



IDAHO Rural Development ANNUAL REPORT - 2001



Message from the State Director

December 2001

Fellow Idahoans:

We are pleased to report on the activities of Idaho USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2001.

In this annual report, you'll find information about USDA Rural Development programs and how they help the people of our state. After reviewing it, we hope you'll have a better idea of how USDA Rural Development is fulfilling its mission to create new opportunities for rural Idahoans.

Helping to create quality housing, good jobs, safe drinking water, and reliable and modern infrastructure for rural communities remains a top priority. Rural Development employees in Idaho are working in partnership with federal, state, and local government officials as well as the private sector to make certain our financial resources are invested wisely and have the greatest impact on improving the quality of life for rural residents.

The accomplishments you will see in the following report demonstrate Rural Development's dedication to the betterment of rural Idaho.

We want to thank our partners: the private, nonprofit, and government entities that have participated in many of our projects. With their assistance, we have helped many more rural residents than we would have acting alone.

We recognize that the best solutions to rural problems are those developed by the folks on the ground. We stand ready to assist Idaho's rural communities by being an active participant in their growth.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Field
State Director

Annual Report Statement From Secretary Ann M. Veneman

Our country stands united as we report on a unique and challenging year for the Department of Agriculture. In the wake of the tragedies of September 11th, we have worked to ensure the protection of our food supply, employees, customers, facilities and programs. As President Bush has said, “We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.”

During this past year, we faced many challenges, but many opportunities as well. As our new Administration has taken hold, USDA’s Rural Development undertook many efforts to assist and strengthen our rural communities. These efforts included: 950 communities approved for \$1.4 billion in loan and grant funds to establish or improve drinking water or waste disposal systems for more than a million rural residents; 43,000 families received loans to purchase a home, allowing them to realize their dream of owning their own home and contributing to an all time high in our nation’s homeownership rate; and nearly \$15 million in grant funds were provided to distance learning projects encompassing over 590 educational institutions, and \$11.5 million for 41 telemedicine projects involving nearly 236 medical facilities, bringing greater access for rural residents to much needed educational and medical services.

Over the years, we have made great strides to better serve our customers. In September, we unveiled a new report, “Food and Agricultural Policy: Taking Stock for the New Century.” This study focuses on the changing role of agriculture and rural development and how we can work together to provide new opportunities and greater economic growth for this nation’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities. I encourage you to review this report from USDA’s website at www.usda.gov.

Residents in Idaho and from all across this nation are what truly makes America great. We can continue to build on our successes in strengthening our rural communities. And, our Rural Development employees stand ready to assist in any way they can.

Synopsis of Rural Development Programs

Rural Housing Service

To provide safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income rural Idaho families is a central goal of USDA Rural Development. Quality housing provides an economic benefit to communities and gives individuals and families a sound footing, thereby enabling their success.

The Rural Housing Program delivers its services through direct and guaranteed 502 loans, self-help housing loans, 504 loans and grants for housing improvement and renovation, and through housing preservation grants. Direct and guaranteed rural rental housing loans allow for construction and renovation of rental units for very-low-, low-, and moderate-income residents in rural areas. Rural rental housing assistance provides subsidized rent to very-low- and low-income individuals, families, and the elderly who reside in USDA direct-financed apartments.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

USDA Rural Development is committed to assisting with economic growth and diversification by providing financing and loan guarantees to rural businesses. It also provides technical assistance to rural businesses, conducts research into rural economic issues, provides cooperative education materials to the public, and assists communities through the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program. Rural Business-Cooperative Service helps rural residents form new cooperative businesses and improve the operations of existing cooperatives.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service helps fund projects that create or preserve quality jobs. Financial resources of Rural Business-Cooperative Service are often leveraged with those of public and private credit source lenders to meet business needs in underserved areas. Rural Business-Cooperative Service is delivered through Business and Industry loan guarantees, Intermediary Relending Program loans, Rural Business Enterprise Grants, Cooperative Services Division, and Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program.

