



Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Various Projects in Rural Areas

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service

FY 2024 Broadband Technical Assistance

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to encourage the expansion of broadband services in rural areas by awarding cooperative agreement funding to eligible entities. This funding supports the delivery of technical assistance and training to rural communities in need of broadband and rural broadband providers. Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes and tribal entities, state or local governments, institutions of higher education (including 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities), nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status, cooperatives or mutual organizations, corporations, and limited liability companies or limited liability partnerships.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$5,248,591	14

Key Information

Total Funding: \$25 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: June 21, 2024
Application due: August 20, 2024

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program>



Awardee Profile

City of Chevak, AK

AMOUNT: \$185,933

YEAR: 2023

City of Chevak received funding to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Alaska Tribal communities of Chevak, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and Paimiut in Alaska.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Agency: Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service

FY 2024 Broadband Technical Assistance

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage the expansion of broadband services in rural areas by awarding cooperative agreement funding to eligible entities. This funding supports the delivery of technical assistance and training to eligible rural communities in need of broadband and rural broadband providers. For the purposes of this program an eligible rural area is defined as follows:

- Any area not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population greater than 20,000 inhabitants
- An urbanized area adjacent to a city or town with a population greater than 50,000, as confirmed by the most recent decennial U.S. Census.

The types of activities Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) funding supports include project planning and community engagement, financial sustainability, environmental compliance, construction planning and engineering, accessing federal resources, and data collection and reporting. Eligible activities include:

- Identifying public and private resources to finance broadband facilities
- Preparing feasibility studies, financial forecasts, market surveys, environmental studies, and technical design information to support broadband services
- Preparing reports and surveys necessary to document the need for broadband services, determine price ranges, and request financial assistance
- Analyzing and improving broadband facilities management and operations, including implementing automation, adopting new software, conducting training, and determining efficiency

Proposed projects must also include a component that allows for active participation and substantial involvement by the funding agency. Projects must contain examples of measurable, substantial involvement including:

- Developing training sessions and outreach materials
- Hosting joint gatherings of community members, partners, and stakeholders
- Providing joint delivery of training for USDA RD programs

Funding will be available through two funding categories:

Technical Assistance Recipients: Projects will assist applicants that seek expertise and assistance to further their broadband effort.

Technical Assistance Providers: Projects will support broadband efforts by delivering expertise and assistance.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes and tribal entities; states or local governments; a territory or possession of the United States; an institution of higher education; non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS

status; cooperatives or mutual organizations; corporations; and limited liability companies or limited liability partnerships.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately \$25 million is available to support awards through this program. The maximum and minimum award amounts vary by funding category. Minimum and maximum award amounts vary depending upon the funding category the applicant selects.

- Technical Assistance Providers: up to \$15 million is available to support awards between \$100,000 and \$1 million. Those applying under this funding category must propose to deliver broadband technical assistance that will benefit rural communities.
- Technical Assistance Recipients: up to \$10 million is available to support awards between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Those applying under this funding category must be beneficiaries of broadband technical assistance.

Cost-Share and Matching

A match is not required.

Contact Information

To submit questions to program staff regarding the program, please complete the form available at www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us and select “Broadband Technical Assistance” from the subject dropdown menu.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program>



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Program History

Year	Total Awarded	# of Awards
2024	\$66,678,118	19
2021	\$58,980,672	28

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Up to \$26 million

Award Range: \$100,000 - \$5 million

Match: 15 percent

Solicitation date: January 10, 2025

Proposal due: April 21, 2025

- Grant application period opens February 20, 2025. The notice is being released prior to the passage of an FY 2025 appropriations act to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications and the agency to process applications.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants>



Awardee Profile

Star Telephone Company
Evangeline Parish, LA

AMOUNT: \$4,005,012

YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to construct a fiber-to-the-premises system to benefit 1,720 residents and two businesses.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Projects are intended to provide community-oriented connectivity to stimulate economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas.

Proposed projects must:

- Serve a contiguous geographic area within a rural area where broadband transmission service does not currently exist
- Offer service at the broadband grant speed to all residential and business customers
- Offer free broadband service for at least two years to each essential community facility
- Provide a community center with at least two, and up to ten, computer access points and wireless access at the applicable broadband speed free of charges to all users for at least two years

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector. A tribal resolution of consent from the appropriate tribal body with jurisdiction over the tribal lands at issue is required if service is proposed over, or on, tribal lands. Resolutions are not required when the federally recognized tribe is the applicant proposing service on its own tribal lands.

State governments or state agencies include American Samoa, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To be eligible, applicants must propose to provide services in areas where broadband service does not exist or is less than 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) downstream plus 1 Mbps upstream. Only one application per applicant is eligible for approval under this program. Existing award recipients through this program may apply for new projects.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$26 million is expected to be available to support awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$5 million through this program. Award announcements are anticipated to be made in September 2025.

The project period will span three years. Funds for the improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a community center may not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the amount requested or \$150,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of at least 15 percent of the award amount via cash contributions that are available at closing. Matching contributions must be used solely for project purposes.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	\$450 million	274
2020	\$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Application Due: Rolling

- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Irving Tanning Community Center Inc.
Hartland, ME

AMOUNT: \$238,000

YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to make critical infrastructure repairs to the community center, including replacing the structure’s 25-year-old roof and improving the heating system.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas must have no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Funds may also be used to pay reasonable and necessary fees, when part of a facility, such as:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisory
- Environmental impact analyses
- Archaeological surveys
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring right

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There are no pre-payment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community. Applicants are encouraged to contact the funding agency for details and current rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan.

Matching and Cost-Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Eligible applicants include public bodies, private nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes located on federal and state reservations.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2022	\$214,241	2

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$540,000

Award Range: up to \$50,000

Match: Not required

Application Due: July 3, 2024

- Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient and will not exceed \$50,000.
- Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients will not exceed \$150,000.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant>



Awardee Profile

Housing Assistance Council (HAC),
Washington, DC

AMOUNT: \$150,000

YEAR: 2022

Funding awarded to HAC focuses on developing the capacity of local leaders in nonprofit organizations to help their own communities. This is done by providing formal trainings, offering one-on-one technical assistance, and connecting local organizations to resources that can build their capacity and strengthen their communities.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, award recipients may assist in identifying public and private resources to finance identified community facility needs.

Eligible activities include:

- Assisting communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identifying resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Preparing reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Preparing applications for financial assistance from the funding agency
- Improving the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities
- Assisting with other areas of need identified by the Secretary of Agriculture

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Addressing climate change and environmental justice: reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities
- Advancing racial justice, place-based equity, and opportunity: ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Creating more and better market opportunities: assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities through improved infrastructure

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants applying as technical assistance providers include public bodies and private nonprofit corporations such as states; counties; cities; townships; incorporated towns; villages; boroughs; authorities; districts; and Indian tribes on federal and state reservations.

Applicants applying as technical assistance providers must be legally established and located within a state or the District of Columbia, and must have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training to ultimate recipients. To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have the necessary resources to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations in rural areas through its staff
- Be assisted by an affiliate or member organization that has such background and experience and that agrees, in writing, that it will provide the technical assistance
- May contract with a non-affiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the awarded funds to provide the proposed technical service

Applicants applying as ultimate recipients must be:

- Public bodies
- Indian tribes
- Nonprofit corporations that demonstrate community ties to the local area through the methods identified by the funding agency

No more than one application per applicant will be accepted.

Funding

A total of \$540,000 is available to support awards through this program. Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient(s); however, awards made to ultimate recipients will not exceed \$50,000. Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients will not exceed \$150,000.

Awards will be made on or before September 15, 2024. Award periods may last for up to three years.

Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, additional points will be awarded during the application evaluation process to applicants that provide at least 10 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions. The most points will be awarded to applicants that provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant>

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants

Grant Overview

This program enables and improves distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. This program is intended to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Eligible applicants are entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including state or local governmental organizations, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit organizations, incorporated for-profit businesses, groups of eligible entities working together, and tribal organizations.

Program History

An award history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$40 million

Award Range: \$50,000 - \$1 million

Match: 15 percent

Solicitation date: January 6, 2025

Proposal due: March 6, 2025

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>



Tips

- Projects must benefit rural areas that have a population of 20,000 or fewer and are not contiguous or adjacent to urban areas that have a population of more than 50,000 people.
- Additional consideration will be given to communities with smaller populations.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. This program is intended to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Funding will support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. Ultimately, funding is intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

Funds may be used to purchase or support the following:

- Acquiring or installing, by lease or purchase, the eligible equipment listed on page 10 of the Guide file
- Purchases of extended warranties, site licenses, and maintenance contracts, for a period not to exceed three years from the installation date, provided that such purchases are in support of eligible equipment included in the project and made concurrently
- Acquiring or developing instructional programming that is a capital asset, including the purchase or lease of instructional programming already on the market
- Limited costs of providing technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment
- Limited cost of purchasing and installing broadband facilities for providing distance learning or telemedicine services

Projects must benefit rural areas that have a population of 20,000 or fewer and are not contiguous or adjacent to urban areas that have a population of more than 50,000 people. Additional consideration will be given to communities with smaller populations.

Projects serving rural communities with high social vulnerability index scores; projects that enable and improving distance learning and telemedicine on tribal lands; and projects proposed by federally recognized tribes, including tribal instrumentalities, will receive additional consideration.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: state or local governmental organizations, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit organizations, incorporated for-profit businesses, groups of eligible entities working together, and tribal organizations.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$40 million in funding is available to support awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million through this program. The funding agency will set aside 20 percent of the total available funds to support projects that seek to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with substance use disorder, including opioid misuse, in rural communities. Awards are expected to be issued on September 30, 2025. The project period will be three years, beginning on the date funds are released.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 15 percent of the total funding amount requested via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Matching contributions must consist of new or non-depreciated items. All matching contributions must be used for approved project purposes.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve electric infrastructure in rural communities nationwide to increase economic opportunities and quality of life. This program provides loans and loan guarantees for 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, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. Eligible applicants are retail or power supply providers including state and local government entities, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$6.02 billion	65
2022	\$2.7 billion	64

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Proposal due: Rolling

- To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate general field representative

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-infrastructure-loan-loan-guarantee-program>



Awardee Profile

Shenandoah Valley
Electric Cooperative
Mount Crawford, VA

LOAN AMOUNT: \$66 million

YEAR: 2024

This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 3,370 consumers and build 122 miles of line. Shenandoah Valley Electric provides service to nearly 99,500 accounts over 8,009 miles of line in ten counties and three independent cities in western Virginia.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve electric infrastructure in rural communities nationwide in order to increase economic opportunities and quality of life. This program provides investment capital in the form of insured loans and loan guarantees for the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacement required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand-side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems.

Funds may be used to finance:

- Maintenance
- Upgrades
- Expansion
- Replacement of distribution, subtransmission, and headquarters facilities
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy systems

The program may also provide hardship loans for qualified applicants in rural areas that are either economically distressed or recovering from an unavoidable event, such as a natural disaster.

All facilities receiving financing through this program must be used for public purposes.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are retail or power suppliers including state and local government entities, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses. Eligible nonprofits include cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations.

Projects must serve qualified rural areas. Applicants should contact the appropriate [general field representative \(GFR\)](#) for their region to determine whether the proposed service area of the project qualifies as rural.

Applicants must have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services. Partnerships with federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support insured loans and loan guarantees through this program.

