



**HUD Southwest Border Colonias  
&  
Migrant/Farmworker Initiative**

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# Background

- ⇒ 1990, National Affordable Housing Act required the four border states to set-aside a percentage of their of annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The current rates are Texas (10%), New Mexico (10%), Arizona (10%) and California (5%).
- ⇒ 1999-2000, formation of colonias initiative buttressed by lawsuit in Riverside County, CA (\$21M) for selective code enforcement and discrimination practices against farmworkers.

# Mission :

- ➔ To improve the lives of populations living along the U.S.-Mexican Border and in farmworker communities throughout the U.S.



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# Objectives

- ⇒ Improve/Coordinate the efficient and effective delivery of HUD programs and services to alleviate the chronically distressed housing and living conditions of colonias and migrant/farmworker populations.
- ⇒ Develop and implement strategic goals that enhance housing, environmental, socioeconomic and community development conditions.
- ⇒ Conduct outreach and coalition building.

# Objectives

- ⇒ Identify obstacles and barriers to the target population.
- ⇒ Develop local leadership & organizational capacity.
- ⇒ Collaborate and foster relationships with local, state, regional and federal organizations and partners.

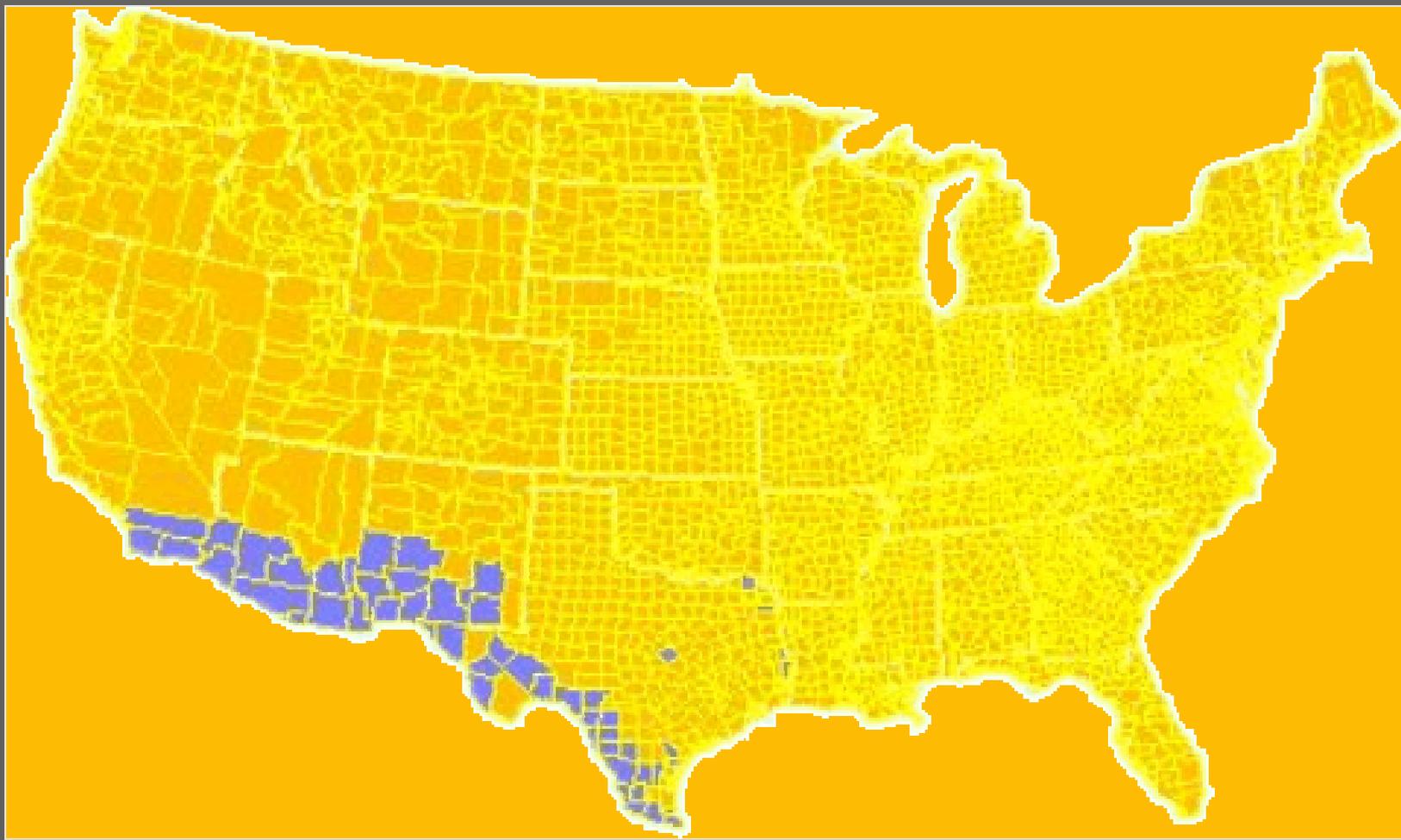
# Colonias

- ⇒ Substandard, very low income, unincorporated communities in located within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico Border (AZ, CA, NM, and TX) that lack potable water, wastewater infrastructure, roads, health facilities & adequate housing.
- ⇒ Colonias do not have formal local government, thus they do not have services that many average citizens take for granted.
- ⇒ Eighty-five (85%) of colonias residents are U.S. Citizens.
- ⇒ Colonias residents have an average income of \$7,000 - \$11,000 per year.

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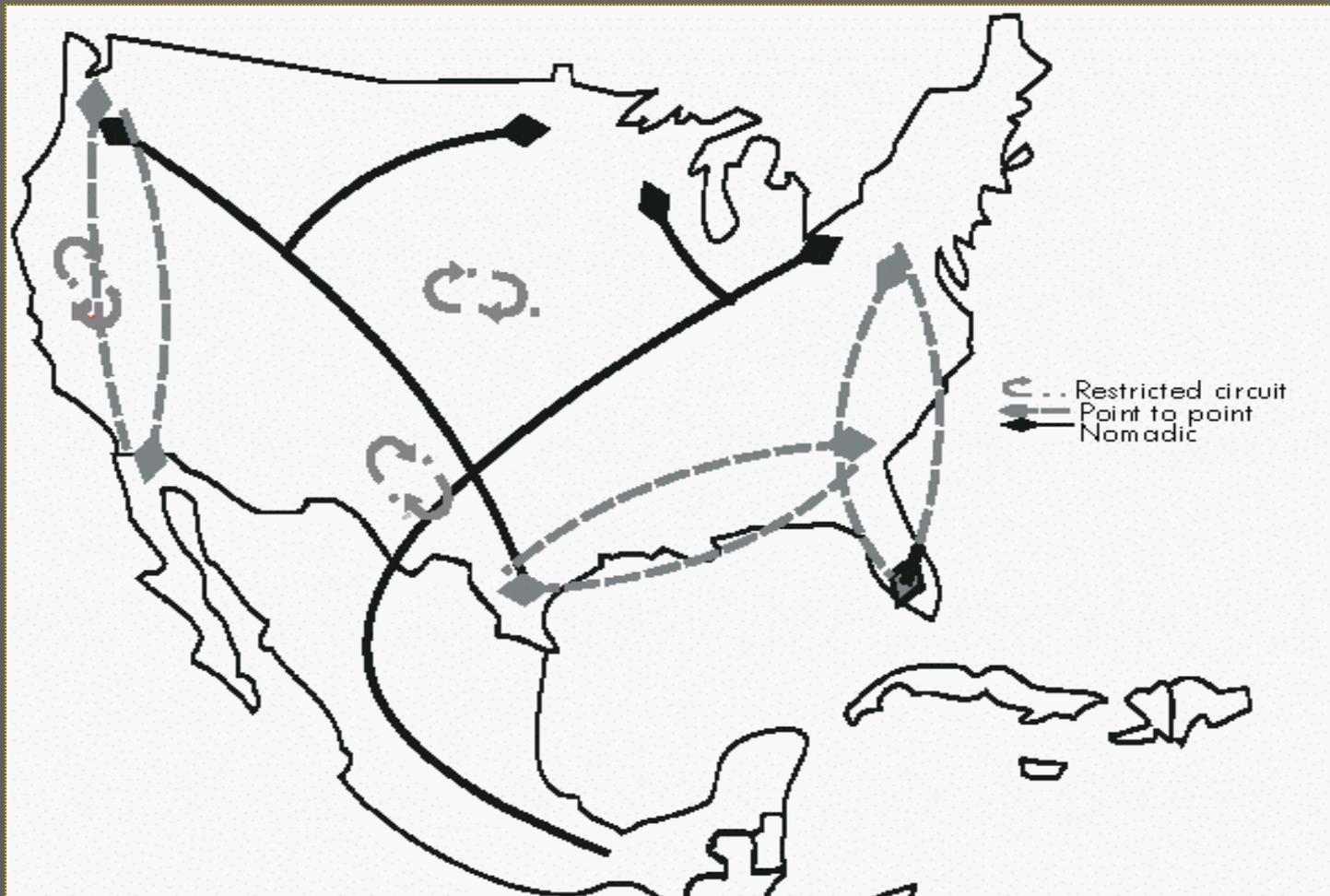
# Migrant/Farmworker Populations

