

# Business and Cooperative Programs California Contacts

## What do these programs do?

Business, Cooperative and Energy Programs serve California's rural communities by helping to grow business production, spur job creation, create energy independence, conduct feasibility studies and business plans, and strengthen access to capital.

## Who may apply for these programs?

Eligible audiences vary depending on the program and may include banks, credit unions, public bodies, nonprofits, ag producers, cooperatives, and Federallyrecognized tribes among others.

Complete program details are available online at

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### Programs

## Business & Industry Loan Guarantee

Lender driven program provides support for rural businesses.

#### Intermediary Relending Program

Public bodies, nonprofits and Tribes can establish a revolving loan fund.

## Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

MDO's can establish a revolving fund for small, rural enterprises.

#### **Rural Energy for America Program**

Energy efficiency and renewable energy support for ag producers and rural small businesses.

## **Rural Business Development Grants**

Flexible program to support rural businesses and nonprofits. Individual businesses not eligible.

#### **Value-Added Producer Grants**

Help ag producers enter into activities that add value to their crops.

## **Rural Cooperative Development Grants**

Establish and operate co-op development centers.

## **Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants**

Help co-ops provide support to eligible producers in rural areas.