The interest rate for Treasury-rate loans and loan guarantees will be fixed at the time of each advance, based on rates established daily by the U.S. Treasury plus 1/8 of 1 percent. The interest rate of hardship loans will be fixed at 5 percent for up to 35 years. Additional information regarding interest rates for this program can be found online at [rd.usda.gov/interest-rates](https://www.rd.usda.gov/interest-rates).

In general, loan repayments may not exceed the useful life of the facility being financed, with a maximum repayment schedule of 35 years. Power supply borrowers will be limited by the terms of their wholesale power contracts.

Match and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the program staff, or to the appropriate general field representative (GFR) listed online at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/electric-gfr>.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-infrastructure-loan-loan-guarantee-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Intermediary Relending Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities, especially disadvantaged and remote communities. Eligible applicants are intermediaries which include private nonprofit corporations, public agencies, Indian tribes, and cooperative entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$6,250,000	8

Key Information and Tips

- Total Funding:** Unspecified
- Award Range:** Up to \$1 million
- Match:** Not required
- Solicitation date:** August 8, 2024
- Proposal due:** Rolling quarterly through July 15, 2025
- Priority may be given to applicants whose service area will include areas not currently served by existing intermediaries.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/intermediary-relending-program>



Awardee Profile

O'Brien County, Iowa
Economic Development
Corporation

AMOUNT: \$500,000

YEAR: 2022

This funding promoted job creation opportunities in northwest Iowa by providing 1 percent interest loans to local organizations that re-lend to businesses and for community-development projects in rural communities. The funding supplemented the organization's active revolving loan fund which made nearly 20 loans to local small businesses in previous 12 years.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Intermediary Relending Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities, especially disadvantaged and remote communities. This program will provide direct loans to intermediaries that will establish revolving loan programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients to promote community development, establish new businesses, establish and support microlending programs, and create or retain employment opportunities in rural areas.

Eligible uses of loan funds may include:

- Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing, prevent the loss of employment opportunities, or provide expanded job opportunities
- Business construction, conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development
- Purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, facilities, leases, or materials
- Purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies
- Pollution control and abatement
- Transportation services
- Startup costs and working capital
- Interest, including interest on interim financing, during the period before the facility becomes income-producing, but not to exceed three years
- Feasibility studies
- Debt refinancing

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities recover economically through more or better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through support to rural communities
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to rural development (RD) programs and benefits from RD funded projects

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local lenders or intermediaries which include private nonprofit corporations, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and cooperative entities, which, for the purposes of this program, are defined as entities that are legally chartered by a state in which they operate as cooperatively operated businesses, or entities that are not legally chartered as cooperatives but are owned and operated for the benefit of their members, with the return of residual earnings paid to such members on the basis of patronage.

Eligible ultimate recipients are individuals, public or private organizations, or other legal entities that are located in rural areas outside of cities or towns with populations of fewer than 50,000. The rural eligibility of a location can be verified online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Applicants must have:

- The legal authority to carry out proposed loan purposes and to obtain, give security for, and repay the proposed loan
- Have a proven lending record of successfully assisting rural business and industry or, for intermediaries that propose to finance community development, a proven lending record of successfully assisting rural community development projects of the type planned
- Employ a staff with loan-making and servicing expertise acceptable to the funding agency
- Have a balance sheet with capitalization or equity acceptable to the funding agency and deemed sufficient to sustain lending and business operations
- Be unable to finance the continuation or establishment of an effective IRP revolving loan fund from their own resources, or through commercial credit, or from other federal, state, or local programs at reasonable rates and terms

For non-public body intermediaries, at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership in the intermediary is composed of citizens

Only one loan will be issued per applicant per fiscal year, unless the additional request is from an IRP earmark that serves a different geographical area than the initial non-earmarked loan.

Intermediaries or any of their principals must not have any delinquent debt to the federal government in order to be eligible to apply.

Previous award recipients are eligible to apply, provided that these applicants meet the criteria.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans of up to \$1 million through this program. Applicants that request loans of \$500,000 or less will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process. Total outstanding IRP indebtedness of an intermediary to the funding agency may not exceed \$15 million at any time.

Funding may be set aside for projects and intermediaries serving federally recognized Native American tribes or Mississippi Delta Region counties. Applicants applying for this set-aside funding must demonstrate that at least 75 percent of the benefits of the approved loan will assist ultimate recipients in these designated areas. Funding may also be set aside for projects and intermediaries serving federally recognized Native American tribes or Mississippi Delta Region counties.

Loan closing between the intermediary and the funding agency must take place within six months of loan approval and obligation of funds. The loan term will last up to 30 years. The interest rate will be a fixed rate of 1 percent per annum over the term of the loan.

For regular funds, awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- First quarter: December 1, 2024
- Second quarter: March 1, 2025
- Third quarter: June 1, 2025
- Fourth quarter: September 1, 2025

For set-aside funds for projects and intermediaries serving federally recognized Indian tribes and for Mississippi Delta Region counties, awards are anticipated to be made on June 15, 2025.

For set-aside funds for projects located in Rural Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnership areas, awards are anticipated to be made on August 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants that contribute at least 5 percent of the total loan amount via cash contributions to the IRP revolving loan will be awarded additional points during the application review process.

The IRP revolving fund share of the eligible project cost of an ultimate recipient's project funded under this program will not exceed the lesser of \$400,000 or 50 percent of the originally approved IRP loan amount to an intermediary. No more than 75 percent of the total cost of an ultimate recipient's project may be funded from IRP loan funds. Applicants that contribute at least 10 percent of an ultimate recipient's total project costs will receive additional points during the application review process.

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Applicants should reach out to their [state office](#) for additional information and to apply for the Intermediary Relending Program.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/intermediary-relending-program>

FEDERAL
LOAN PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantees Program

Loan Overview

The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns. Through this program, qualified private-sector lenders may apply for a loan guarantee on loans made to eligible borrowers that are building or preserving affordable rural rental housing. Eligible applicants are qualified private-sector lenders.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$400 million

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: December 16, 2024

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multifamily-housing-programs/multifamily-housing-loan-guarantees>



Tips

- Applicants must contact the program support branch using the information provided in the Contact Information section for application submission instructions.
- Projects located on tribal lands will receive priority consideration.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantees Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns. Through this program, qualified private-sector lenders may apply for a loan guarantee on loans made to eligible borrowers that are building or preserving affordable rural rental housing.

Construction, improvement, and purchase of multifamily rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families are the primary objectives of this program. Funding may also be used for buying and improving land and providing necessary infrastructure. A complete list of eligible funding uses may be found online at www.ecfr.gov.

Housing supported through this program must meet the following requirements:

- Rent for individual units must be capped at 30 percent of 115 percent of area median income
- Average rent for an entire project, including tenant-paid utilities, may not exceed 30 percent of 100 percent of area median income, adjusted for family size
- Complexes must consist of at least five units
- Complexes may contain units that are detached, semi-detached, row houses, or multifamily structures

The funding agency will charge the following program fees:

- Initial guarantee fee
- Annual guarantee fee
- Service fee of \$1,500 for the review and approval of a lender's first request to extend the term of a guarantee commitment beyond its original expiration; for any subsequent extension request, the fee is \$2,500
- Service fee of \$3,500 for the review and approval of a lender's first request to reopen an application when a commitment has expired; for any subsequent requests, the fee is \$3,500
- Service fee of \$1,500 in connection with a lender's request to approve the transfer of property or a change in composition of the ownership entity

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are qualified private-sector lenders. Lenders are automatically eligible if approved and active in one of the following programs:

- Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, or Ginnie Mae

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLBank) members
- State or local housing finance agencies

Eligible borrowers may include most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, and federally recognized tribes. Loans guaranteed through this program will be serviced through the private lender that makes the loan, just as they would be without a guarantee.

Projects supported through this program must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 35,000 or fewer, or on federally recognized tribal lands. Projects located on tribal lands will receive priority consideration.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of \$400 million is available through this program to support loan guarantees in the form of permanent, construction and permanent, or continuous guarantees. Information regarding these guarantees is detailed in 7 CFR 3565.52(c), which can be found online at www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin.

Award notifications will generally be provided within 30 days of application receipt.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, responses that demonstrate partnering and leveraging of third-party funding will receive additional points in the evaluation process.

Any form of federal, state, and conventional sources of financing may be utilized in conjunction with the loan guarantee, including:

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant funds
- Tax-exempt bonds
- Low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC)

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees

Grant Overview

This program provides assistance to private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Eligible applicants are lenders with the legal authority, sufficient experience, and financial strength to operate successful lending programs including federal- or state-chartered banks, savings and loans, farm credit banks with direct lending authority, and credit unions.

Program History

Program history for this program is not available.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$14,624,737

Award Range: Up to \$50 million

Match: Not required

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees>



Tips

- All facilities financed with the aid of a loan guarantee must be used for public purposes.
- Reasonable and customary fees for loan origination are negotiated between the borrower and lender.
- Projects that primarily serve rural areas that have populations under 10,000 will receive priority points in the application evaluation process.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas with a population of fewer than 50,000, excluding incarcerated populations. Funding will be provided to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve facilities for:

- Drinking water
- Sanitary sewers
- Solid waste disposal
- Stormwater disposal facilities

Depending on the circumstances, some funds may also be used for:

- Guarantee and lender fees
- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition and equipment
- Additional borrower labor to install and extend service
- Initial operating expenses
- Capitalized interest
- Purchase of existing facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Debt refinancing, in some instances

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are lenders with legal authority, sufficient experience, and financial strength to operate successful lending programs. Lenders may include:

- Federal- or state-chartered banks
- Savings and loans
- Farm credit banks with direct lending authority
- Credit unions

Lenders may request guarantees for the following borrowers:

- Public bodies
- Federally recognized tribes

- Nonprofit corporations that are unable to obtain commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms without the federal government's guarantee

Eligibility is limited to projects located in rural areas with a population of greater than 50,000 tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias. Applicants may verify address eligibility online [here](#).

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support guarantees of loans obtained through private lenders through this program. The loan guarantee percentage is 80 percent. The maximum loan amount is \$50 million. Loan fees will apply as follows:

- Initial guarantee fee: 1 percent of the guaranteed amount
- Issuance of loan note guarantee prior to construction completion fee: 0.5 percent

Interest rates are negotiated between the lender and borrower. Rates may be fixed or variable; however, variable interest rates may not be adjusted more often than quarterly.

The loan term is limited to 40 years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants that include funds from sources other than the funding agency will receive additional points in the application evaluation process. Lenders must also include borrower contributions in the application.

Contact Information

Contact the [local Rural Development office](#) that serves your area.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to promote economic development and job creation, funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Awards will be provided in the categories of business opportunity awards and business enterprise awards. Eligible applicants are public bodies, state and local government entities, rural cooperatives, federally recognized tribes, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit entities primarily serving rural areas.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of awards
2024	\$7.1 million	100
2023	\$3.8 million	43
2022	\$34.7 million	398

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$30 million

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: October 18, 2024

Proposal due: February 28, 2025

- To initiate the application process, applicants must contact their appropriate [state office](#).

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants>



Awardee Profile

Sheboygan County
Economic Development
Corporation, Wisconsin

AMOUNT: \$99,000

YEAR: 2024

Sheboygan County
Economic Development
Corporation received
\$99,000 to establish a
revolving loan fund
serving at least 10 small,
rural businesses in
Sheboygan County.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote economic development and job creation projects. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Business opportunity projects must be consistent with any tribal, local, and area-wide strategic plans for community and economic development, coordinated with other economic development activities in the project area, and consistent with any Rural Development state plan.

