

# Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee Program

## What does this program do?

The electric program makes loans and loan guarantees to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. The loans and loan guarantees finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements to improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand side management, smart grid, energy efficiency and conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems.

## Who may apply for this program?

Electric distribution, generation, and transmission providers serving qualified rural areas, including:

- State and local governmental entities
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Nonprofits including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations
- For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company)

## How may funds be used?

Funds may be used to finance:

- Maintenance
- Upgrades
- Expansion
- Replacement of distribution, sub transmission, and headquarters (service, warehouse) facilities
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy systems
- For additional details, see the Code of Federal Regulations

## How do we get started?

- Applications for these programs are accepted year round through a General Field Representative (GFR)
- Program Resources are available online (i.e., forms, guidance, certifications)

## Who can answer questions?

- Contact the GFR who serves your area
- Call the Rural Electric Program at (202) 720-0848

## What governs this program?

- Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended
- Code of Federal Regulations

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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 Governs This Program?*” You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at rd.usda.gov. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*