

**THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Rural Development**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural  
Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for Fiscal Year 2009**

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA).

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program provides technical assistance and training funds to qualified intermediary organizations to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

This Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) announces the availability of \$6,256,000 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program within the USDA Rural Development. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients such as non-profit organizations, low-income communities, or federally recognized tribe to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. local time, September 24, 2009. The application date and time are firm. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application documents and requirements delineated in this Notice from the RCDI Web site: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>

Application information for electronic submissions may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants may also request paper application packages from the Rural Development office in their state.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rural Development State Office, 220 East Rosser Ave, PO Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502-1737, or contact Alisa Dahl, business and community program specialist at 701-852-1752, Ext. 121.