The types of awards that will be provided through this program are as follows:

- **Business opportunity:** funding will support projects that will establish business centers or provide funds for job training and leadership development in rural areas, including:
 - Community economic development
 - Technology-based economic development
 - Feasibility studies and business plans
 - Leadership and entrepreneur training
 - Rural business incubators
 - Long-term business strategic planning
- **Business enterprise:** funding will support projects that finance or develop small and emerging businesses in rural areas, including:
 - Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or/technical reports, or producer service improvements
 - Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights-of-way; construction, conversion, and renovation of buildings; plants, machinery, equipment, and access for streets and roads; and parking areas and utilities
 - Pollution control and abatement
 - Capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for startups and working capital
 - Rural distance adult learning for job training and advancement
 - Rural transportation improvement
 - Community economic development
 - Technology-based economic development
 - Feasibility studies and business plans
 - Leadership and entrepreneur training
 - Rural business incubators
 - Long-term business strategic planning

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies; government entities, including state government agencies, towns, communities; federally recognized tribes; nonprofits primarily serving rural areas; institutions of higher education; and rural cooperatives.

Projects must benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. Information about eligible areas is available online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Set-aside funding may be available for the following types of applicants:

- Federally recognized Native American tribes
- Rural Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community/Rural Economic Area partnerships
- Applicants for projects in persistent-poverty areas or Native American persistent-poverty areas
- Applicants for Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) projects

Set-aside funding may or may not be made available through appropriations in FY 2025 where continued emphasis is given to financial assistance for projects located in these areas. For funding made available in FY 2024, eligible applicants for the Native American and Rural Empowerment Zone / Enterprise Communities / Rural Economic Area Partnership set-aside funds were required to demonstrate that at least 75 percent of the benefits of an approved grant would assist beneficiaries in the designated areas. For funding made available in FY 2024, eligible applicants for the Persistent Poverty Counties, Native American Persistent Poverty areas, and the SECD set-aside funds were required to demonstrate that 100 percent of the benefits of an approved grant would assist beneficiaries in the designated areas. Applicants for set-aside funds may not submit a duplicate application for regular program funds.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve rural communities whose well-being ranks in the most distressed tier of the Distressed Communities Index.
- Are located in or are serving communities with a score of 0.75 or above on the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI).
- Are proposed by federally recognized tribes, including tribal instrumentalities and entities that are wholly owned by tribes.
- Include at least 50 percent of beneficiaries who are members of federally recognized tribes; as well as non-tribal applicants that a tribal resolution of consent from the tribe or tribes that the applicant proposes to serve.
- Are proposed by application from or benefit a Rural Partner's Network's (RPN) community network.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated \$30 million is expected to be available to support awards through this program. This is dependent upon FY 2025 appropriations. The agency may, at its discretion, increase the total level of funding available in this funding round (or in any category in this funding round) from any available source provided the awards meet the requirements of the statute which made the funding available to the agency.

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount for opportunity or enterprise type grants; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. Awards generally range from \$10,000 to \$500,000. Funding will be provided

on a reimbursement basis. Pre-award costs will only be permitted with prior written approval by the funding agency.

Set-aside awards are anticipated to be made on May 31, 2025. Regular awards are anticipated to be made on August 31, 2025. The project period will span from June 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027. Projects are expected to be completed within one year.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants that provide matching contributions may be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process. In order to receive these additional points, a firm commitment in writing of other funding for the project must be included with the application.

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Questions may also be directed to the appropriate state office of the funding agency. Contact information for state offices can be found online at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Housing Services

FY 2025 Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

Grant Overview

RCDI grants are awarded to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas. Eligible applicants are qualified private organizations, nonprofit organizations (including faith-based and community organizations), and public (including Tribal) intermediary organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$5 million	25
2023	\$6 million	30

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$5 million

Award Range: \$50,000 - \$500,000

Match: One-to-One

Solicitation date: July 7, 2025

Proposal due: August 07, 2025 (Grants.gov), August 12, 2025 (paper applications)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>



Awardee Profile

Enterprise Community Partners Inc, MD

AMOUNT: \$250,000

YEAR: 2022

Enterprise Community Partners Inc received funding to support their Rural Housing Production and Preservation Capacity Cohorts program that helps non-profit recipients acquire Rural Development, Housing and Urban Development, Low Income Housing Tax Credit and other subsidized housing nationwide.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Housing Services

FY 2025 Rural Community Development Initiative (RDCI)

Detailed Summary

This program provides funding for qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas.

The recipient and the beneficiary, but not the intermediary, must be in an eligible rural area. For the purposes of this program, an eligible rural area is defined as any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants; and/or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such city or town.

Grant funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Provide technical assistance to develop recipients' capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Additional staff can be hired as a secondary purpose needed to carry out technical assistance/training to the recipient and must support the intermediary's training purpose.
- Develop the capacity of recipients to conduct community development programs, (e.g., homeownership education or training for business entrepreneurs).
- Develop the capacity of recipients to conduct developmental initiatives (e.g., programs that support micro- enterprise and sustainable development).
- Develop the capacity of recipients to increase their leveraging ability and access to alternative funding sources by providing training and staffing.
- Develop the capacity of recipients to provide the technical assistance component for essential community facilities projects.
- Assist recipients in completing pre-development requirements for housing, community facilities, or community and economic development projects by providing resources for professional services.
- Improve recipient's organizational capacity by providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology.
- Purchase of computers, software, printers and other equipment is limited to \$10,000 per award at the recipient level when directly related to the technical assistance program being undertaken by the intermediary.
- Provide funds to recipients for training-related travel costs and training expenses related to RCDI.
- RCDI Funds may be used to pay for a speaker as part of a program, equipment to facilitate the program, and the actual room that will house the meeting.

The following is a list of ineligible uses of grant funds:

- Pass-through grants.
- Funding a revolving loan fund.

- Construction.
- Salaries for positions involved in construction, renovations, rehabilitation, and any oversight of these types of activities.
- Intermediary preparation of strategic plans for recipients.
- Funding prostitution, gambling, or any illegal activities.
- Grants to individuals.
- Funding a grant where there may be a conflict of interest, or an appearance of a conflict of interest.
- Paying obligations incurred before the grant period without prior approval or after the ending date of the grant agreement.
- Purchasing real estate.
- Improvement or renovation of the recipient's office space or the repair or maintenance of vehicles.
- Using grant or matching funds for individual development accounts.
- Funds may not be used for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses for a meeting.
- RCDI Funds cannot be used for meetings; they can, however, be used for travel, transportation, or subsistence expenses for program-related training and technical assistance purposes.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are qualified private organizations, nonprofit organizations (including faith-based and community organizations), and public (including Tribal) intermediary organizations.

Recipients must be nonprofit community-based housing and development organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized Tribes. The physical location of the recipient's office must be in an eligible rural area, defined as areas outside cities or towns with populations greater than 50,000 and not contiguous to urban areas.

Intermediary organizations must be legally organized for a minimum of three years and have at least three years of prior experience working with eligible recipients in housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The intermediary must provide financial and technical assistance to recipients and cannot be the same entity as the recipient.

Individuals cannot apply for this grant. Additionally, intermediaries with outstanding RCDI grants over three years old as of the application due date are ineligible to apply.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of \$5 million is available to support grant awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 through this program. Funds will be distributed on an advance or reimbursement basis.

Grant funds must be utilized within three years from the date of the award. The anticipated award date is September 30, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are required to be provided in an amount that, at a minimum, is equal to the amount of the grant. Matching funds must also be committed for a period of not less than the grant performance period. Grant funds and matching funds must be used in equal proportions; however, this does not mean funds have to be used equally by line item.

In-kind contributions such as salaries, donated time and effort, real and nonexpendable personal property, and goods and services cannot be used as matching funds. Matching funds may be provided by an intermediary or a third party. Other federal funds may be used as matching funds if authorized by statute and the purpose of the funds is an eligible RCDI purpose.

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Applicants may also contact their [local Rural Development Office](#) for questions regarding this program.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2024 Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports Rural Cooperative Development Centers, which in turn, provide technical assistance to individuals and entities improving the economic condition of rural areas by supporting start-up, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$5.8 million	30

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$5.8 million

Award Range: Up to \$200,000

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: April 4, 2024

Proposal due: June 4, 2024

- All project activities must be for the benefit of a rural area.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program#overview>



Awardee Profile

University of Alaska,
Fairbanks

AMOUNT: \$200,000

YEAR: 2022

Funding will be used to improve economic conditions in rural Alaska by establishing and strengthening new cooperatives and offering technical assistance.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2024 Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand, or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually owned businesses through cooperative development centers.

The Agency encourages applicants to consider Projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Creating More and Better Market Opportunities; Assisting Rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure;
- Advancing Racial Justice, Place- Based Equity, and Opportunity; Ensuring all Rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development programs and benefits from Rural Development funded projects;
- Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice; Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to Rural communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. Applicants must propose the establishment or continuation of a Cooperative Development Center and project activities must be for the benefit of a rural area.

Applications must demonstrate that the applicant is providing services to new customers or new services to current customers. If the work plan and budget are duplicative of the applicant's existing award, the application will not be considered for funding.

Only one application can be submitted per applicant. If two applications are submitted that include the same Executive Director and/or advisory boards or committees of an existing Center, both applications will be determined ineligible for funding.

Funding

In FY 2024, a total of \$5.8 million is available to support awards of up to \$200,000 through this program.

The anticipated award date is September 30, 2024. The project period may last no more than one year, beginning no earlier than October 1, 2024, and no later than January 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match of the total project cost; however, Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities that were granted land-grant status under an Act of Congress in 1994 need to only provide a 5 percent match of the total project cost. Additional points will be awarded during the application evaluation process to applicants that exceed the required match, as well as to applicants that provide some or all matching contributions in the form of cash. Matching contributions may include:

- Loan funds from a federal source
- Travel and incidentals for board/advisory council members if established written policies explaining how these costs are normally reimbursed, including rates, exist

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program#overview>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$5 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$5 million

Match: 10 percent

Solicitation date: January 1, 2025

Proposal due: March 3, 2025

- Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/rural-decentralized-water-systems-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP), VA

AMOUNT: Unspecified

YEAR: 2024

SERCAP received funding to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Applicants should consider energy efficiency, resiliency, and water reuse technologies. Loans may be used to construct, refurbish, and service a household water well or decentralized wastewater system up to the point of entry to the residence. In certain circumstances where ground well water contamination is documented, funding may be used to complete work beyond the point of entry to the residence.

Ultimately, the program is intended to increase access to safe, reliable water and septic systems for households in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

Award recipients may make loans of up to \$15,000 that will have a term of up to 20 years at a 1 percent annual interest rate. Where necessary, up to 50 percent of the awarded funds may be used as a grant.

Eligible loan recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be individuals that are members of a household in which the combined household income of all members does not exceed 60 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the state or territory in which the individual resides
- Own and occupy the home being improved or be purchasing the home to occupy under a legally enforceable land purchase contract that is not in default by either the seller or the purchaser

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities that have:

- Expertise and experience promoting the safe, productive use of individually owned household water wells systems
- Legal authority to act as a lender
- Sufficient expertise and experience in lending activities
- Financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant federal and state laws and regulations

Prior awards cannot be renewed; however, previous award recipients are eligible to apply for new projects. Non-tribal applicants proposing to serve households on tribal lands must submit a tribal resolution of support with their application from the tribe, or tribes, that have jurisdiction over those lands.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated \$5 million is available to support awards through this program. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Awards are anticipated to be announced on September 30, 2025. The project period will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of project costs via cash contributions. Applicants that provide more than the minimum required match will be awarded additional points based on the match percentage during the application evaluation process. Matching funds may originate with the applicant or a third party.