Rural Utilities and Community Facilities

Planning for, developing, and maintaining a community's physical infrastructure is essential both for service to current residents and for future economic competitiveness. In order for Idaho's rural areas to succeed, citizens must have affordable access to water, wastewater and solid waste disposal, electricity, and telecommunications services. Rural Utilities and Community Facilities seeks to improve the quality of life in rural America through loans, grants, and technical assistance which develop water systems and wastewater, storm water, and solid waste disposal systems in rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less. The Water and Waste Disposal program is placing strong emphasis on Water 2000, a national initiative dedicated to providing safe drinking water in all unserved and underserved households. The Community Facilities Program provides financing (loans, loan guarantees, and grants) to local governments and non-profits with a population of 20,000 or less for health care, public safety, and public service facilities.

Community development goes hand-in-hand with economic development. Community leaders require information on alternatives and opportunities if they are to plan adequately for the future. Communities also must be served by a partnership of state, federal, local, and private funding in order to meet their goals.

Fiscal Year 2001 Accomplishments

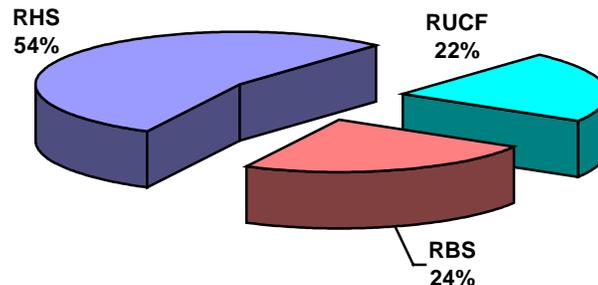
It is the goal of USDA Rural Development to help rural Americans grow and improve their quality of life. We accomplish this by administering programs which help rural residents care for their families and ensure that businesses they start and communities in which they live have the best chance to grow and thrive.

In fiscal year 2001, Idaho Rural Development expended more than \$95.6 million in grants and direct and guaranteed loans in support of rural development activities across the state. These funds helped provide housing for more than 634 rural households; established safe and sanitary water and wastewater systems

serving more than 21,000 rural residents; provided essential community facilities, including health care, fire protection, and group homes to 52,000 rural residents; created or stabilized approximately 917 rural jobs; and provided numerous additional economic, social, and environmental benefits to rural communities throughout the state.

Of this \$95.6 million, approximately 54% was devoted to rural housing activities, 22% to the development of community facilities and rural water and wastewater systems, and 24% to rural business and cooperative development activities.

Fiscal Year 2001 Funds Usage Per Program Area



RHS Total - 54%
 61% - SFH Guaranteed loans
 37% - SFH Direct loans
 2% - Multi-Family/Labor Housing loans

RBS Total - 24%
 51.6% - B&I Guarantee loans
 43% - CAIP loans
 3% - IRP loans
 2% - RBEG
 0.4% - RBOG

RUCF Total - 22%
 72% - WWD loans and grants
 27% - CF loans, grants and loan guarantees
 1% - Solid Waste Management grants

Rural Housing Service

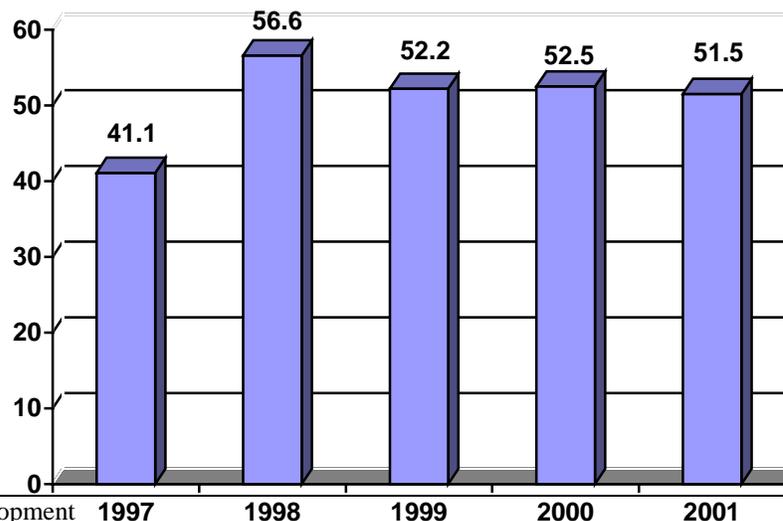
Program Name	Dollars Obligated	Participation Amount	Percent of Participation
Single Family Housing Loans (Section 502)			
Very Low Income	\$8,610,061	\$2,024,628	24%
Low Income	\$10,172,293	\$3,247,136	32%
Repair & Rehabilitation Grants (Section 504)	\$301,710	\$2,820	1%
Repair & Rehabilitation Loans (Section 504)	\$308,133	\$2,000	1%
Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans	\$31,142,580	N/A	N/A
Farm Labor Housing (Section 514)	\$-0-	\$-0-	0%
Multi-Family Housing Loans (Section 515)	\$955,000	\$18,000	2%
Housing Preservation Grants (Section 533)	\$-0-	\$-0-	0%

