



## Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

USDA Rural Development and its local partners support entrepreneurs and their employees by investing in small business expansion, leading to greater employment opportunities for everyone in rural towns. Under the REDLG program, we offer zero-interest financing to eligible USDA electric or telecommunications borrowers, who then make pass-through funding available for projects that create and keep jobs in rural areas. Grants are used to establish revolving loan funds to help improve employment prospects.

## Rural Business Development Grants

We believe in the growth of local businesses owned and shared by people who understand their own community's unique needs, and can fill gaps and build opportunities for connection. Competitive grants to local governments can be used for technical assistance, training, and other business development activities.

Information on all USDA Rural Development programs is available at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov), or from your local RD office. A list of state-based offices is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xS9DA>.

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Prosperity with  
Local Governments

Together, America Prospers

The commitment and resources USDA Rural Development brings to rural people and communities helps drive economic security and prosperity. We help power people with modern infrastructure, and support opportunities to build brighter futures in rural America. We offer long-term, fixed-rate financing for public service projects to:

- Improve facilities
- Support public health and safety
- Promote rural economic development

Assistance is available to eligible applicants in areas designated as “rural.” By federal law, the definition of a “rural area” differs under each program. For accurate information, always refer to specific program regulations available at [rd.usda.gov](https://www.rd.usda.gov).



## Community Facilities Loans and Grants

We understand a strong community is rooted in its people. The town is a gathering place where first responders put people's safety first, where schools teach kids, and where hospitals care for everyone. We offer flexible, affordable funding to build public projects such as libraries, child care facilities, schools, and first responder facilities. CF funding also can offset the cost of associated equipment such as office furniture or first responder vehicles. Assistance includes direct loans and grants, and we also provide loan guarantees to private lenders.

Most Community Facilities funding is available to eligible public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and federally-recognized Tribes in areas with populations up to 20,000. CF loan guarantees can support eligible communities with populations of up to 50,000.

## Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

USDA can provide funding to extend and improve water, wastewater, 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, nonprofit organizations, and federally-recognized Tribes in areas with populations up to 10,000.