Matching requirements only apply to awards funds that are then used as revolving funds, and do not apply to subawards.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Eligible applicants are corporations; states and territories; subdivisions and agencies of states and territories; municipalities; people's utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations.

Program History

	Awards	Funding Range
2023	32	\$300,000 to \$35 million
2022	34	\$36,986 to \$1.5 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$50,000,000

Award Range: Up to \$2 million (loans); Up to \$300,000 (grants)

Match: 20 percent

Solicitation date: August 23, 2024

Proposal due: September 30, 2024* Multiple deadlines

- Prior to applying, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency using the information provided in the Contact section, as long as such requests are made at least 15 days prior to each submission date.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs>



Awardee Profile

Hollis Crossroads Volunteer
Fire Department
Heflin, Alabama

AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

YEAR: 2023

This Rural Development investment was used to provide a loan to assist Mississippi Export Railroad in building a 76,750 square foot shop along with 9,400 feet of track in Helena Industrial Park located in Moss Point, Mississippi. Mississippi Export will hire 24 new employees once the facility is operational, which is expected to happen within one year after construction.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans to successful applicants, that will pass the funding through to business and community borrowers, or ultimate recipients, in the form of loans. Grant awards must be used to create revolving loan funds (RLFs) for this purpose. Both grant and loan awards will be used by the ultimate recipients for costs such as:

- Business incubators
- Community development assistance to nonprofit organizations and public bodies, particularly for job creation or enhancement
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents
- Startup venture costs, including financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital
- Business expansion
- Technical assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the following borrowers described in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, including corporations, states and territories, subdivisions and agencies of states and territories, municipalities, people's utility district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Are current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric, or telecommunications borrowers
- Are a former RUS borrower that has repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act
- Are nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. For persistent-poverty counties, projects may serve county seats with populations of up to 55,000.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$50 million is anticipated to be available to support grants of up to an anticipated \$300,000 and loans of up to an anticipated \$2 million through this program.

Loans will be made at zero percent interest rate for ten years. Loan award recipients must pass on loan funding to local businesses or ultimate recipients for projects that will create and keep employment in rural areas. First-time loans are at zero percent interest. Repayment for loans for ultimate recipients may be deferred for up to two years for projects that include a startup venture or community facilities projects.

Grant award recipients may use funding to establish RLFs. Grant funds must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) upon termination of RLFs.

For grant awards, operating expenses of the RLF are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount over the life of the RLF.

Pre-award costs will only be permitted with the prior written approval of the funding agency.

Project periods will begin on December 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.

Awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- November 30, 2024, for applications submitted by September 30, 2024
- February 28, 2025, for applications submitted by December 31, 2024
- May 31, 2025, for applications submitted by March 31, 2025
- August 31, 2025, for applications submitted by June 30, 2025

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants seeking loans, or the ultimate recipients of loans, must provide a match of at least 20 percent of the loan amount.

Applicants seeking grants must establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) and provide an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount. This contribution may not be provided using other federal grants, unless permitted by law.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): Energy Audits (EA) and Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA) Grants

Grant Overview

This program assists small rural businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing renewable energy development assistance. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power utilities, instrumentalities of state, local, or tribal governments and resource conservation and development councils.

Program History

Year	Total REAP Funding	# of Awards
2023	Unspecified	47

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Up to \$100,000

Match: 25 percent of audit cost

Solicitation date: October 16, 2024

Proposal due: March 31, 2026

- Funding through this program is also available for the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance Program

Click [here](#) for more information.



Awardee Profile

North Carolina State University

Year: 2023

Amount: \$99,737

This Rural Development assessment will be used to conduct approximately 26 renewable energy site assessments for rural small businesses and agricultural producers. These assessments will provide analysis to install renewable energy systems to these operations.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): Energy Audits (EA) and Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to eligible organizations to provide energy audits (EAs) and renewable energy development assistance (REDA) to enable agricultural producers and rural small businesses to become more energy efficient and to use renewable energy technologies and resources. Additional consideration will be given to projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Have a service area that consists of more than a single county or municipality
- Serve 11 or more ultimate recipients

Projects must serve agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Rural small businesses must be located in eligible rural areas; however, this restriction does not apply to agricultural producers. For the purposes of this program, rural areas are defined as areas outside of cities and towns with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized areas contiguous and adjacent to these cities or towns.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power utilities, instrumentalities of state, tribal, and local governments, and resource conservation and development councils. Applicants must assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses. A map of eligible rural areas can be found at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Projects that have a service area that consists of more than a single county or municipality will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process.

Applicants that demonstrate two years or more of experience in providing proposed energy audit (EA) or renewable energy development assistance (REDA) activities will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process.

An applicant may submit no more than one energy audit award application and one renewable energy development assistance award application for the current funding cycle, and separate applications must be submitted for each type of funding. Applications for a combination of energy audit awards and renewable energy development assistance awards will not be accepted.

Funding

An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards of up to \$100,000 each through this program.

The funding agency will determine, based on the applicable departmental regulations, whether awarded funds will be provided on an advance or reimbursement basis. Applicants should detail any additional matching contributions for the project in the application. Applicants that provide at least 5 percent of the total project cost via matching contributions will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process.

Project income must be used to further the objectives of the project or energy audit services offered. Administrative expenses are limited to 5 percent of the award amount.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants for energy audit (EA) awards must require the agricultural producer or rural small business receiving the audit to pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the audit. Applicants that provide at least 5 percent of the total project cost via matching contributions will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process. The points awarded will increase according to the size of the match provided.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): Renewable Energy Systems (RES), Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI), and Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems (EEE) Guaranteed Loans and Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide grants and guaranteed loans to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Eligible applicants are agricultural producers with at least 50 percent of gross income coming from agricultural operations and small businesses in rural areas, including private for-profit entities, cooperatives, electric utilities, and tribal corporations or other tribal business entities. Eligible borrowers for loan guarantees are rural small businesses and agricultural producers.

Program History

Year	Total REAP Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$162 million	338

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: October 16, 2024
Proposal due: Rolling

More information can be found [here](#).



Awardee Profile

Durst Organic Growers Inc,
CA

AMOUNT: \$19,788

YEAR: 2024

This project received funding to help offset the costs associated with installing energy efficient evaporators with electronic expansion valves and electronic controllers. The energy efficiency improvement is estimated to save 4,174 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): Renewable Energy Systems (RES), Energy Efficiency Improvement (EEI), and Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems (EEE) Guaranteed Loans and Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide grants and guaranteed loans to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

Funds may be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems, such as:

- Biomass, including biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels
- Geothermal for electric generation or direct use
- Hydropower below 30 megawatts
- Hydrogen
- Small and large wind generation
- Small and large solar generation
- Ocean generation, including tidal, current, and thermal

Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation, and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as:

- High-efficiency heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC)
- Insulation
- Lighting
- Cooling or refrigeration units
- Doors and windows
- Electric, solar, or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
- Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor
- Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural producers with at least 50 percent of gross income coming from agricultural operations and small businesses in rural areas, including private for-profit entities, cooperatives, electric utilities, and tribal corporations or other tribal business entities.

Eligible borrowers for loan guarantees are rural small businesses and agricultural producers.

Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 residents or fewer; however, agricultural producers may submit projects to be located in non-rural areas as long as the project is associated with an on-site production operation. Applicants may check eligible rural areas [online](#).

Private entity borrowers must demonstrate that loan funds will remain in the United States.

Funding

An unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grants and guaranteed loans through this program. Grant amounts will vary according to project type as follows:

- Renewable energy systems: grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$1 million
- Energy efficiency systems: grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$500,000

Awards will be issued following the state competitions that will be held after the close of each application window.

For grants, the project period may last up to 24 months. For guaranteed loans, the project period will be governed by the loan terms.

Guaranteed loan terms will be based on the use of guaranteed loan funds, the useful economic life of the assets being financed and those used as collateral, and the borrower's repayment ability. Loan terms will not exceed 40 years.

Interest rates for guaranteed loans will be negotiated between the lender and borrower. Rates may be fixed or variable; however, variable interest rates may not be adjusted more often than quarterly.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching requirements will vary according to award type, as follows:

- Grants: applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs
- Guaranteed loans: applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs
- Combined grants and guaranteed loans: applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs

For guaranteed loans, there is an initial guarantee fee, which is currently 1 percent of the guaranteed amount. There is also a guarantee retention fee, which is currently 0.25 percent of the outstanding principal balance, paid annually. Reasonable and customary fees for loan origination will be negotiated between the borrower and lender.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Housing Service

FY 2025 Rural Housing Preservation Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support low- and very low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. This program is part of the funding agency's Housing Preservation Grant program. This program also assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations, and faith-based and community organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$ 18,500,000	136

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$13.1 million

Award Range: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: August 5, 2025

Proposal due: September 4, 2025

Projects must occur in rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people. Alternatively, projects may be located on federally recognized tribal lands.

<https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/359959>



Awardee Profile

Rebuilding Together

Henry County, ILL

YEAR: 2023

AMOUNT: \$120,000

Uses funds to provide housing rehabilitation/repairs to 10 low and very low-income homeowners in Henry County.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Housing Service

FY 2025 Rural Housing Preservation Grant

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support low- and very low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas or on federally recognized tribal lands. For purposes of this program, rural is defined as areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people, very low-income is defined as below 50 percent of area median income, and low-income is defined as between 50 and 80 percent of area median income.

Cooperative housing complexes (co-ops) and rental property owners may receive assistance under this program if they agree to make such units available to very low- and low-income persons. Rental property owners can include Section 515 and 538 rental properties if the eligibility requirements are met for this program. Rental property owners, or the co-op, must agree to make the units repaired or rehabilitated available for occupancy to very low- or low-income persons for a period of not less than five years. The minimum five-year rent restriction for very low- and low-income tenants will only apply to the units that are repaired with the HPG funding.

This program also reserves \$2.1 million of the total funding for disaster assistance for [presidentially declared disasters in Calendar Year 2022](#).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations, and faith-based and community organizations. Projects must occur in rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people. Applicants may check eligible addresses online [here](#). Alternatively, projects may be located on federally recognized tribal lands.

Priority will be given to applicants that:

- Have at least one or more years of experience successfully managing and operating a rehabilitation or weatherization type of program
- Have at least one or more years of experience successfully managing and operating a program assisting very low- or low-income persons obtain housing assistance
- Do not have any outstanding or unresolved audits or investigative findings that might impair carrying out the proposal

Applicants proposing projects undertaken entirely in rural areas outside metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) that have a population below 10,000, or in remote parts of other rural areas, such as rural areas contained in MSAs with populations of fewer than 5,000, will receive additional points during the evaluation process.

Funding

In FY 2025, an anticipated \$13.1 million is available to support approximately 100 to 120 awards through this program. The funding agency anticipates making awards approximately 120 days after the preapplication deadline. The project period will last for 24 months from the date of the executed award agreement.

Of the total amount available under this program in FY 2025, approximately \$2.1 million is available for disaster assistance. Disaster assistance awards under this program will not exceed \$50,000. Another \$500,000 of the total is available for each recovery effort for Hurricanes Fiona in Puerto Rico and Hurricane Helene in Tennessee.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program. Grantees are expected to coordinate and leverage funding for repair and rehabilitation activities; as well as replacement housing, with housing and community development organizations or activities operating in the same geographic area.

