



Rural Development Programs For Community and Economic Development



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Rural Housing www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/index.html

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Single Family Home Ownership Direct Loans	Safe, well-built, affordable homes for rural Americans.	Families and individuals. Apply to Rural Development.	Buy, build, improve, repair or rehabilitate rural home as the applicant's permanent residence.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Direct loan.	Up to 100 percent of market value or cost, whichever is less. Loan amortized for 33/38 years. Applicant may be eligible for payment assistance (subsidy) on the loan.
Single Family Home Ownership Direct Repair Loans and Grants	To help very-low-income applicants remove health and safety hazards or repair their homes.	Families and individuals who currently own their home. Apply to Rural Development.	Repair/replace roof, winterizing, purchase or repair of heating system, structural repair, water/sewage connect fees, and similar uses.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Direct loan and grant.	Loan terms to 20 years at 1 percent. Assistance to individual may not exceed \$20,000. Grants only available to very-low-income applicants 62 years or older who cannot afford to pay 1 percent loan.
Single Family Home Ownership Guaranteed Loans	Assist eligible applicants in buying their homes by guaranteeing loans made by private lenders.	Families and individuals. Apply to lender.	Purchase new or existing home.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Loan guarantee.	30 year, fixed rate. Interest rate negotiated between lender and borrower. Loans to 100 percent of market value. No maximum loan limit. Fee is 1½ % of loan.
Mutual Self-Help Home Ownership Loans	Individual homes built by a group of applicants, with construction guidance of a non-profit organization.	Families and individuals. Apply to Rural Development. Loan applications are processed on an individual basis for each participating family.	Construction of a new home, in part by the applicant under supervision.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Direct loan.	Individual families receive a direct loan from Rural Development. Participating non-profit housing organization gets a grant to hire a supervisor and pay other administrative expenses.
Mutual Self-Help Housing Grants	Assist lower income families in building their own homes.	Non-profits and public bodies.	Technical assistance to qualify and supervise small groups of families to build each other's homes.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Grant.	Grant agreement.
Rental Housing for Families and Elderly Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees	Safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for very-low-income individuals and families.	Individuals, limited profit and non-profit organizations. For guarantees, apply to intermediary lender; for direct loans, apply to Rural Development.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Direct loan or loan guarantee.	Up to 100 percent of total development cost (non-profits); 97 percent (for-profits). 30-year term with up to 50 year amortization. For for-profit organizations with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, 95 percent of total development costs.
Housing Preservation Grants	Repair and rehabilitate housing owned or occupied by very-low- and low-income rural families.	Public bodies and non-profit organizations. Apply to Rural Development.	Operation of a program which finances repair and rehabilitation activities for single family and small rental properties.	Rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less.	Grant.	Grant agreement.
Farm Labor Housing	Safe, well-built affordable rental housing for farm workers.	Individuals, public and private non-profit organizations. Apply to Rural Development.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing.	N/A	Direct loan and grant.	Up to 102 percent of total development cost. Up to 33 years to repay at 1 percent interest.

Direct Loans and Grants - Apply to Rural Development. Loan Guarantees - Apply to intermediary (approved banks, mortgage companies)

Rural Business www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/index.html

