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Business • Community Facilities • Housing

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## Business and Agricultural Producers

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Grants may be available for:

- Agricultural producers and small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy-efficient improvements. Examples of renewable energy project are biomass, anaerobic digesters, geothermal, hydrogen, wind, hydroelectric, and solar
- Planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and farm-based renewable energy
- Eligible entities to carry out research on and development and demonstration of biofuels and bio-based products and the methods, practices, and technologies for their production

## Housing Programs

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Grants may be available for:

- Utilizing the Repair and Rehabilitation Loan Program, homeowners can make repairs to increase energy efficiency, including updating or purchasing a new central heating system, replacing or adding insulation, replacing drafty or broken doors and windows, and other essential repairs
- Increasing energy-efficiency at multi-family apartments by making essential repairs to the apartment building(s) or installing energy-efficient heating system(s)
- Utilizing the Single Family Direct Housing Program to purchase or construct a home and include energy efficient upgrades to the home (example: a new furnace)
- Purchasing an energy efficient home. Through the Home Energy Advantage Program additional incentives may be provided

## Communities and Community Facilities

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Grants may be available for:

- Hospitals, schools, and municipalities to convert to biomass
- Enabling rural communities to substantially increase their energy self-sufficiency
- Establishing revolving loan funds (local utility organizations)
- Electric utilities for energy conservation programs and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems
- Municipalities and quasi-municipalities for energy-efficient system upgrades of water and waste facilities



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