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<https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/359959>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises by providing direct loans and technical assistance grants to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs). Loan funds will be used by the MDOs to establish or recapitalize a revolving loan program for making microloans to rural microentrepreneur businesses. Grant funds will be used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses. Eligible applicants are MDOs, including nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, and public institutions of higher education.

Program History

	# of Awards
2023	27
2022	66

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: \$50,000 to \$500,000

Match: 15 percent

Proposal due: September 30, 2024, December 31, 2024, March 31, 2025, June 30, 2025

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>



Tips

- MDOs/lenders may be located anywhere; however, MDOs must serve businesses with up to ten full-time employees located in rural areas outside of cities or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000.
- The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises by providing direct loans and technical assistance grants to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs). Loan funds will be used by the MDO to establish or recapitalize a revolving loan program for making microloans to rural microentrepreneur businesses. Grant funds will be used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses.

Microlenders may make microloans for eligible business activities, including:

- Working capital
- Debt refinancing
- Purchase of equipment and supplies
- Improvement of real estate

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are MDOs which include nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, and public institutions of higher education.

Microlenders that meet all other eligibility requirements and own and operate a small business incubator are also eligible to apply.

Existing MDOs with a microentrepreneur revolving loan fund are eligible for subsequent microlender technical assistance grants. Applicants for subsequent microlender technical assistance grants must complete their reporting into the Lenders Interactive Network Connection (LINC) for the federal fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2025, by 4:30 p.m. ET on August 1, 2025.

Recipients of loans from MDOs are businesses with up to ten full-time employees located in rural areas outside of cities or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area.

MDOs must demonstrate experience in managing a revolving loan fund or meet one of the following criteria:

- Certify that they or their employees have received education and training from a qualified microenterprise development training entity so that the applicant has the capacity to manage such a revolving loan fund

- Demonstrate that they are actively and successfully participating as an intermediary lender in good standing under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Microloan Program or other similar loan programs, as determined by the funding agency

MDOs must also provide an attorney's opinion regarding the potential microlender's legal status and its ability to enter into program transactions at the time of initial entry into the program.

MDOs may only submit, and have pending for consideration, one application at any given time, which is for either microlender funds or technical assistance-only funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available through this program to support loans, combination loan and technical assistance grants, and subsequent technical assistance grants. Loans may range from \$50,000 to \$500,000, with a total aggregate debt cap of \$2.5 million. The aggregate outstanding balance owed to the program by any single microlender is limited to \$2.5 million.

The maximum technical assistance-only grant amount is 10 percent of the total funding available. The grant term for technical-assistance only grants will last 12 months from the date the grant agreement is signed. The maximum loan amount for loans made to ultimate recipients by the MDO is 75% of total project costs or \$50,000, whichever is less. The loans must have a fixed interest rate.

Subsequent microlender technical assistance grants may be provided non-competitively based on project performance and the availability of funds. The eligible grant amount will be calculated based on 20 percent of the microlender's outstanding balance of microloans as of June 30, 2025. If available grant funds are not sufficient to fully replenish each microlender's technical assistance funds to 20 percent of their outstanding loan balance, the available funds will be distributed proportionately based on the percentage of available funds to the total amount of annual technical assistance grant funds requested. Microlender applicants for loan funding may simultaneously apply for technical assistance grant funds of up to 25 percent of the total requested loan amount.

Microlenders will be eligible to receive a disbursement of up to 25 percent of the total loan amount at the time of loan closing. Funds disbursed at loan closing exceeding 25 percent of the total loan amount will only be made if, and to the extent that, the MDO has made a funding commitment to an eligible microborrower that will be closed within 60 days from the funding agency's loan date. Microlenders may request additional loan disbursements until the full loan amount is disbursed or until the end of the 36th month of the loan term, whichever occurs first.

For grants, payments will be made on no more than a quarterly basis. The first grant payment may be made in advance and will equal no more than one-fourth of the total grant amount.

Loans will have a maximum term of 20 years, with a two-year payment deferral. Each loan made to a microlender during its first five years of participation in the program will bear an interest rate of 2 percent for the life of the loan. After the fifth year of an MDO's continuous and satisfactory participation in the program, each new loan made to the microlender will bear interest at a rate of 1 percent.

Administrative costs are limited to 10 percent of the total grant amount.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Grant recipients must provide at least 15 percent of the total project cost via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions, including indirect costs.

For loan recipients, the federal share of the eligible project cost of a microborrower's project funded through this program is limited to 75 percent of the total project cost. This cost share requirement must be met by the microlender through one of the following options:

- The loan covenants between the funding agency and the microlender and the microlender's lending policies and procedures will limit the microlender's loan to the microborrower to no more than 75 percent of total eligible project costs and require that the microborrower obtain the remaining 25 percent of the total eligible project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions
- The microlender will capitalize the rural microloan revolving fund (RMRF) at no more than 75 percent of the total loan amount provided by the funding agency and no less than 25 percent nonfederal funds, thereby allowing the microlender to finance 100 percent of the microborrower's eligible project costs

Loan recipients must establish a loan loss reserve fund at a minimum of 5 percent of the total amount owed by the microlender under the program to the funding agency.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Program

Grant Overview

This program helps qualified, private nonprofits provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; helps applicants prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and helps associations improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas. Eligible applicants are qualified private, tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	# of Awards
2023	29
2022	23

Key Information

Total Funding: \$35 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: October 1, 2024

Proposal due: December 31, 2024

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-training-grants>



Tips

- Projects must take place in rural areas with populations of 10,000 or fewer and/or tribal lands in rural areas
- Applicants that demonstrate a commitment of in-kind support derived from nonfederal sources will receive additional points during the applications process

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help qualified, private nonprofit organizations provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; help communities prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans and grants; assist with improving the management, operation, maintenance, and sustainability of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas; address contamination of drinking and surface water supplies by emerging contaminants; and pay certain expenses associated with the provision of such services. This includes project proposals that support lead remediation, cybersecurity, disaster resilience, water reuse, and decentralized infrastructure.

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status. Tribally owned nonprofit organizations are also eligible to apply.

Projects must take place in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer, or in tribal lands in rural areas. Applicants may check the eligibility of an area online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Applicants must be incorporated by December 31 of the year the application period occurs to be eligible for funds. Applicants must also have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a national, regional, or state basis. During the application evaluation process, national organizations will receive additional points relative to multistate organizations, which will receive additional points relative to single-state/area organizations.

With the submission of a new application, existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new awards.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$35 million is anticipated to be available to support awards through this program. There is no minimum or maximum award amount. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis. The project period will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026. Awards are expected to be made in June 2025.

No more than 49 percent of the total award amount may be used for contracts with non-affiliated organizations to provide the proposed assistance.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants that demonstrate a commitment of in-kind support derived from nonfederal resources will receive additional points during the application evaluation process. The greatest number of additional points will be awarded to applicants that provide contributions of more than 25 percent of the total budget.

In addition, applicants that demonstrate the ability to sustain the project via cash on hand, projected revenues, and outside-source contributions will receive additional points during the application evaluation process.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-training-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2024 Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans that will advance the prosperity of rural communities. Eligible applicants include local governments, academic institutions, Native American tribes, non-profits, private sector, state governments, and tribal organizations and institutions. Eligible applicants are entities that meet the project eligibility requirements of the applicable covered program. Covered programs include Community Facility Loans, Community Facilities Grants, Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans, Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans, Water and Waste Loans and Grants, and Rural Business Development Grants.

Program History

There is no available history for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: Varies

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/strategic-economic-and-community-development>



Tips

- To apply, applicants must meet covered program requirements and submit the [Form RD 1980-88](#) to the nearest USDA office. Applicants who are applying for SECD funding through a loan guarantee program may submit forms under the [OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative](#) application guidelines.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2024 Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans that will advance the prosperity of rural communities. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program awards priority points to projects that support the implementation of strategic community investment plans on a multijurisdictional and multisectoral basis that will be considered during the application evaluation process for the following programs:

- Community Facility Loans
- Community Facilities Grants
- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans
- Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans
- Water and Waste Loans and Grants
- Rural Business Development Grants

Applicants awarded priority points will be considered for set-aside funding in the form of guaranteed loans, direct loans, or grants under the applicable covered program.

Eligible projects must meet the following requirements:

- Meet the project eligibility criteria of the applicable covered program listed above
- Support the implementation of a strategic community investment plan on a multijurisdictional and multisectoral basis

Strategic community investment plans must include the following components:

- A variety of activities designed to facilitate the vision of a rural community for the future, including considerations for improving and expanding broadband services as needed
- Participation by multiple stakeholders, including local and regional partners
- Leverage of applicable regional resources
- Investment from strategic partners, such as private organizations, cooperatives, other government entities, Indian tribes, and philanthropic organizations
- Clear objectives with the ability to establish measurable performance metrics
- Action steps for implementation
- Any other elements necessary to ensure that the plan results in a comprehensive and strategic approach to rural economic development, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities in recovering economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to USDA-RD programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include local governments, academic institutions, Native American tribes, non-profits, private sector, state governments, and tribal organizations and institutions. Eligible applicants are entities that meet the project eligibility requirements of the applicable covered program. Covered programs include Community Facility Loans, Community Facilities Grants, Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans, Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans, Water and Waste Loans and Grants, and Rural Business Development Grants. Moreover, the applicant must propose a project that supports the implementation of a strategic community investment plan on a multijurisdictional and multisectoral basis. Moreover, the applicant must propose a project that supports the implementation of a strategic community investment plan on a multijurisdictional and multisectoral basis.

Projects must be carried out in rural areas. For the purposes of this program, projects must be physically located in a rural area, or all beneficiaries of the services provided through the project must either reside in, or be located in, a rural area.

Funding

In FY 2024, rather than providing monetary awards, this program awards priority points to projects that support the implementation of strategic community investment plans on a multijurisdictional and multisectoral basis that will be considered during the application evaluation process for the programs listed below. Applicants awarded priority points will be considered for set-aside funding in the form of guaranteed loans, direct loans, or grants under the applicable covered program. The amount of set-aside funding available will vary based on the percentage of funds being reserved for SECD funding under each eligible program, as follows:

- Community Facility Loans: 10 percent of total funding available under this program will be set aside for SECD funding
- Community Facilities Grants: 5 percent of total funding available under this program will be set aside for SECD funding
- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans: 5 percent of total funding available under this program will be set aside for SECD funding
- Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans: 10 percent of total funding available under this program will be set aside for SECD funding

- Water and Waste Loans and Grants: 5 percent of total funding available for loans under this program will be set aside for SECD funding, and 3 percent of total funding available for grants under this program will be set aside for SECD funding
- Rural Business Development Grants: 5 percent of total funding available for grants under this program will be set aside for SECD funding

Awards for SECD set-aside funding will be obligated by June 30, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, indication of whether the proposed strategic community investment plan demonstrates an understanding of the applicable regional asset resources and includes leveraging of those resources, including cultural resources, natural resources, human resources, infrastructure, and financial resources, will be considered during the application evaluation process for the applicable covered program.

All matching requirements for the applicable covered program will remain applicable.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

Grant Overview

This program supports the construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. Eligible applicants are state and local governments; federally recognized tribes; nonprofit organizations, including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations; and for-profit businesses that function as a corporation or limited liability company.

