and in other documents required in connection with the request.

I, or another adult in my household, authorize you to provide to RHS for verification purposes the following applicable information:

- Past and present employment or income records.
- Bank account, stock holdings, and any other asset balances.
- Past and present landlord references.
- Other consumer credit references.

If the request is for a new loan or grant, I further authorize RHS to order a consumer credit report and verify other credit information.

I understand that under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. 3401, et seq., RHS is authorized to access my financial records held by financial institutions in connection with the consideration or administration of assistance to me. I also understand that financial records involving my loan and loan application will be available to RHS without further notice or authorization, but will not be disclosed or released by RHS to another Government agency or department or used for another purpose without my consent except as required or permitted by law.

This authorization is valid for the life of the loan.

The recipient of this form may rely on the Government's representation that the loan is still in existence.

The information RHS obtains is only to be used to process my request for a loan or grant, interest credit, payment assistance, or other servicing assistance. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Notice to Applicant Regarding Privacy Act information. I understand that if I have requested interest credit or payment assistance, this authorization to release information will cover any future requests for such assistance and that I will not be renotified of the Privacy Act information unless the Privacy Act information has changed concerning use of such information.

A copy of this authorization may be accepted as an original.

Your prompt reply is appreciated.

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Signature (Applicant or Adult Household Member)

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Date

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Disclosure of information requested is voluntary. However, failure to disclose certain items of information requested, including your Social Security Number or Federal Identification Number, may result in a delay in the processing of an application or its rejection. Information provided may be used outside of the agency for the following purposes:

1. When a record on its face, or in conjunction with other records, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto, disclosure may be made to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, foreign, State, local, or tribal, or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, if the information disclosed is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility of the receiving entity.
2. A Record from this system of records may be disclosed to a Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the congressional office made at the written request of the constituent about whom the record is maintained.
3. Rural Development will provide information from this system to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to other Federal agencies maintaining debt servicing centers, in connection with overdue debts, in order to participate in the Treasury Offset Program as required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act, Pub. L. 104-134, Section 31001.
4. Disclosure of the name, home address, and information concerning default on loan repayment when the default involves a security interest in tribal allotted or trust land. Pursuant to the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.), liquidation may be pursued only after offering to transfer the account to an eligible tribal member, the tribe, or the Indian Housing Authority serving the tribe(s).
5. Referral of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to a collection or servicing contractor, financial institution, or a local, State, or Federal agency, when Rural Development determines such referral is appropriate for servicing or collecting the borrower's account or as provided for in contracts with servicing or collection agencies.
6. It shall be a routine use of the records in this system of records to disclose them in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body, when: (a) the agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity; or (c) any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, provided; however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.
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9. Referral of information regarding indebtedness to the Defense Manpower Data Center, Department of Defense, and the United States Postal Service for the purpose of conducting computer matching programs to identify and locate individuals receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the U.S. Government under certain programs administered by Rural Development in order to collect debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (5 U.S.C. 5514) by voluntary repayment, administrative or salary offset procedures, or by collection agencies.
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HS - 1-3550, APPENDIX B  
STAFF:TEXAS

----- A J U S T E D I N C O M E L I M I T S -----

P R O G R A M    1 PERSON   2 PERSON   3 PERSON   4 PERSON   5 PERSON   6 PERSON   7 PERSON   8 PERSON   9 PERSON

Corpus Christi, TX MSA  
Aransas County, TX HUD Metro FMR Area

VERY LOW INCOME	15250	17450	19600	21800	23550	25300	27050	28800
LOW INCOME	24450	27900	31400	34900	37700	40500	43300	46050
MODERATE INCOME	29950	33400	36900	40400	43200	46000	48800	51550
38 YEAR TERM	18300	20900	23550	26150	28250	30350	32450	34500
ADJ. MEDIAN INC.**	30500	34900	39200	43600	47100	50600	54100	57600

Corpus Christi, TX HUD Metro FMR Area  
Kuevas County, San Patricio County

VERY LOW INCOME	16850	19300	21700	24100	26050	27950	29900	31800
LOW INCOME	27000	30850	34700	38550	41650	44700	47800	50900
MODERATE INCOME	32500	36350	40200	44050	47150	50200	53300	56400
38 YEAR TERM	20250	23100	26000	28900	31200	33500	35850	38150
ADJ. MEDIAN INC.**	33700	38600	43400	48200	52100	55900	59800	63600

Free County, TX

VERY LOW INCOME	15250	17450	19600	21800	23550	25300	27050	28800
LOW INCOME	24450	27900	31400	34900	37700	40500	43300	46050
MODERATE INCOME	29950	33400	36900	40400	43200	46000	48800	51550
38 YEAR TERM	16300	20900	23550	26150	28250	30350	32450	34500
ADJ. MEDIAN INC.**	30500	34900	39200	43600	47100	50600	54100	57600

Brooks County, TX

VERY LOW INCOME	15250	17450	19600	21800	23550	25300	27050	28800
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Duval County, TX

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FOR WHICH \$5500 SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE RESPECTIVE LOW-INCOME LIMIT FOR 4+ PERSON FAMILIES  
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HB - 1 -3550, APPENDIX 9  
STATE:TEXAS

----- A D J U S T E D I N C O M E L I M I T S -----

P R O C R A M	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON	9 PERSON*
<b>Jain Wells County, TX</b>									
VERY LOW INCOME	15250	17450	19600	21800	23550	25300	27050	28800	
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<b>Live Oak County, TX</b>									
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MODERATE INCOME	31550	35250	39000	42700	45700	48650	51650	54600	
38 YEAR TERM	19550	22300	25100	27900	30150	32350	34600	36850	
ADJ. MEDIAN INC.**	32600	37200	41900	46500	50700	53900	57700	61400	
<b>McMullen County, TX</b>									
VERY LOW INCOME	15700	17900	20150	22400	24200	26000	27800	29550	
LOW INCOME	25100	28700	32250	35850	38700	41600	44450	47300	
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