- ⇒ Farmworkers are permanent residents whose principal employment (51% of their income) is in agriculture or agriculture related industries.
- ⇒ Migrant/Seasonal farmworkers are dependent on crops/harvest for their income.
- ⇒ A crowding rate of **52%** that is **10 times** the national average, **88%** Hispanic descent.
- ⇒ Estimates range from **759,669** to **4.1 million**, the more generally accepted number of **2.5 million**.\*

# Housing Conditions



# Migrant/Farmworker Streams



# Timeline – FY 2003

- ⇒ Issue FY 2002 Accomplishments Report
  - \$41 million.
  - 85% of action items achieved.
- ⇒ Practitioners Conferences
  - Salinas, CA (April, 2003)
  - Yakima, WA (August, 2003)
- ⇒ Federal Interagency Partnership Initiated
- ⇒ FY 2004 – *Delivering Results* Report
  - \$46 million (FY 2003)

# HUD Super-NOFA

⇒ To apply for a federal grant applicants must :

**A) Obtain** a Dunn and Bradstreet Universal Number (**DUNS**) number  
and,

**B) Register** in Central Contractor Register (CCR)  
to get an **authenticated e-signature**.

⇒ The place to get information on the process and how to get registered can be also be found at:

<http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>

# HUD Super-NOFA

⇒ Logic Model Training – June 1, 2004  
2:00- 5:00 PM EST

⇒ In FY 2004 for applicants to successfully be funded they will be required to submit a logic model as part of their application. A logic model demonstrates an organization's visual and systematic understanding of the challenges ahead, the resources available, and the timetable they intend to achieve results.

# **HUD Funding Sources**

## **Rural Housing & Economic Development**

**\$25 million – FY 2003 \$5.3 million to colonias & farmworker organizations.**

- ⇒ Application Deadline – May 24, 2004**
- ⇒ Notification of Awards – June 1, 2004**

# **HUD Funding Sources**

## **Housing Counseling Program**

- ⇒ Colonias - \$350,000
- ⇒ Application Deadline – June 23, 2004
  
- ⇒ Predatory Lending - \$ 2.7 million
- ⇒ Application Deadline – June 23, 2004
  
- ⇒ Webcast - June 4, 1:00 – 4:00 PM EST

# HUD Funding Sources

Youthbuild - \$59.3 million total funding.

- ⇒ **New Applicants** - \$10 million to groups that have not previously received implementation grants, \$400K maximum award.
- ⇒ \$9.9 million for organizations targeting **under-served** and **rural** populations, \$400K maximum award.
- ⇒ **Application Deadline** – July 2, 2004
- ⇒ **Webcast** – June 8, 11:00 – 1:00 PM EST

# HUD Funding Sources

**Community Outreach Partnerships Centers – COPC.** Provides funds to two and four-year colleges and universities to establish & operate COPC's to address area problems. Total funding \$6.9 million.

- ⇒ **New Grants - \$5.5 M, \$400 K maximum**
- ⇒ **New Direction Grants - \$1.4 M, \$200 K max**
- ⇒ **Application Deadline – July 9, 2004**
- ⇒ **Webcast - June 7, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST**

# HUD Funding Sources

Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities program – HSIAC. Assist HIS's expand role & effectiveness in addressing local community development needs.

- ⇒ Total funding \$6.95 million, \$600 K maximum
- ⇒ HUD intends to fund two HSIAC applications that serve colonias
- ⇒ Application Deadline – June 25, 2004
- ⇒ Webcast - June 7, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST

# HUD Funding Sources

## Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program – SHOP

For regional and national nonprofit organizations and consortia demonstrating experience in administering self-help housing programs. Total funding \$26.8 million.

⇒ **Application Deadline** – July 20, 2004

⇒ **Webcast** – June 14, 11:00 – 1:00 PM EST

# Additional Resources

- ⇒ To electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies, please visit – [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- ⇒ For funding and other information in Spanish visit - [Espanol.hud.gov](http://Espanol.hud.gov)
- ⇒ For funding and other information in English visit – [www.hud.gov/colonias](http://www.hud.gov/colonias)

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