In 2001, Rural Housing Service provided approximately \$18,782,354 in direct funds and \$31,142,580 in guaranteed funds to help 634 rural families buy single family homes. Also, \$609,843 in grant and loan funds assisted 111 very-low-income homeowners with removal of health and safety hazards or rehabilitation of their existing dwellings.

Rural Development provided \$955,000 to rehabilitate existing rental housing units in McCall, Hailey, New Plymouth, and Rupert, Idaho. In total, Idaho's Rural Housing Service invested more than \$51,489,777 either as direct loans and grants or guaranteed loans in rural housing.

Five Year Funding History for RHS

Dollars obligated shown in millions



Rural Business-Cooperative Service

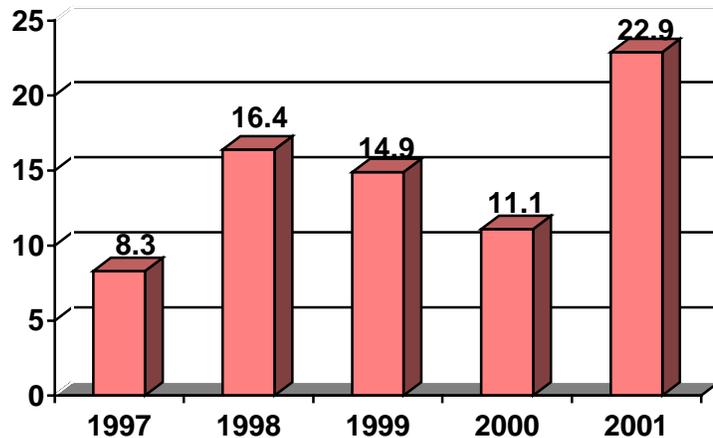
Program Name	Dollars Obligated	Participation Amount	Total Investment	#Jobs
Business and Industry Loan Guarantee	\$11,795,745	\$12,000,396	\$23,796,141	404.5
Business and Industry Loan Guarantee (CAIP)	\$ 9,843,940	\$ 8,485,585	\$18,329,525	183
Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)	\$ 525,011	\$ 3,911,600	\$ 4,436,611	245
Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	\$ 600,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 710,000	85
Rural Business opportunity Grant (RBOG)	\$ 90,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 108,000	
Total	\$22,854,696	\$24,525,581	\$47,380,277	917.5

Rural Development provided financing to promote the start-up or expansion of rural business or cooperatives, creating or preserving 917 jobs in the rural areas served. \$22,854,696 in Rural Development, Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) program assistance was provided to rural projects as guaranteed loans, grants made to third parties, or loans made to intermediaries to facilitate the development of rural businesses and cooperatives.

RBS program assistance was leveraged with \$24,525,581 from our Partners, for a total investment in rural projects and communities of \$47,380,277. Idaho RBS provided technical assistance services to cooperatives and cooperative steering committees to facilitate cooperative development. RBS assisted rural communities via outreach and education through the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Initiative.