Program History

Year	Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$45 million	1

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: At least \$50,000

Match: Not Required

Solicitation date: October 1, 2024

Proposal due: Rolling

- Prior to submitting an application, applicants should work with their general field representative (GFR)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees>



Awardee Profile

Uprise, LLC (Pershing County, Nevada)

AMOUNT: \$27.1 million

YEAR: 2022

Funding was awarded to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Pershing County, Nevada. It will connect 4,884 people, 130 businesses, 22 farms, and seven public schools to high-speed internet. Uprise LLC will offer subscribers symmetrical service tiers of 200 megabits per second (Mbps) or one gigabit per second.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. Projects are intended to help maintain a seamless nationwide telecommunications network that also provides access to broadband for education, health care, public safety, and jobs for all Americans regardless of where they live. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, or nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Funding is available in the form of cost-of-money loans, guaranteed loans, and hardship loans. Funds may be used for financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of systems or facilities to furnish and improve telephone service in rural areas. Guaranteed and hardship loan funds may additionally be used for station apparatus owned by the applicant, headquarters facilities, and vehicles not used primarily in construction.

Loan funds may be approved for facilities to serve non-rural subscribers only if the principal use of the loan is to furnish and improve rural service, and the use of loan funds to serve non-rural subscribers is necessary and incidental to the principal purpose of the loan.

Applicants must have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services. All supported facilities must be used for a public purpose.

Eligible project costs include:

- Improvements
- Expansions
- Construction
- Acquisitions, in certain cases
- Refinancing, in certain cases

Funds may be used for acquisitions only when the acquisition cost is necessary and incidental to furnishing or improving rural telephone service, and the service area to be acquired is eligible for financing.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments; federally recognized tribes; nonprofit organizations, including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations; and for-profit businesses that function as a corporation or limited liability company.

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of 5,000 or fewer. Additionally, the project area must be without telecommunications facilities, or the applicant must be recognized as the telecommunications provider for the area. To confirm whether the project area is eligible, applicants may contact the [appropriate general field representative \(GFR\)](#).

Applicants must have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services. Projects may serve non-rural subscribers only if the principal use of the loan is to furnish and improve rural service, and the use of loan funds to serve non-rural subscribers is necessary and incidental to the principal purpose of the loan.

Preference is given to applicants already providing telephone service in rural areas, and to cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend, or mutual associations. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans of at least \$50,000 through this program. Generally, no more than 10 percent of the funding agency's appropriations in any fiscal year may be loaned to a single borrower. The following types of loans are available through this program:

- Cost-of-money loans: Direct loans will be issued at current U.S. Treasury rates depending on loan maturity at the time of each advance
- Guaranteed loans: Loans are primarily issued by the Federal Financing Bank (FFB) at varying interest rates depending on call options and the interim maturity rate. Current interest rates are available online at www.rd.usda.gov.
- Hardship loans: Loans have a fixed rate of 5 percent for up to 20 years.

Refinancing costs are limited to 40 percent of the entire loan.

Matching and Cost Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program. No fees or charges are assessed for any type of loan or guarantee under this program.

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits; and Federally-recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding
2025	\$358.6 million
2024	\$443 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: Not Required

Solicitation date: Rolling

Proposal due: Rolling

- Individual states will have particular requirements based on state and local regulations. Applicants are encouraged to contact the [local RD office](#) in the state where their project is located.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Town of Edenton, NC

AMOUNT: \$11 million

YEAR: 2025

A combination loan and grant was awarded to upgrade Edenton's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The renovation project included construction and rehabilitation of the mechanical treatment and wastewater conveyance equipment at the lagoon and spray fields; upgrades to the administration building; mechanical improvements to the lagoon aeration system, headworks, pump station and disinfection system; piping reconfiguration; and tree removal.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2026 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. All facilities receiving funding must be used for a public purpose. Funding may be provided as a loan or as a combination of a loan and a grant. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged.

Funding may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:

- Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution
- Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
- Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure
- Stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal

In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities, such as:

- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment
- Startup operations and maintenance
- Interest incurred during construction
- Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized tribes.

Applicants must have the legal authority to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed services or facilities, and must be otherwise unable to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Areas that may be served include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer
- Tribal lands in rural areas
- Colonias

Eligible rural areas may be searched online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Funding

In FY 2026, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans through this program. If funds are available, grants may be combined with loans, if necessary, to keep applicant costs reasonable.

The loan payback period may be for up to 40 years, based on the useful life of the facilities, financed with a fixed interest rate. The interest rate is based on the need for the project and the median household income of the area to be served. Applicants should contact their local Rural Development (RD) office for details and current interest rates applicable to their project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, partnerships with other entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged. In addition, projects must be financially sustainable.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local Rural Development (RD) office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Grant Overview

This program supports the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. Eligible applicants are most state and local government entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Up to \$60,000

Match: 25 percent

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>



Tips

- Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line, or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income
- Partnerships with other federal, state and local entities are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

The funding agency recommends finding your [state office contact information](#) and speaking to a program specialist before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Eligible areas may include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer – more information can be found [here](#).
- Federally recognized tribal lands – a list can be found [here](#).
- Colonias

Partnerships with other federal, state, and local organizations are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards of up to \$60,000 or 75 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs, whichever is less.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs via cash contributions.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed [here](#).

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Regional Telehealth Resource Centers

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide expert technical assistance in the development of telehealth services to establish regional telehealth resource centers. Telehealth resource centers will provide training and support, disseminate information and research findings, promote effective collaboration, and foster the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for health care providers. Eligible applicants are public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state, county, township, and special district governments, independent school districts, and Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations.

Program History

This is a new funding opportunity for FY 2025.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$3.9 million

Award Range: \$325,000 per year

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: January 13, 2025

Proposal due: April 14, 2025

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- Applicants must target population: located in rural areas, frontier communities, and medically underserved areas, and medically underserved populations, and demonstrate experience providing technical assistance and understanding telehealth services.
- Telehealth Resource Centers can be operated by a consortium of organizations, but only one organization can apply on behalf of the consortium. All other organizations may be members of the consortium.

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Regional Telehealth Resource Centers

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide expert technical assistance in the development of telehealth services and leverage the experience of mature telehealth programs. Regional telehealth resource centers will provide training and support, disseminate information and research findings, promote effective collaboration, and foster the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for health care providers. They are located regionally to facilitate award activities at the local level and to ensure that resources are geographically distributed. HRSA will support 12 regional telehealth resource centers that focus on statewide and regional telehealth activities.

Core services include the following:

- Providing technical assistance, training, and support, and providing for travel expenses for health care providers and a range of health care entities that provide or will provide telehealth services.
- Disseminating information and research findings related to telehealth services.
- Promoting effective collaboration among Telehealth Resource Centers and the HRSA Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT), as well as other OAT award recipients (such as Telehealth Centers of Excellence and technical assistance (TA) providers).
- Conducting evaluations to determine the best use of telehealth technologies to meet health care needs.
- Promoting the integration of the technologies used in clinical information systems with other telehealth technologies.
- Fostering the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for consumers in a more effective manner.
- Implementing special projects or studies in collaboration with OAT.

In providing services, applicants must collaborate, if feasible, with entities that provide telehealth services or related activities and are private or public organizations that receive Federal or State assistance and/or public or private entities that operate centers, or carry out programs, that receive Federal or State assistance.

A Telehealth Resource Center can charge a reasonable fee for continuing assistance in excess of 10 hours of technical help.

Program objectives include the following:

- Advance effective use of telehealth technologies in your respective service areas.
- Collaborate with other Telehealth Resource Center Program recipients and share and combine expertise and resources to create unified telehealth technical assistance capability with effective and efficient educational tools, consulting, and support capabilities.

- Meet the needs of telehealth networks, practitioners, or organizations in your service area including, but not limited to rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, critical access hospitals, rural emergency hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, State Offices of Rural Health, state offices concerning primary care, and other appropriate state government entities.

Competitive applications will include populations that suffer from poor health outcomes, health disparities, and other inequities as compared to the national average when addressing telehealth technical assistance. Examples of these populations include, but are not limited to, people experiencing homelessness, pregnant people, disabled individuals, youth and adolescents, persons experiencing hypertension, and tribes and tribal organizations.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state, county, township, and special district governments, independent school districts, and Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations.

Funding

In FY 2025, an anticipated \$3.9 million is available for Regional Telehealth Resource Centers to support an estimated 12 awards of up to \$325,000 per award, per year. HRSA plans to fund awards in four 12-month budget periods for a four-year period of performance spanning September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2029.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program has no cost-sharing requirement.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Overdose Response

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support improving health care in rural areas by addressing their immediate and short-term needs related to the provision of substance use disorder services. This program ultimately aims to reduce and prevent the risk of overdoses in rural areas. Eligible applicants are domestic public or private, nonprofit, and for-profit entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$14.1 million	47

Key Information

Total Funding: \$6 million

Award Range: Up to \$300,000

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: December 20, 2024

Proposal due: March 10, 2025

<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/opioid-response/overdose-response>



Awardee Profile

Purchase District Health
Department
Paducah, KY

AMOUNT: \$300,000

YEAR: 2023

The Purchase District Health Department will create a Harm Reduction Integrated Community Hub to serve those with an SUD/ODU through wrap around services which include STD/STI testing, counseling, referral, and treatment of STD/STIs; access to an onsite telehealth hub for in person services; coordination for Medicaid applications for the uninsured; access to harm reduction supplies; and access to a Peer Support Specialist (PSS).

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Overdose Response

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support improving health care in rural areas by addressing their immediate and short-term needs related to the provision of substance use disorder services. This program ultimately aims to reduce and prevent the risk of overdoses in rural areas through the support of projects that establish and/or expand substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the target rural service area.

The target population for this program includes individuals living in HRSA-designated rural areas who are at risk for SUD, experiencing symptoms of SUD, in treatment for SUD, or in recovery for SUD; their families and/or caregivers; and the impacted community members who reside in HRSA-designated rural areas.

Allowable activities are split into two tiers. Applicants must include at least one activity from Tier 1. Tier 1 activities pertain to the direct delivery of SUD services, including:

Prevention

- Tertiary prevention: Purchase naloxone, fentanyl test strips or other evidence-based tertiary prevention supplies and distribute them within the target rural service area. Award recipients must follow all applicable local, state, and Federal laws and policies when purchasing and distributing these supplies.

Treatment

- SUD/ OUD Care Delivery Sites: Establish, improve, or expand physical SUD/ OUD care delivery sites. Examples include (but are not limited to): purchasing a mobile unit for providing/expanding access to treatment including pharmacies; conducting minor renovations to establish an appropriate space for providing treatment, etc.
- Quick Response Teams: Establish a Quick Response Team (QRT) that includes EMS, law enforcement, and social workers/peer specialists, which will immediately respond to opioid overdoses and connect individuals on site with critical substance use disorder services.
- Screening and connection to treatment: Screen individuals for SUD/OUD and related infections diseases and ensure that all individuals who screen positive are connected with treatment and other behavioral health and social services.
- Bridge Clinics: Establish or expand Bridge Clinics for MOUD. Bridge clinics provide interim substance use disorder treatment (including access to medications/pharmacy access) to individuals with a recent overdose who are leaving the emergency department or discharged from inpatient care, until they are able to establish more permanent care in the community setting.

- **Stimulant Treatment:** Establish, improve, or expand evidence based stimulant treatment programs for individuals with polysubstance use. This may include, but is not limited to, training providers to address stimulant misuse, implementing contingency management, etc.

Recovery

- **Recovery Housing:** Establish or expand recovery housing
- **Recovery Community Organization:** Establish or expand a recovery community organization.
- **Peer Recovery specialists:** Train peer recovery support specialists and coordinate placements in local SUD/OD service delivery sites, such as emergency departments, primary care, jails/prisons, behavioral health care clinics, etc.

