

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Alternative Housing Program is requesting project proposals from nonprofit organizations interested in receiving donated one-bedroom Mississippi Cottages for the purposes of providing long-term, affordable housing in the lower six counties. Proposals should describe a well-designed rental or home ownership program that will provide affordable permanent housing to Mississippi Gulf Coast residents. Applicants are expected to leverage funds from other sources for land, infrastructure development and other costs. No funding will be available through the Alternative Housing Program.

Presented below are the goals for the nonprofit donation program and instructions for submitting a proposal. These project goals serve as guidelines and are not requirements to receive donated Mississippi Cottages.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations with proof of 501(c) 3 status are eligible to apply for cottages.

Project Goals:

- Projects that assist special needs populations such as senior citizens, persons on fixed incomes, and/or persons with disabilities who are able to live in a non-ADA unit.
- Projects that provide a range of affordability including households earning less than 50 percent of area median income.
- Projects containing no more than 80 cottage units per project location.
- Projects that provide housing for current FEMA travel trailer occupants.
- Projects that will be ready to accept cottages in 30 days will be prioritized above a project that will be ready in 90 days.
- Nonprofit organization's ability to transport cottages.

All projects MUST adhere to the, "Approved Agreement Articles" between FEMA and the state. That document can be found at www.mscottage.org.

Submission Instructions: All proposals should be submitted electronically to Lea Crager-Stokes at lstones@mema.ms.gov. Proposals should be less than 10 pages each. Applications will be accepted until 2 p.m. CST May 22, 2009. All questions regarding proposals should be submitted in writing to Lea Crager-Stokes at lstones@mema.ms.gov.

Applications that do not give clear, correct contract information for the nonprofit organization will not be taken into consideration.