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Business and Industry Guarantee Loans	Create jobs and stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses.	Businesses. Apply through Federal or State chartered banks, credit unions, or savings & loan associations.	Most legal business purposes except production agriculture. Include acquisition, start-up and expansion of businesses that create rural employment.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Loan guarantee.	Lender and borrower negotiate terms. Interest rate tied to published rate that may change no more often than quarterly.
Intermediary Relending Program Loans	Finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas.	Public bodies, non-profit corporations, Native American tribes, and cooperatives. Apply to Rural Development.	Community development projects, establishment or expansion of businesses, creation or saving of rural jobs.	Rural areas and incorporated places with populations of less than 25,000.	Direct loan.	The intermediary makes loans to businesses from its revolving loan fund on terms consistent with security offered. Intermediary pays 1 percent for 30 years.
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	Finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises.	Public bodies, private non-profit corporations, and federally recognized Native American tribal groups. Apply to Rural Development.	Buy and develop land, establish a revolving loan fund, construct buildings, plants, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utility and service extensions, and rural distance learning networks.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	When grant funds are used for revolving loan fund (RLF), the intermediary makes loans to businesses from its RLF on terms consistent with security offered.
Rural Business Opportunity Grants	Finance technical assistance for business development and conduct economic development planning in rural areas.	Public bodies, non-profit corporations, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.	Technical assistance, leadership training, establishment of business support centers, economic development plans.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	Must be completed within 2 years after project has begun.
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	Finance economic development and job creation in rural areas.	Electric and telephone utilities eligible for financing from the Rural Utilities Service. Apply to Rural Development.	Promote rural economic development and/or job creation projects including feasibility studies, startup costs, and business incubators.	Rural areas and places with populations of 2,500 or less.	Direct loan and revolving loan fund grant.	The intermediary (electric or telephone utility) makes loans to profit or non-profit business and public bodies for rural economic development and/or job creation projects. Loans are 0 percent for 10 years.
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	Establish and operate centers for cooperative development to improve the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives.	Non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education. Apply directly to Rural Development National Office.	To conduct feasibility studies, business plans, and applied research as well as provide training and other technical assistance to new and existing cooperatives and businesses.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria including a minimum 25 percent fund match. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants	Assist independent agricultural producers to enter into activities that add value to their commodities.	Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Apply directly to Rural Development National Office.	Planning purposes such as conducting feasibility studies or business plans; or as working capital to help start the operations of a venture.	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds cannot be used to build facilities or purchase equipment. Funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
Small Minority Producer Grants	Technical Assistance	Cooperatives or associations of cooperative whose primary focus is to provide assistance to small, minority producers and whose governing board and/or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent minority.	To conduct technical assistance such as market research, product and/or service improvement; legal advice and assistance; feasibility study, business plan and marketing plan development; and training.	All areas except cities of more than 50,000 and their contiguous and adjacent urbanized areas.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria and grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds are to be use only for Technical Assistance. There are no matching requirements for this program.
Rural Energy For America Program	Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development.	Agricultural producers and rural small businesses.	Construction or improvements, purchase and installation of equipment, energy audits, permit fees, professional service fees, business plans, feasibility studies.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Loan guarantee and grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Loans cannot exceed 50 percent of eligible project costs. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Grant cannot exceed 25 percent of eligible project costs.
Biomass Research and Development	Finance the research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels,	Institutions of higher education, National laboratories, Federal or State research agencies, private	Research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels, and related	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. A minimum of 20 percent cost sharing

Initiative	and related processes.	sector entities, and non-profit organizations.	processes.			requirements apply, and may be up to 50 percent depending on nature of project. Cost share must come from non-Federal sources.
Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	Educate governmental and private entities that operate vehicle fleets, other interested entities and the public about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use.	Non-profit organization or institution of higher learning.	Education and technical support programs.	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

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Rural Infrastructure www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/index.html

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Provide water and wastewater infrastructure financing for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations. Apply to Rural Development.	Build, repair, and improve public water systems, and waste collection and treatment systems. Also other related costs.	Rural areas, cities, and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Direct loan and grant.	Interest rates are set quarterly based on an index of current market yields for municipal obligations. Repayment period is a maximum of 40 years. Grant funds may be available for small low income communities to maintain reasonable water rates.
Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees	Provide water and wastewater infrastructure financing for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations. Apply to Rural Development.	Construct, repair, modify, expand, improve water supply and distribution systems, and waste collection and treatment systems. Also other related costs.	Rural areas, cities, and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Loan guarantee.	Eligible lenders obtain up to a 90 percent guarantee on loans they make and service. Lenders should contact Rural Development Area or State Office.
Solid Waste Management Grants	Provide funding for technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream.	Non-profit organizations and public bodies. Apply to Rural Development.	Provide technical assistance and training to reduce pollution of water resources and improve management of solid waste facilities; reduce solid waste in streams.	Rural areas, cities and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Grant.	Projects are funded based on selection at the National level. Applications are accepted from October 1 st to December 31 st of each year.
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	Provide emergency funding to needy communities.	Public bodies, tribes & non-profits corporations	Repair, replace or maintain systems that show significant decline in water quality or quantity	Rural areas with population of 10,000 or less	Grant	\$500,000 maximum within 2 years of water decline, otherwise \$150,000 maximum
Native American Grants	Benefit members of Federally Recognized Native American Tribes.	Recognized Tribes or Communities with over 50% Native American population.	Construct, repair, improve public water and wastewater systems and other related costs.		Grant	Maximum grant is \$1.0 million per project.
Pre-Development Planning Grants	Assist in paying costs associated with developing a water/wastewater application.	Public bodies, tribes & non-profits corporations	Pays costs for developing an application for water & waste disposal projects	Rural areas with population of 10,000 or less	Grant	\$15,000 maximum grant or 75% of eligible costs.
Economic Impact Initiative Grants	Provide assistance in communities with unemployment greater than 19.5%	Public bodies, tribes & non-profits corporations	Develop essential community facilities in areas of extremely high unemployment & severe economic depression	Rural areas with population of 20,000 or less	Grant	Maximum grant is 75% of project cost. Unemployment rate must be 19.5% or higher. Amount of grant based on medium household income & population of service area.
Community Facilities Loans & Grants	Provide essential community facilities for rural communities.	Public bodies, non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes. Apply to Rural Development.	Build facilities and purchase equipment for fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan and/or grant.	Up to 100 percent of market value. Up to 40 years or life of security. Maximum grant 75 percent of eligible project cost. Amount of grant based on medium household income & population of service area.
Community Facility Guarantee Program	Provide essential community facilities for rural communities.	Public bodies, non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes. Apply to Rural Development.	Build facilities and purchase equipment for fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Loan Guarantee	Eligible lenders can obtain a 90% guarantee for loans made and serviced by them. Eligible lenders should contact Rural Development Area or State Office.