If capacity exists, applicants may also select additional allowable activities from Tier 1 or Tier 2. Tier 2 activities relate to capacity building, supportive services, and special populations.

Program-supported services may only be delivered in HRSA-designated rural counties and rural census tracts, as defined by the [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#). Within partially rural counties, services supported by this award may only be delivered within HRSA-designated rural census tracts. Applicants must implement at least one program-supported allowable activity in every rural and partially rural county selected as part of the target rural service area.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are all domestic public or private, non-profit, and for-profit entities including public institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations with or without a 501(c)(3) IRS status; for-profit organizations, including small businesses; state governments, including the District of Columbia, domestic territories, and freely associated states; county, city, township and special district governments; independent school districts, Native American tribal governments, and Native American tribal organizations.

For the purposes of this announcement, “Domestic” means the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$6 million is available to support an estimated 20 awards of up to \$300,000 through this program.

The funding agency plans to fund awards in one 12-month period of performance from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program has no match or cost-sharing requirement.

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<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/opioid-response/overdose-response>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant

Grant Overview

The Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant is intended to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas, with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD), co-occurring disorders (COD), and substance use and mental disorders. Eligible applicants are rural emergency medical services (EMS) agencies operated by fire-based and non-fire-based local or tribal governments and nonprofit EMS agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$7.1 million	40
2021	\$5.6 million	32

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$10.4 million

Award Range: Up to \$200,000

Match: 10 percent

Solicitation date: March 1, 2023

Proposal due: May 1, 2023

- Projects must serve rural areas or residents of rural areas

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342881>



Awardee Profile

Whatcom County
Bellingham, WA

AMOUNT: \$141,410

YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to support EMS training.

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas, with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD), co-occurring disorders (COD), and substance use and mental disorders. Funding will support projects to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, as well as trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations; and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency. This program is intended to develop the capacity of EMS staff to support residents in rural communities.

All projects must include the following required activities:

- Ensuring EMS personnel are trained on mental and substance use disorders and trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations
- Acquiring emergency medical services equipment with approval by the funding agency
- Purchasing drugs or devices approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose
- Training EMS personnel on the use of Naloxone in emergency opioid overdose situations
- Training EMS personnel, providing resources, and implementing procedures on connecting those who have undergone overdose reversal to SUD treatment
- Training EMS personnel on the use of motivational interviewing to engage individuals who use substances and/or who suffer mental health conditions, and to provide referrals to treatment and harm reduction services
- Training EMS personnel on working with local peer-support specialists in assisting those who have undergone overdose reversal, including facilitating warm handoffs
- Developing procedures to ensure all overdoses are reported to the state and/or local public health departments so that any individual who has experienced an overdose can be followed up with and provided linkages to treatment and referral to ongoing peer recovery support
- Training EMS personnel, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency
- Conducting courses that qualify graduates to serve in an EMS agency
- Funding specific training to meet federal or state licensing or certification requirements

Projects may also include the following activities:

- Recruiting and training EMS personnel, which may include volunteer personnel
- Developing new ways to educate emergency health care providers using technology-enhanced educational methods
- Acquiring personal protective equipment (PPE) for emergency medical services personnel, as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Purchasing, distributing, and training on the use of fentanyl test strips

- Purchasing buprenorphine and training EMS personnel on the use of this medication in the field
- Creating formal agreements that link EMS data platforms and local departments of public health in order to rapidly identify overdose hotspots that may require increased surveillance and deployment of EMS personnel
- Partnering with local community organizations, health providers, behavioral health organizations, faith-based entities, schools, employers, and other entities on education and training initiatives

For the purposes of this program, EMS include:

- Resources used by a public or private nonprofit licensed entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of the condition of the patient
- Services delivered on a compensated or volunteer basis by an EMS provider or other provider that is licensed or certified by the state involved as an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, or an equivalent professional

All projects must implement high-quality programs, practices, and policies that are recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and equity-based as a means of improving behavioral health.

Projects are encouraged to address the behavioral health needs of the following populations and consider prioritizing such populations for services, where appropriate:

- Active-duty military service members, returning veterans, and military families
- LGBTQI+ population

Eligible costs include personnel costs, fringe benefits, travel costs, equipment, supplies, contract costs, other direct costs, and indirect costs.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are rural emergency medical services (EMS) agencies operated by fire-based and non-fire-based local or tribal governments and nonprofit EMS agencies.

Projects must serve rural areas or residents of rural areas. For the purposes of this program, rural areas are defined as:

- A non-metropolitan statistical area
- An area designated as a rural area by any law or regulation of a state
- A rural census tract of a metropolitan statistical area

Funding

In FY 2022, an estimated \$10,400,000 is available to support approximately 52 awards of up to \$200,000 through this program.

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The indirect cost rate is limited to 8 percent of the proposed budget.

Applicants' budget justifications must include a description of existing resources and other support expected to be received for the proposed project. Other support is defined as funds or resources, whether federal,

nonfederal, or institutional, in direct support of activities through fellowships, gifts, prizes, in-kind contributions, or nonfederal means. Other sources of funds may be used for unallowable costs.

Awards are anticipated to be made August 31, 2023. The project period is anticipated to span up to one year, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2023.

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Department: Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the planning and development of integrated health care networks to achieve efficiencies, improve health care services and associated health outcomes, and strengthen the rural health care system. Eligible applicants are domestic public or private, nonprofit or for-profit entities, which include local government, academic institutions, Native American tribal governments, the private sector, schools/school districts, state government, and tribal organizations.

Program History

Year	Total awarded	# of Awards
2024	\$3 Million	30
2023	\$4 Million	37

Key Information

Total Funding: Up to \$3.5 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: December 18, 2024

Proposal due: February 19, 2025

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/HRSA-25-037>



Awardee Profile

John C. Fremont Healthcare
District
Mariposa, Ca

AMOUNT: \$100,000

YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to assist in the development of an integrated health care network.

Department: Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the planning and development of integrated health care networks to achieve efficiencies, improve health care services and associated health outcomes, and strengthen the rural health care system. Funding must be used to support planning activities.

Funding will be provided to support the planning and development of integrated health care networks in rural areas that collaborate to:

- Achieve efficiencies
- Expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services and associated health outcomes
- Strengthen the rural health care system as a whole

The specific focus of the program is on collaboration of entities to establish or improve local capacity and care coordination in underserved communities. Specifically, the program uses the concept of developing networks as a strategy for linking rural health care network participants together to achieve greater collective capacity to overcome local challenges, expand access, and improve the quality of care in the rural communities these organizations serve.

The program's intent is that rural health networks will do the following:

- Expand access to care
- Increase the use of health information technology
- Explore alternative health care delivery models
- Continue to achieve quality health care across the Continuum of Care

The goal of this program is to support the planning and development of integrated health care networks that:

- Facilitate collaboration among health care networks to achieve efficiencies and improve access to quality health care services and outcomes in rural areas
- Strengthen the rural health care system as a whole by fostering partnerships among diverse health care entities
- Enhance local capacity to improve rural community health interventions and coordinate care effectively

Projects must support at least one of the following legislative aims:

- Achieve efficiencies: conducting a community health and/or provider needs assessment at the regional and/or local level

- Expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services and associated health outcomes:
 - Developing a network business and/or operations plan
 - Identifying the appropriate governance structure for participants to use in creating a network
 - Identifying strategies to communicate with the community about changes in the health care landscape and how to develop a plan to maintain access to viable health care services
 - Integrating health and human services, including enhancing access for those with disabilities and planning activities to develop a plan to integrate and maintain access to health and human services
 - Developing a plan to expand the role of emergency medical services within the community, including loss of services as a result of a hospital closure/conversion and/or readiness to support labor and delivery

- Strengthen the rural health care system as a whole:
 - Identifying ways to encourage cross-organizational collaboration and leadership commitment
 - Assessing the network's sustainability and viability
 - Identifying and establishing ways to obtain regional and/or local community support/buy-in around the development of the network
 - Identifying a strategy to leverage broadband connectivity to support health information technology applications in rural communities

Funding preference will be given to applicants that meet the following qualifications:

- Qualification 1: health professional shortage area (HPSA): applicant or the service area of the applicant is in an officially designated HPSA
- Qualification 2: medically underserved community/populations (MUC/MUPs): applicant or the service area of the applicant is in an MUC and/or the applicant serves MUPs
- Qualification 3: focus on primary care and wellness and prevention strategies: project focuses on primary care and wellness and prevention strategies

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are domestic public or private, nonprofit or for-profit entities, which include local government, academic institutions, Native American tribes, nonprofits, the private sector, schools/school districts, state government, and tribal organizations. The following types of domestic organizations may apply public and private institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3), for-profit organizations, including small businesses, states, counties, cities, townships, and special district governments, including the District of Columbia, domestic territories, and the freely associated states, federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), community health centers, rural health clinics (RHCs), Hospitals, rural emergency hospitals, and Native American tribal organizations.

For the purposes of this program, domestic is defined as the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Applicants must represent a network composed of participants, including the applicant organization, that include at least three health care provider organizations. Applicants must also have demonstrated experience serving, or the capacity to serve, rural underserved populations. At least 66 percent of network members must be located in a rural area as designated by the funding agency.

Generally, applicants may not submit more than one application under the same Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and/or employer identification number (EIN). Applicants may only submit more than one application under the same UEI number and/or EIN if each proposes distinct projects and an appropriate EIN exception request is submitted with the application. Entities seeking funding for the same or similar project as that previously funded under 42 U.S.C. 254c(f) are ineligible.

Funding Details

In FY 2025, a total of \$3.5 million is expected to be available to support up to 35 awards of up to \$100,000 through this program. The project period will be one year, beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.

Cost Sharing and Matching

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Justice

Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

FY 2024 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support small and rural law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy. Eligible applicants include rural and small law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices serving rural communities, small departments, city or township governments, county governments, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$9,606,074	37

Key Information

Total Funding: \$6,000,000

Award Range: up to \$300,000

Match: None

Solicitation date: March 19, 2024

Proposal due: May 15, 2024 (Grants.gov); May 22, 2024 (JustGrants)

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172045>



Tips

- OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.
- This grant includes Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 14074, Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety
- Applicants are encouraged to review the resources available on the [Public Safety Clearinghouse for strategic solutions](#)

FY 2024 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support small and rural law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy. The program goal is to increase the capacity of police departments or prosecutors' offices to fully implement programming and activities to combat violent crime.

Awards will be provided to support small and/or rural law enforcement agencies and/or prosecutors that are interested in implementing or improving the capacity of their organization around one or more critical elements found in the Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap, available online at www.ojp.gov, or the Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide or the Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities, appended to the Guide folder as the Violent Crime Reduction Guide and Prosecutors Guide files, respectively. Applicants are also encouraged to review the resources available on the Public Safety Clearinghouse for strategic solutions online at www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org.