Five Year Funding History for RBS

Dollars obligated shown in millions



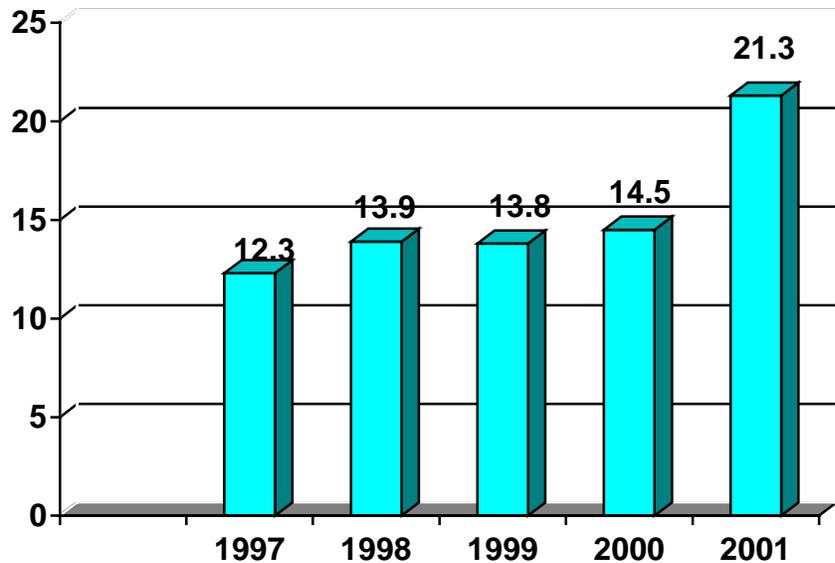
Rural Utilities and Community Facilities

Program Name	Dollars Obligated	Participation Amount	Total
Water & Waste Disposal			
Loans	\$6,442,000	} \$5,394,658	\$17,636,958
Grants	\$3,409,800		
Native American	\$1,470,000		
ECWAG	\$920,500		
Solid Waste Management Grants	\$186,822		\$186,822
Community Facilities			
Direct Loans	\$1,975,500	} \$3,395,591	\$8,432,814
Grants	\$102,000		
Guaranteed Loans	\$1,624,000		
Special Initiative Grants	\$1,335,723		
Electric Loans	\$3,860,000		\$3,860,000
Totals	\$21,326,345	\$8,790,249	\$30,116,594

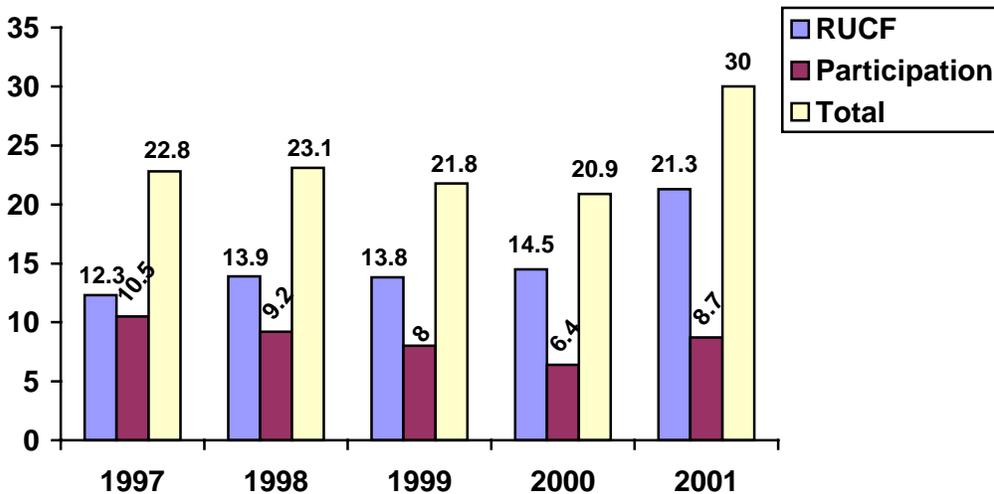
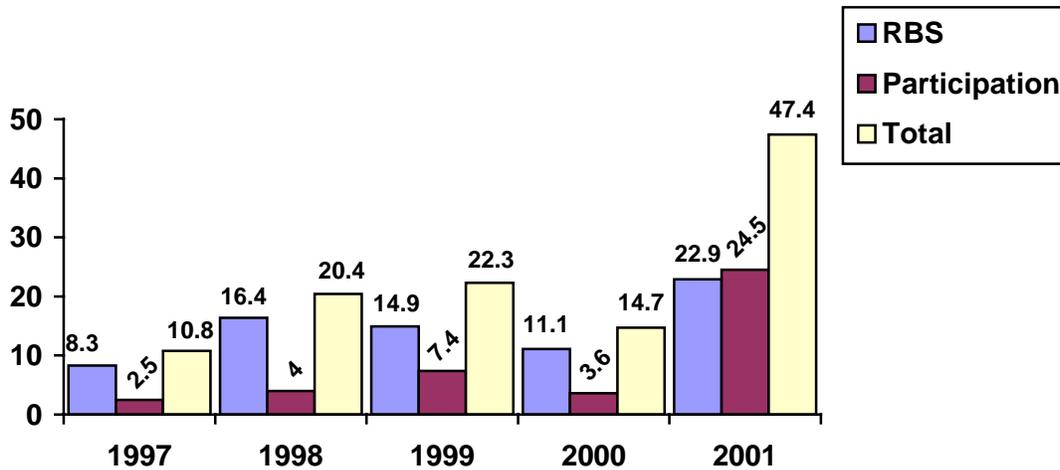