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Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee	The deployment of broadband service to eligible rural communities.	Legally organized entities providing or proposing to provide broadband service in eligible rural communities. Cannot serve more than 2% of the telephone subscriber lines installed in the U.S. Contact USDA-RUS Administrator, STOP 1510, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1510.	The construction, acquisition, and improvement of broadband transmission facilities and equipment; land and buildings used in providing broadband service; and the refinancing of Telecommunications Program debt.	Eligible rural communities with a population of 20,000 inhabitants or less. The community cannot be located in a standard metropolitan statistical area.	Direct loans and loan guarantees.	Loans are made at the Treasury rate of interest at the time of the advance for a period equal to expected composite economic life of the assets financed. Loans are guaranteed at the interest rate set by the private lender for no more than 80% of the principal amount.
Community Connect	Provide financial assistance for broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist.	Legally organized entities providing or proposing to provide broadband service in eligible rural communities.	The construction, broadband transmission facilities and equipment; land and buildings used in providing broadband service.	Rural areas where no Broadband service currently exists.	Grant	Minimum Grant is \$50,000, No maximum. Must serve only one community and deploy basic broadband transmission service, free of charge, for 2 years to all Critical Community Facilities located within proposed service area.
Electric and Tele-communication	Provide financial aid through direct and guaranteed loans for electric and telecommunications services.	Non-profit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Contact USDA-RUS Administrator, STOP 1510, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1510.	Generation, bulk transmission facilities, and distribution of electric power. Enhance 911 emergency service, digital switching equipment, fiber optic cable, along with traditional main system telecommunications service.	Rural areas.	Direct loan or loan guarantee.	Interest rates are established in accordance with 7CFR 17145.
Distance Learning and Telemedicine	Development and deployment of advanced telecommunication services throughout rural America to improve education and health care.	Incorporated entities, including municipal corporations, on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis, that operate rural schools, libraries, health care clinics and other organizations that operate educational or health care facilities.	Equipment for classrooms: cameras, video monitors, computers, and LAN. Also for physician consultation, radiology, x-ray scanners, and digital microscopes.	Rural areas.	Direct loan and/or grant.	Matching funds are required.

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Summary of Program Purposes

	Land & Building	Mach. & Equip.	Working Capital	Infrastructure	Train/ Tech.
RURAL HOUSING					
Single Family Housing - Direct loan	●				
Single Family Housing - Guaranteed loan	●				
Single Family Housing Repair - Loan/grant	●				
Rural Rental Housing - Guaranteed loan	●			●	
Rural Rental Housing - Direct loan	●			●	
Farm Labor Housing - Loan/grant	●			●	
Housing Preservation - Grant	●	●	●	●	●
RURAL BUSINESS					
Business & Industry - Guaranteed loan	●	●	●	●	
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	●	●	●	●	●
Intermediary Relending - Loan	●	●	●	●	
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant	●	●	●	●	●
Rural Cooperative Development Grant				●	●
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Dev. Grant			●	●	●
Rural Business Opportunity Grant					●
Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Grant	●	●		●	
RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE					
Water and Sewer - Loan/grant	●	●	●	●	
Water and Sewer – Guaranteed loan	●	●	●	●	
Solid Waste Management Grant					●
Pre-development Planning Grant				●	●
Native American Grants	●	●	●	●	
Rural Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee	●	●		●	
Electric and Telecommunications - Direct/guar. loan	●	●		●	
Community Facilities - Direct loan/grant	●	●	●	●	
Community Facilities - Guaranteed loan	●	●	●	●	
Distance Learning & Telemedicine - Loan/grant		●		●	

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