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**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

## 2002 NEBRASKA ANNUAL REPORT

***\$104 MILLION  
INVESTMENT  
IN RURAL NEBRASKA***



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**NEBRASKA DELIVERED OVER \$104 MILLION TO ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, UTILITIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN FISCAL YEAR 2002. RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE AND RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE PROGRAM DOLLARS INVESTED IN RURAL NEBRASKA IN FISCAL YEAR 2002:**

Direct Homeownership Loans	\$7,863,369
Guaranteed Homeownership Loans	\$29,547,156
Home Repair Loans	\$422,247
Home Repair Grants	\$296,994
Housing Preservation Grants	\$50,000
Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans	\$1,406,350
Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans	\$4,748,000
Rental Assistance	\$5,201,802
Water and Wastewater Loan	\$10,264,200
Water and Wastewater Grant	\$5,813,200
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant	\$648,640
Telecommunications Direct Loan and Infrastructure	\$10,437,850
Telecommunications Guaranteed Loan and Infrastructure	\$315,000
Broadband Loan	\$1,446,000
Direct Community Facility Loan	\$13,069,300
Guaranteed Community Facility Loan	\$900,000
Community Facility Grant	\$449,100
Rural Community Development Initiative Grant	\$760,000
Rural Business Opportunity Grant	\$50,000
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	\$693,425
Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan	\$7,230,750
Rural Economic Development Loan	\$900,000
Rural Cooperative Development Grant	\$294,979
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grant	\$1,635,160

**TOTAL \$104,443,522\***

**\*USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FY02 INVESTMENT IN RURAL NEBRASKA.**

**PARTNERING** efforts in Nebraska continued to build in FY02. **LEVERAGING** of federal, state and local dollars allowed for a greater number of rural Nebraska residents and communities to be served.

**DIRECT HOMEOWNERSHIP LOANS** assist very-low and low-income rural residents to purchase, construct, repair or rehabilitate, or relocate a single family home. **GUARANTEED HOMEOWNERSHIP LOANS** guarantee loans originated by local approved lenders to eligible moderate to low-income residents for purchase/repair or construction of a single family dwelling in a rural area. **\*\$37.4M assisted 659 households to become rural homeowners.**

**HOME REPAIR LOANS AND GRANTS** provide for necessary repairs to owner-occupied homes in rural areas. **HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANTS** afford qualified recipient organizations funds to develop programs to assist very-low and low income rural homeowners with repairs or rehabilitation work to their homes. **\*\$769K helped 144 rural homeowners make essential home repairs.**

**DIRECT RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS** provide financing to eligible applicants and entities for construction of economically designed and constructed rural rental housing. **\*\$844K provided 16 new rural rental housing units; \$473K equity loans assisted in the transfer of ownership of 3 rural rental housing complexes for continuation of 36 rural rental housing units; and \$89K provided repairs to 34 units of existing rural rental housing.**

**GUARANTEED RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS** guarantee loans made by qualified lenders to eligible applicants to construct new or rehabilitate existing rural apartment-housing units. **\*\$4.7M guarantee provided for 60 units of rural rental housing for rural residents.**

**RENTAL ASSISTANCE** is provided to individual residents of multi-family rental complexes through rent subsidies to ensure that elderly, disabled, and low-income residents of RHS financed multi-family housing complexes are able to afford rent payments. **\*\$5.2M assisted 2,236 tenants in rural rental housing complexes.**

**WATER AND WASTEWATER LOANS AND GRANTS** develop and repair drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage in rural areas. **\*\$10.3M in loans and \$5.8M in grants provided for 12 water projects and 7 sewer projects.**

**DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANTS** allow for technology equipment and facilities that provide rural schools, libraries, hospitals and medical clinics with distance learning and/or telemedicine capabilities. **\*\$649K provided for 1 distance learning and 1 telemedicine project.**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS AND INFRASTRUCTURE** meet the needs and demands for rural telephone area coverage (commonly referred to as "universal service"), and provide a source of long-term financing to build rural telecommunications infrastructure. Guaranteed loans back funds provided by commercial lenders. **\*\$10.4M direct and \$315K guaranteed funds added 357 subscribers and brought new and improved services to existing subscribers including advanced telecommunications capabilities.**

**BROADBAND LOANS** finance broadband and other advanced services. Telephone lines constructed since 1995 with USDA financing are capable of providing broadband service using digital subscriber loop (DSL) technology. **\*\$1.4M loan to Nebraska recipient serving 10 states in connecting over 75,000 new subscribers and providing broadband services.**

**DIRECT AND GUARANTEED COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOANS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS** construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve community facilities that provide essential services and purchase needed equipment in rural areas. Guaranteed loans are originated by local lenders and guaranteed by USDA. **\*\$13.1M direct and \$900K guaranteed loans along with \$449K grants provided for essential community facilities in 21 rural communities.**

**RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS** help private and nonprofit community-based development organizations and low-income communities improve their ability to develop rural housing and community facilities. **\*\$760K helped 2 organizations to develop and increase their capacity to undertake projects in areas of community and economic development.**

**RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** provide for technical assistance and business development to conduct economic planning in rural areas. **\*\$50K provided for 16 county economic development planning project.**

**RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS** facilitate and finance development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas. **\*\$693K to 7 businesses established revolving loan funds, renovated/rehabilitated complexes for training center and incubator business, purchased equipment and marketed technical assistance.**

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOANS** guarantee commercial loans for business and industrial development to create and maintain employment, expand, and to improve economic climate. **\*\$4.4M assisted 5 businesses through purchase of processing and storage facilities, working capital, inventory purchase and securing of more favorable rates and terms. \$2.8M for 122 Cooperative Stock Purchase guaranteed loans provided to producers of Rocky Mountain Sugar Growers Cooperative.**

**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS** provide for wide range of rural economic development and job creation projects to improve economic condition of rural areas. **\*\$900K provided for construction of rural school addition and remodeling, building of rural complex for call center and construction of manufacturing facility.**

**RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** establish and operate centers for rural technology or cooperative development. Promotes in rural areas: rural economic development, commercialization of new services and products produced or provided, new processes utilized in production of products and new enterprises or cooperatives that add value to on-farm production through processing or marketing. **\*\$295K to Nebraska Cooperative Development Center helps deliver education and technical assistance to producers.**

**VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** help producers expand customer base for their products/commodities resulting in greater portion of revenues from value-added activity being made available to the producer. **\*\$1.6 M assisting 13 producer groups in agricultural ventures.**