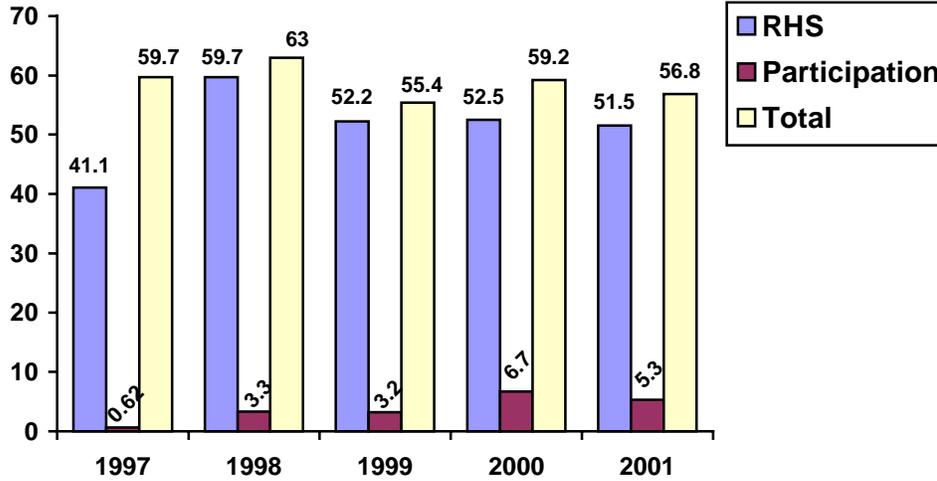
In fiscal year 2001, \$13,572,300 in loans and grants were provided for rural water or wastewater projects that serve approximately 21,000 rural residents, and \$186,822 in grant funds were provided for three solid waste management technical assistance projects. These monies included a grant to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to assist in getting safe drinking water to residents currently using contaminated ground water, a loan and a grant to the Nez Perce Tribe to provide wastewater service to Native Americans in the East Kamiah area with failing septic systems, and Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants to five communities in Idaho who experienced

