



Rural Development Loan and Grant Program

Under this program, we offer financing opportunities to eligible Rural Utilities Service electric or telecommunications borrowers to promote rural economic development and job creation projects.

USDA Rural Development provides zero-interest rural economic development loans to local utilities, which are passed through to local businesses for projects that create and retain employment in rural areas. Grants are used to establish revolving loan funds for projects that help improve employment.

Rural Business Development Grants

USDA encourages the development or expansion of rural businesses through competitive grants to local governments. The grants may be used for targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities.

Information on all USDA Rural Development programs is available online or from the office serving your area.



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USDA Rural Development:

Partnering for Prosperity with Local Governments

Together, America Prospers

USDA Rural Development promotes rural prosperity by partnering with local governments to build and improve infrastructure and improve the quality of life in rural communities. We offer long-term fixed-rate financing for public service projects for the purposes of:

- Improving facilities;
- Supporting public health and safety; or
- Promoting economic development.

Assistance under these programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.



Community Facilities Loans and Grants

We offer flexible, inexpensive funding to build public projects including libraries, child-care facilities, schools, emergency and maintenance equipment and facilities, and transportation infrastructure. Our assistance includes direct loans, grants, and guarantees for loans by private lenders, which make additional, more affordable financing options possible.

Community Facilities assistance is available to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes in areas with populations up to 20,000. More information is available at your local USDA Rural Development office.

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

USDA can provide funding to extend and improve water, waste water, and solid waste disposal systems in rural areas. We also offer pre-planning and other technical assistance to financially distressed rural communities.

Water and waste disposal assistance is available to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes in areas with populations up to 10,000.