

# Rural Utilities Service Programs

## Expansion of Rural 911 Service Access Loans & Loan Guarantees

### What does this program do?

Provides affordable financing to speed the deployment in rural areas of dual-use public safety/commercial wireless networks, addresses homeland security communications needs along America's rural international borders, and finances enhanced 911 capabilities for carriers and communities.

### Who may apply for this program?

This program assists qualified applicants that are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Qualified applicants include:

- Any entity eligible to borrow from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
- Most state and local governmental entities
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Emergency communications equipment providers that, at the sole discretion of RUS, offer adequate security for a loan that the state or local government with jurisdiction over the proposed project is prohibited by law from funding

### How may funds be used?

To finance facilities and equipment which expand, improve or provide:

- Access to 911 services

- Interoperable emergency communications, including multi-use networks that provide on-demand and real-time commercial or transportation information services in addition to emergency communications services
- Homeland security communications
- Transportation safety communications
- Location technologies used outside an urbanized area
- See the Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR 1735

### How do we get started?

- Applications for this program are accepted through your General Field Representative year round

### Who can answer questions?

- Please call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800
- Contact your General Field Representative (GFR)
- Specialized technical assistance contacts are available in accounting, engineering and environmental requirements as needed to aid in the development of rural telephone services and to protect loan security

### What law governs this program?

- Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended in 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq
- 7CFR chapter 1700 et seq

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NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Law Governs this Program?" You may also contact [your local office](#) for assistance.

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