significant decline in water quality and/or water quantity. Rural Development also provided approximately \$5,035,223 in loan and grant funds which assisted in financing new or improved community facilities servicing approximately 52,000 rural residents. The Community Facility funding included a direct and guaranteed loan to Ashton Memorial for a 28-bed nursing home in Ashton, a direct loan and guaranteed loan to the Custer Health Care Association for a 28-bed assisted-living facility in Challis, and a \$135,000 grant to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes for a college-level educational facility on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Five Year Funding History for RUCF
Dollars obligated shown in millions



Participation - The following graphs show the dollar amounts leveraged by our partners for Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities & Community Facilities.



**IDAHO GRH LOANS BY LENDER
FISCAL YEARS 2000 & 2001**

NAME OF LENDER	TYPE OF LENDER APPROVAL	# FY 2000	\$ FY 2000	# FY 2001	\$ FY 2001
Academy Mortgage				6	\$581,210
Action Mortgage	State	2	\$168,590	4	\$375,269
Allied Mortgage				1	\$201,200
American Mortgage	National	1	\$95,000		
Bank of Commerce	State	12	\$979,295	13	\$905,360
Bank of Idaho fka B. of Eastern ID	State	32	\$2,111,300	38	\$2,569,500
Cache Mortgage	State				
Cache Valley Bank				2	205,000
Central Pacific Mortgage	National	1	\$69,500		
Chase Manhattan Mortgage	National	15	\$1,159,150	19	\$1,782,258
Cherry Creek Mortgage				7	\$675,500
Colonial fka Interwest	National	3	\$218,500	6	\$464,440
Continental Savings Bank	National				
Countrywide Home Loans	National	28	\$178,000	24	\$2,055,700
Crossland Mortgage	National	2			
First Colony Mortgage Corp.				12	\$1,035,676
First Federal Savings Bank				4	\$240,230
First Horizon fka FT Mortgage Co.	National	18	\$1,330,030	17	\$1,214,616
First Mortgage	State	4	\$361,214	2	\$165,500
First Security Bank	National	58	\$5,096,709	10	\$891,350
FirstBank Northwest	State	22	\$2,005,270	16	\$1,460,811
Global Credit Union				4	\$355,150
Home Federal Savings & Loan	State	10	\$767,017	4	\$313,542
Home Mortgage	State	3	\$264,289		
Home Street Mortgage	National	1	\$100,650		
Idaho Independent Bank	State	2	\$181,425	14	\$1,390,600
Idaho State University Fed. Credit				1	\$61,900
Ireland Bank	State	2	\$155,900	6	\$471,900
Irwin Mortgage	National				
M&T Mortgage	National	15	\$1,314,952	9	\$904,767
Magic Valley Bank	State	27	\$1,752,000	34	\$2,412,100
Major Mortgage	National	2	\$118,000		
Mann Financial	National				
Mortgage Capital Resources	National				
Mountain West Bank	State	27	\$1,692,699	12	\$1,210,914
National City fka AccuMortgage	National	16	\$1,482,335	15	\$1,397,521
North American Mortgage	National	39	\$3,339,096	28	\$2,603,795
Old Kent Mortgage	National	10	\$849,379	10	\$723,000
Republic Mortgage	National	29	\$2,542,785	12	\$1,130,900
Republic Northwest, LLC				7	\$591,900
Washington Trust Bank	State	3	\$244,475	3	\$274,790
Wells Fargo fka Norwest Mortgage	National	3	\$235,000	19	\$1,991,516
Young Mortgage	State	3	\$290,500	1	\$90,400
Zion's Mortgage	National	13	\$1,083,220	4	\$324,500
TOTAL's		394	\$32,377,274	364	31,072,815

Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans: Fiscal Years 2000 & 2001

Lender	Location	Number of Loans FY 2000	Amount of Loans FY 2000	Number of Loans FY 2001	Amount of Loans FY 2001
Farm Credit Services	Twin Falls			2	\$ 5,000,000
Farmers & Merchants	Caldwell	1	\$ 233,000		
First Security Bank, NA	Burley			1	\$ 350,000
First Security Bank, NA	Idaho Falls	1	\$ 405,330		
First Security Bank, NA	Nampa	1	\$ 1,950,000	1	\$ 415,000
First Security Bank, NA/Wells Fargo	Sandpoint, Hayden	2	\$ 568,000	3	\$ 1,526,000
FirstBank Northwest	Coeur d'Alene	2	\$ 1,610,000		
GE Capital	St. Louis, MO	1	\$ 1,650,000		
Keybank National Association	Twin Falls			2	\$ 3,023,685
Northwest Farm Credit Services	Spokane, WA			1	\$ 1,500,000
US Bank, NA	Idaho Falls	1	\$ 1,000,000		
US Bank, NA	Pocatello			1	\$ 740,000
US Bank, NA	Preston	1	\$ 280,000	2	\$ 485,000
Zions Bank	St. Louis, MO	1	\$ 2,200,000	2	\$ 7,400,000
	TOTAL	11	\$ 9,896,330.00	15	\$ 20,439,685

Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans: Fiscal Year 2001

Lender	Location	Number of Loans FY 2001	Amount of Loans FY 2001
Wells Fargo	Twin Falls	1	\$115,000
RCAC	Sacramento	1	\$74,000
Bank of Idaho	Ashton	1	\$1,100,000
Bank of Idaho	Idaho Falls	1	\$215,000
Bank of Idaho	Idaho Falls	1	\$120,000
Totals		5	\$1,624,000

Fiscal Year 2001 Highlights

Rural Housing

Multi-Family Housing

Multi-Family Housing funds were used to rehabilitate a 24-unit housing complex for the elderly in New Plymouth, Idaho. New vinyl siding and windows were installed to further improve the longevity of the property and make it more energy-efficient. New concrete walkways were installed to remove tripping hazards.