Program objectives are to:

- Strengthen the capacity of a rural or small jurisdiction to combat violent crime through enhanced implementation of critical elements identified in the appropriate guides
- Implement programming and activities that reflect an enhanced capacity in the critical elements
- Deploy agency resources, such as personnel, services, or analytical tools, that meet the capacity enhancement goal, and regularly engage with the training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to identify and troubleshoot challenges
- Partner with a researcher or subject matter expert to plan, execute, and monitor the capacity enhancement activities selected to ensure organizational growth within the capacity area and a direct link to the Violent Crime Reduction (VCR) strategy
- Track progress and outcomes, adjusting as needed

Priority will be given to applicants proposing projects designed to meaningfully advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved; marginalized; adversely affected by inequality; and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include rural and small law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices serving rural communities, small departments, city or township governments, county governments, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. For the purposes of this program, a small agency is any law enforcement agency with 250 or fewer sworn officers. In addition, a rural agency is an agency serving any area or community, no part of which is within an area designated as a standard metropolitan area by the Office of Management and Budget, or any agency serving one or more rural census tracts. Additionally, a tribal agency is defined as any federally recognized tribe with a designated law enforcement agency. The funding agency

will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients.

Priority will be given to applicants proposing projects designed to meaningfully advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved; marginalized; adversely affected by inequality; and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately \$6,000,000 is available to support an anticipated 15 awards through this program.

In general, award notifications will be issued by September 30, 2024.

Project periods will last for 36 months and start on October 1, 2024. The funding agency may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years through continuation awards. When making continuation awards, the funding agency will consider, among other factors, its strategic priorities, the award recipient's overall management of the award, and progress of award-funded work.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants seeking priority consideration, and that have proposed activities to incorporate the input and participation of communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, must show financial support for the identified activities and participation in the application. Matching funds proposed by successful applicants will become mandatory and be subject to audit.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Office of the Secretary of Transportation

FY 2025/2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity: Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support surface infrastructure projects with significant national or regional impact or that will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas. Eligible applicants are states, regional transportation planning organizations, local governments, tribal governments or consortia of tribal governments, and multijurisdictional groups of public entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$1.5 billion	26
2023-24	\$645.3 million	18

Key Information

Total Funding: \$780 million
Award Range: 90% of awards will be at least \$25 million, 10% will be less than \$25 million
Match: 20 percent of total project costs
Solicitation date: March 25, 2024
Proposal due: May 6, 2024

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rural-surface-transportation-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

New Mexico Department of Transportation

San Juan County, NM

AMOUNT: \$59.8 million

YEAR: 2023/24

The project widens and rehabilitates 21 miles of the US 64 Corridor in Northwest New Mexico through local Navajo communities.

Rehabilitation includes twelve-foot lanes in each direction, outside rumble strips, five- to eight-foot paved shoulders and improved bus pull outs.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Office of the Secretary of Transportation

FY 2025/2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity: Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support surface infrastructure projects with significant national or regional impact or that will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas. In particular, this program will provide support for highway, bridge, and tunnel projects that help improve freight, safety, and provide or in-crease access to agricultural, commercial, energy, or transportation facilities that support the economy of a rural area. Support will be provided for projects that are consistent with the funding agency's strategic goals to improve safety; economic strength and global competitiveness; equity; and climate and sustainability.

Eligible projects include:

- Highway, bridge, or tunnel projects that are eligible under the National Highway Performance Program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, or the Tribal Transportation Program
- Highway freight projects that are eligible under the National Highway Freight Program
- Highway safety improvement projects, including projects to improve high-risk rural roads, as defined under the Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Projects on publicly owned highways or bridges that provide, or increase access to, agricultural, commercial, energy, or intermodal facilities that support the economy of rural areas
- Projects to develop, establish, or maintain integrated mobility management systems, transportation demand management systems, or on-demand mobility services

Eligible uses of funds include:

- Development-phase activities, including planning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of real property, environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, and operational improvements

All projects must meet the following requirements:

- Generate regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits
- Demonstrate cost effectiveness
- Contribute to the accomplishment of one or more of the national goals under [Title 23, Section 150 of the U.S Code \(U.S.C.\)](#)
- Be based on the results of preliminary engineering

- Be reasonably expected to begin construction no later than 18 months after the date of obligation of funds

Projects must be located in rural areas. For the purposes of this program, rural areas are defined as areas outside of urbanized areas that have a population of over 200,000 individuals. The funding agency seeks to award rural projects that address deteriorating conditions and disproportionately high fatality rates and transportation costs in rural communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- States
- Regional transportation planning organizations
- Units of local government
- Tribal governments or consortia of tribal governments
- Multijurisdictional groups of eligible entities

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) organized as units of local government or multijurisdictional groups of local governments, as well as ports or port authorities organized as units of local government, are eligible to apply. Multiple states or entities that submit a joint application must identify a lead applicant as the primary point of contact. For the purposes of this program, states include any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico. Otherwise, eligible entities located in or serving U.S. territories are eligible.

Funding

In FY 2025 and 2026, approximately \$780 million is available for awards through this program. The total funding available for this program will be allocated as follows:

- At least 90 percent will be allocated for awards of at least \$25 million
- Up to 10 percent will be allocated for awards of less than \$25 million
- A total of 15 percent will be allocated to projects in states that have rural roadway fatalities as a result of lane departures that are greater than the national average
- A total of 25 percent will be allocated to projects that further the completion of designated routes of the Appalachian Development Highway System under Title 40, Section 14501 of the U.S.C.

Projects are expected to begin construction no later than 18 months after the date of obligation of funds.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 20 percent of total project costs.

Up to 100 percent of total project costs may be covered for projects that will further the completion of a designated segment of the Appalachian Development Highway System under Title 40, Section 14501 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C), or address a surface transportation infrastructure need identified for the Denali access system program under Section 309 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998.

Other federal assistance may be used to satisfy the matching requirement; however, the total federal assistance, including funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and

Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) programs for a project is limited to 80 percent of the total project costs.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Build America Bureau

FY 2025 Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help applicants develop transportation infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities that will qualify for federal funding and financing programs for additional development phase activities or construction. Funding will support either the hiring of staff or the procurement of expert firms to provide financial, technical, and legal assistance with project-related planning and design phase activities. Eligible applicants are rural local governments or political subdivisions, states, federally recognized tribes, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$3.4 million	13

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$54.2 million

Award Range: \$250,000 - \$2.5 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: August 7, 2025

Proposal due: October 8, 2025

- Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with the portal opening on September 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET.
- A second amended NOFO was issued August 7, 2025, to increase program funding and award range, eliminate the “multi-community” grant type, and align with Administration priorities and Executive Orders.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>



Awardee Profile

Contra Costa County, CA

AMOUNT: \$320,000

YEAR: 2023

The County of Contra Costa in California received funding to support the design and estimation of Vasco Road Corridor Safety Improvements.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Build America Bureau

FY 2025 Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help applicants develop transportation infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities that will be reasonably expected to be eligible for federal funding and financing programs for additional development phase activities or construction. This program will award funding for planning and design phase activities for single projects only.

Funding will support either the hiring of staff or the procurement of expert firms to provide financial, technical, and legal assistance with project-related planning and design phase activities. Funding may be used to select advisors to assist with predevelopment phase activities, including but not limited to:

- Revenue forecasting
- Project planning
- Statutory and regulatory framework analysis
- Economic assessments and cost-benefit analyses
- Feasibility studies
- Drafting and negotiating of concession agreements
- Value for money analysis and procurement options
- Environmental review and permitting
- Drafting and negotiation of interagency agreements
- Evaluating opportunities for private financing and project bundling
- Preliminary engineering and design
- Procurement support
- Financial feasibility analysis; funding and financing options analysis
- Funding application assistance
- Evaluation of costs to sustain the project (such as operations and maintenance costs)
- Public engagement
- Property development and land use feasibility analysis
- Public Benefit Studies
- Cost estimation

Projects supported under this program are expected to be developed in a manner that will make them reasonably eligible for any one or more of the following Department of Transportation lending or grant programs: [TIFIA Credit Program](#), [RRIF Credit Program](#), [INFRA Grant Program](#), [Mega Grant Program](#), [BUILD Grant Program](#), and [National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#).

DOT prioritizes projects that are in alignment with the principles outlined in DOT Order 2100.7, [Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in DOT's Policies, Programs and Activities](#).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments and political subdivisions located outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000, states and territories seeking to advance a project in a location outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents, federally recognized Indian tribes, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The location of the project itself determines an applicant's eligibility for the program when applying as a rural applicant. The following mapping tools may be used to verify that the project's location is in an area that meets the funding agency's "rural" definition: [Rural Funding Eligibility Tool](#) and [U.S. Census mapping tool TIGERweb](#).

Examples of local governments and political subdivisions include the following: county; borough; municipality; city; town; township; parish (under the state of Louisiana); local public authority, including any public housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937; special district; school district; council of governments, whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law; or any other agency or instrumentality of a multi-, regional, or intra-State or local government.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of \$54.2 million is available to support approximately 216 awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$2.5 million through this program. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applications.

The funding agency has set aside \$20 million of the total funding available for eligible tribal applicants. No more than twenty percent of total available funding may be awarded for projects in a single state. The funding agency may offer partial awards to applicants if fully funding their project would exceed the twenty percent state limit.

The anticipated selection notification date will be in December 2025. The award period is up to 36 months.

Matching and Cost Share

There is no requirement for cost sharing or providing a local, non-federal match to the grant funds for this program.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Build America Bureau Credit Programs Office

FY 2025 Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Rural Project Initiative

Grant Overview

This program improves transportation infrastructure in rural communities by providing loans for critical infrastructure projects. This program is intended to support transportation infrastructure that will improve the economy and the quality of life in rural areas. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, transit agencies, private entities, special authorities such as government-sponsored corporations, transportation improvement districts, and state infrastructure banks.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Match: 51 percent

Proposal due: Rolling

- Applicants must [email](#) a request for an initial consultation with a project development lead prior to submitting a mandatory letter of interest.
- Projects must be located in rural communities that have a population of fewer than 150,000 and are located outside a census-defined urban area.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/tifia-rural-project-initiative-rpi>



Awardee Profile

Los Angeles International
Airport (LAX)
Los Angeles, CA

AMOUNT: \$26,712,175

YEAR: 2024

San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority's new 28,650-square-foot facility will be three times larger than the current one and will feature electric charging infrastructure for the new bus fleet as well as more space for administrative and operations staff.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Build America Bureau Credit Programs Office

FY 2025 Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Rural Project Initiative

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve transportation infrastructure in rural communities by providing loans for critical infrastructure projects. This program is intended to support transportation infrastructure that will improve the economy and the quality of life in rural areas. Eligible projects include:

- Roads, bridges, and tunnels
- Transit systems, including infrastructure, bus and train stations, and buses and passenger rail vehicles and facilities
- Transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Intermodal connectors
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Freight transfer facilities
- Sea and inland waterway ports
- Airports

Projects must be located in rural communities that have a population of fewer than 150,000 and are located outside an urbanized area, as determined by the Bureau of the Census.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, transit agencies, private entities, special authorities such as government-sponsored corporations, transportation improvement districts, and state infrastructure banks.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support fixed interest rate loans through this program. The project must have a total cost ranging from \$10 million to \$100 million. Loan interest rates will be equal to half of the U.S. Treasury rate of equivalent maturity of the loan at the time of loan closing.

Matching and Cost Share

Applicants must provide at least 51 percent of the total project cost. Up to 80 percent of total project costs may be funded with federal funds, which may include funding from other federal programs. Applicants may be responsible for borrower fees, which often amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars; however, the funding agency may waive these fees for projects that are under \$75 million in cost depending on the availability of funding.

Except in certain circumstances, applicants will be responsible for costs incurred for services duly provided by the funding agency's legal and financial advisors or other third-party advisors involved with the evaluation of the letter of interest and application, as well as the negotiation of any credit agreement and related transactional documentation, as applicable.

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<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/tifia-rural-project-initiative-rpi>