



## Rural Development – Oregon

Business & Cooperative Programs

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### ELIGIBLE RURAL AREAS

#### for *most* USDA Rural Development Business & Cooperative (RBS) Programs

#### General Guidelines:

USDA Rural Development financial assistance is usually restricted to project's located in a rural area. Each USDA Rural Development program has its own definition of a "rural" area. With minor exceptions, the following "rural" area definition is common to all of the following RBS programs:

- B&I – Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans
- REAP – Rural Energy for America Program
- RBEG – Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- RBOG – Rural Business Opportunity Grants
- RCDG – Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- REDLG – Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants

RBS program financing is available to eligible applicants in rural areas. It is not necessary for the applicant to be headquartered in a rural area, but the project being financed must be located in a rural area.\*

A rural area is any location beyond the urbanized periphery surrounding a city of 50,000 or more – in essence, areas not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). A rural area begins beyond the legal boundaries of the urban area, after undeveloped, open country is encountered.

When a series of contiguous, undifferentiated communities stretch out from a 50,000+ city, all of these communities (even when they are less than 50,000) are considered urbanized and therefore ineligible.

*Example:* The contiguous, smaller cities in the Medford metropolitan area.

The most recent (2000) decennial census is used to establish population size. Communities that grow larger than 50,000 thereafter will still qualify until the 2010 census results are officially reported.

*Example:* Corvallis.



You can input project addresses and view exact rural/urban boundaries demarking areas eligible for B&I program participation on USDA's web site:

<http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>

Just select "Business Programs" under "Property Eligibility" and proceed.

*The following is an overview of qualifying rural areas. To discuss specific locations, or for more information, contact USDA Rural Development, Business & Cooperative Programs at (503) 414-3366.*

### **NORTHWESTERN OREGON**

In northwestern Oregon, the Portland & Salem/Keizer metro areas are ineligible. (*Note:* Astoria, Canby, Newberg, McMinnville, Tillamook, Dallas, Wilsonville, & Woodburn are eligible.)

All of the following counties are entirely rural and therefore eligible:

<b>Clatsop</b>	<b>Columbia</b>
<b>Tillamook</b>	<b>Yamhill</b>

**Clackamas County** – Lake Oswego, West Linn, Milwaukie, Happy Valley, Sunnyside, Clackamas, Oak Grove, Oatfield, Jennings Lodge, Gladstone, Oregon City and their urbanized periphery (including Damascus) are ineligible. (*Note:* Wilsonville, Boring, Canby & Sandy are eligible.)

**Multnomah County** – Portland, Gresham, Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale & their urbanized periphery are ineligible.

**Washington County** – Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Aloha, Beaverton, Rock Creek, Oak Hills, Cedar Mill, West Haven Sylvan, Cedar Hills, West Slope, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, and their urbanized communities are ineligible. (Note: Forest Grove, Cornelius, North Plains & Banks are eligible.)

**Marion County** – Salem & Keizer and their urbanized periphery are ineligible. (Note: Turner, Woodburn & Silverton are eligible.)

**SOUTHWESTERN OREGON:**

In southwestern Oregon, the Medford and Eugene/Springfield metro areas are ineligible. (Note: Albany, Corvallis, Coos Bay, Grants Pass, & Roseburg are eligible.)

All of the following counties are entirely rural and therefore eligible:

<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Benton</b>	<b>Linn</b>
<b>Coos</b>	<b>Douglas</b>	<b>Lane</b>
<b>Curry</b>	<b>Josephine</b>	<b>Jackson</b>

**Jackson County** – Medford, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent, and their urbanized periphery are ineligible. (Note: Ashland, Talent, White City, and Jacksonville are eligible.)

**Lane County** – Eugene & Springfield and their urbanized periphery (including Goshen) are ineligible. (Note: Coburg, Creswell & Veneta are eligible.)

**CENTRAL OREGON:**

In central Oregon, only Bend and its urbanized periphery are ineligible. (Note: Hood River & The Dalles, Redmond & Madras, and Klamath Falls are eligible.)

All of the following counties are entirely rural and therefore eligible:

<b>Hood River</b>	<b>Wasco</b>
<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Wheeler</b>
<b>Klamath</b>	<b>Crook</b>
	<b>Lake</b>

**Deschutes County** – Bend and its urbanized periphery are ineligible. (Note: Redmond & Madras are eligible.)

**EASTERN OREGON:**

In eastern Oregon, there are *no ineligible areas*. (Note: Pendleton & Hermiston are eligible.)

All of the following counties are entirely rural and therefore eligible:

<b>Sherman</b>	<b>Gilliam</b>	<b>Morrow</b>
<b>Umatilla</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>Wallowa</b>
<b>Wheeler</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Baker</b>
<b>Harney</b>	<b>Malheur</b>	

Notwithstanding the boundaries of the Census-drawn Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the following communities in Oregon are “rural” and eligible for assistance:

- Ashland
- Talent
- Jacksonville
- White City
- Coburg
- Turner
- Forest Grove
- Cornelius
- Wilsonville
- Butteville
- Boring
- Pleasant Home