The U.S. Government's real estate owned (REO) 18-unit family inventory property located in McCall, Idaho was sold to Elderly Opportunity Agency, Inc. A rehabilitation loan was made to replace windows and update the interiors of the complex and to meet accessibility requirements.

Rehabilitation loans also were made to a 24-unit family complex in Hailey, Idaho (to replace a roof) and to a 24-unit family complex in Rupert (to replace siding and to meet accessibility requirements).

Mutual Self-Help Housing

Mercy Housing, Inc., was awarded a technical assistance grant to develop a Mutual Self-Help Housing Project in Kimberly, Idaho. Ten families have started construction on their homes and hope to have them finished by summer of 2002.

Success Story

Kenneth and Laura Fuqua wanted to build a home for themselves. His Twin brother had built a home for his family using RD's Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. When Ken was 7 years old, his special education teacher got legal guardianship of him and his twin brother. When Ken was 11 year old, he was involved in a tubing accident that caused him to have seizures. The seizures were controlled by medication, but Ken still had problems with comprehension. It takes him longer to understand instructions. Ken qualified for social security income due to his disability.

With the help of USDA, Rural Development in Caldwell and the Idaho Development and Housing Organization, Inc. (I.D.A.H.O.), Ken and Laura started to build their home in June 2000. Ken's main goal was to have a house of his own, like his brother. After a year-long struggle, and a lot of people helping to transport them, they moved into their new home in April 2001.



Ken's adopted mother, Lois Adair, says: "There is no way I can explain how grateful I am to I.D.A.H.O. and USDA, Rural Development. You have given my son and daughter-in-law a chance to build a future. Being mentally challenged has kept them from other opportunities, and the crew at Caldwell I.D.A.H.O. and USDA, Rural Development did not see it as a problem. Wendy, with I.D.A.H.O. and the others at USDA, Rural Development have gone the extra mile and then some to help them succeed. This program truly gives the "chance of a lifetime" to people that are unable to meet the strict guidelines of other programs.

"I do hope that this program will continue to offer a future to other families out there that want a hand up and not a hand out. The concept of this project: Let us help you build your own— makes more sense than: Let us give you one!

"I realize that 'Thank You' is not much, but I don't know what else to say. You have given my child something that I couldn't....Pride in a home that he helped build."

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan

In 1990 the business community of the small rural Idaho city of Orofino participated with Lewis-Clark State College in an economic development project funded by a federal grant. Through several survey methods, the citizens of the community voiced their concerns that the greatest need of the area was a retirement center. With no retirement or assisted care center in the area, Orofino was losing its seniors to housing in other communities. This required relocation to Lewiston, Idaho/Clarkston, Washington (a travel time of over an hour) or to the Spokane, Washington area (a travel time of over 4 hours).

Fueled by the survey results that seemed only to confirm what they already knew, a group of Orofino citizens came together in 1995 to form Orofino Retirement Properties, Inc., a corporation owned by 18 investors from the Orofino community. Although significant investment was made by the individual investors, finding financing to complete this substantial project was proving to be a tremendous challenge. Due to the remote rural location and the inherent risks associated with lending in truly rural areas, the group experienced several setbacks in their effort to develop the retirement center. However, they were determined to see the project develop.

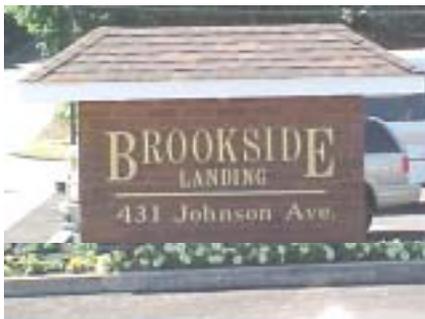
In January of 1999, Rural Development was invited to Orofino to discuss the project. Rural Development met with an enthusiastic group of project investors: the local lender (the Bank of Latah), local contractors, and other community leaders. Upon hearing the history that brought all of the parties to this meeting, Rural Development came away impressed with the sincere commitment of the group to develop the retirement center in an effort to provide this needed service to the citizens of the community.

