## Denali Commission High Energy Cost Grants

# What does this program do?

SDA Rural Development

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** 

This program assists the Denali Commission in lowering the cost of energy for families and individuals in areas with extremely high per-household energy costs (275% of the national average or higher).

# Who may apply for this program?

- A legally organized for-profit or non-profit organization
- A sole proprietorship
- State or local government entities
- Federally recognized Tribes
- An individual or group
  of individuals
- See the Denali Commission website for further eligibility details

### How may funds be used?

- Funds may be used to finance energy generation, transmission, and distribution initiatives
- See <u>Code of Federal Regulations</u>
  <u>7 CFR 1709</u>

Additional requirements include:

- Borrowers must have legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services
- All facilities receiving federal financing must be used for a public purpose
- Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and nonprofit entities are encouraged

#### How do we get started?

- Applications accepted through the Rural Development National Office
- Call (202) 720-9545 for details
  - The application deadline is set each year by a NOFA
  - The deadline for Fiscal Year 2014 is August 1st, 2014 NOFA 2014
- <u>Program Resources</u> are available online (i.e. forms, guidance, certifications, etc.)

### Who can answer questions?

• Call the Rural Electric Program staff at (202) 720-9545

#### What governs this program?

- Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended in 7 U.S.C. 901
- <u>Code of Federal Regulations</u>
  <u>7 CFR 1709</u>

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "*What Governs This Program*?" You may also contact <u>your local office</u> for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at rd.usda.gov. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*