

Rural Business Opportunity Grants - RBOG

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To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Public bodies, private non-profit corporations, Federally-recognized Tribal groups and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.

Applicant must have significant expertise in the activities proposed and the financial resources to ensure that the business objectives can be accomplished. Project must include a basis for determining the success or failure and assessing the project's impact.

ELIGIBLE AREAS

Rural areas are defined as any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants or is an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using the latest decennial census.

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES CAN BE FUNDED?

- Identify and analyze business opportunities that use local rural materials or human resources.
- Establish business support centers and assist in the creation of new rural businesses.
- Identify, train and provide technical assistance to existing or prospective rural entrepreneurs and managers, including leadership development training.
- Conduct community or multi-county economic development planning.
- Establish centers for training, technology and trade to assist rural businesses in using interactive communications technologies to develop international trade opportunities and markets

- Pay reasonable fees and charges for professional services necessary to conduct the technical assistance, training or planning.

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CAN **NOT** BE FUNDED?

- Duplication of current services replacing or substituting support previously provided.
- Fund political activities.
- Acquisition of real estate, building construction or development.

FOR COMPLETE REGULATIONS

Refer to RD Instruction Part 4284-G available on the Internet at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/regs_toc.html

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