Rural Development was asked to consider providing financial assistance, through the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantee Program. This was seen as being the final piece to the nearly-10-year effort to develop this worthy project. The local lender, himself a member of the Orofino community who knows personally the investors and understands their commitment, was unable to bear the financial risk of financing such a sizeable project. However, with a B&I loan guarantee, this lender could provide the financing needed to bring the project to fruition. RBS delivered to the Bank of Latah a B&I loan guarantee, thus providing the financial support needed to allow the lender to make the loan.

With the opening of Brookside Landing in May of 2001, the dream first spawned by the 1990 survey has become a reality. Just prior to the May opening, Rural Development was treated to a grand tour of the new facility. In addition to the 28 retirement apartments and 12 assisted living apartment units, the complex has two dining areas, common lounge areas, a library, an exercise room, rooms for doctors/nurses, a beauty salon, a physical therapy room, and even a designated area for resident gardening. The facility is advertised as "a place for active, engaged, busy people who've earned the right to relax." Soon after the opening, the apartments were at 100% occupancy on the assisted living side, with a waiting list of 7 more applicants, and was nearly fully occupied on the retirement side.

Paul and Lee Pippenger, two of the owners of the facility, described how when they first started the project, they saw it as a place where their parents could live. Now many of the investors see it as a place where they themselves may soon want to live. The community is extremely proud of their facility and is especially proud of the fact that it is owned by a group of local investors, financed by a local lending institution, built by local contractors, and is serving local residents.

The development of this business, which has added 16 jobs to an area that has an unemployment rate nearly three times the rate for the State of Idaho, has provided a significant impact to the rural economy of this area. In addition to the employment provided by the business, the project provides a much-needed service to the citizens of the community.



Rural Business Enterprise Grant

The economic base of Valley County and the City of Cascade includes timber, mining, and ranching. Accordingly, over the past decade the economy has been strained as all three sectors of the economic base have been under pressure from a number of directions. The community's challenges peaked when, on May 31, 2001, one of Cascade's largest employers, Boise-Cascade, closed their sawmill. The adverse effect upon the community has been considerable in that not only were the mill jobs lost, but also a considerable number of additional jobs through related businesses.

In an effort to replace jobs that have been lost, the City of Cascade is working diligently toward attracting alternative wood product businesses. With the assistance of a U.S. Forest Service grant, the City purchased an existing building located in the community that will be used as a business incubator. RBS Rural Business Enterprise Grant funds will be used by the City to complete a feasibility study that will be used to assess the feasibility of attracting alternative wood products industry to the City of Cascade and Valley County, Idaho.

Rural Utilities and Community Facilities

The FY 2001 Budget for Rural Utilities Service contained funding for the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) program for the first time in many years. This was excellent timing for five Idaho communities that had experienced a serious decline in water quality and/or water quantity over the last two years. We were able to obtain \$920,500 in ECWAG funding for the five communities that met this criteria. A couple of the Idaho projects were unique. The City of Athol received a grant of \$40,000 to go along with \$65,000 provided by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and Idaho Department of Idaho Water Resources to construct a fill station in Athol. The fill station is used by approximately 300 families who live in rural areas of Kootenai County. These families do not have adequate domestic water at their homes. The fill station provides a source of safe drinking water that can be hauled from Athol (at a cost of \$.25/100 gallons) to their domestic water tanks.



A second ECWAG project was approved for the City of Kooskia. The grant of \$262,300 will be used to run a water line from Kooskia, 1.2 miles south along State Highway 12, to the Clearwater Valley High School. The high school's well has been declining in water quantity for several years requiring temporary closures until the well recharged. The new water line will provide a permanent solution to the Clearwater Valley High School's water supply problem.

Another unique project we are excited about is the Custer Health Care Association's (CHCA) assisted living project to be located in Challis, Idaho. USDA, Rural Development has worked for several years with CHCA to make their dream of an Assisted Care Living Facility in Challis a reality. The 28-bed project, once in operation, will allow seniors from the area, who need care, to remain in Challis close to family and friends. The success of this project was due to the collaboration of many organizations, including the Bank of Idaho, Custer County, the City of Challis, Rural Development, and the Idaho Department of Commerce. The Bank of Idaho will make a loan of \$335,000 to be guaranteed by USDA, Rural Development; the Department of Commerce will make a grant of \$500,000; and USDA, Rural Development will make a direct loan of \$328,500.



USDA, Rural Development and all of the partners attended a ground breaking ceremony in Challis on September 17, 2001.

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