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Rural Development



# USDA Rural Development

## 2015 PROGRESS REPORT





## *A Rural Economy Built To Last*

This has been a year of historic accomplishment for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), particularly in the area of rural economic and community development. In 2015, USDA's Rural Development (RD) employees across the Nation have continued to work closely with partners to drive investment in rural small businesses and entrepreneurs; help rural families achieve the dream of homeownership; grow the biobased economy; support renewable energy and efficiency; make critical upgrades to electric, water, and telecommunications infrastructure; and expand opportunity in rural communities.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Rural Development Progress Report outlines our work on behalf of hundreds of thousands of projects for individuals, families, farmers and ranchers, rural entrepreneurs and small business owners, municipalities, developers, and utility providers in 2015. Since passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009, which infused billions of dollars into infrastructure and other essential community development projects in small towns across the country, and continuing today through innovative programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and executed in collaboration with partners across the public and private sectors, Rural Development has targeted much-needed investment to rural businesses, projects, and communities. I am pleased to say that in FY 2015, USDA Rural Development invested \$29.75 billion in nearly 171,000 projects across the Nation. Taken with investments made since FY 2009, USDA Rural Development has now invested more than \$224 billion in more than 1.2 million projects in rural communities across the country over the course of the Administration, including 1.1 million direct loans, guaranteed loans, and grants to support housing; 11,931 loans and grants to support community facilities; 10,623 loans and grants to support rural water and wastewater services; 2,491 projects to support broadband and rural electric services; and nearly 24,000 projects to support rural businesses and entrepreneurship.

The stories in this year's report illustrate how USDA programs make meaningful, lasting investments in rural communities. For instance, Manning, Iowa — population 1,500 — was named Iowa's small business community of the year by the Small Business Administration in 2015, thanks, in part, to USDA Rural Development investments in entrepreneurs and businesses in the community. In Pennsylvania, Rural Development Business and Industry investments helped a business move its manufacturing back to the United States from China, supporting jobs in the local community. And Rural Development investments in broadband have opened up a world of educational, cultural, and commercial opportunities to rural Americans who had been on the wrong side of the digital divide.

These are just a few examples of what investments in rural America can mean in real terms for families and businesses across the country. USDA is proud to lead the Administration's effort to drive investment in rural people and places. This work truly makes a difference in the lives of the proud men and women who live, work, and raise families in rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Thomas J. Vilsack**  
Secretary of Agriculture





## *Strengthening Rural America, Town by Town*

USDA Rural Development transformed lives in small-town rural America in 2015, as we have done throughout our 80-year history.

We are the primary Federal agency responsible for creating opportunities and improving the quality of life in rural areas. Today, there are 46 million people living in rural America who provide the food, fiber, fuel, and durable goods the rest of the Nation, and the world, depend upon. Consequently, the economic well-being of all Americans is indelibly tied to rural growth. USDA Rural Development investments nurture that growth to fuel the national economy. We are proud to serve the needs of rural people and places to ensure that rural America continues to thrive and to drive the economy. Our investments in rural communities run deep — we manage a portfolio of loans and loan guarantees of more than \$212.9 billion.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, Rural Development invested more than \$29.75 billion in loans, loan guarantees, and grants for a diverse range of worthwhile projects in rural communities. These investments represent the hard work of our employees who strive each day to support the hopes and plans of rural Americans.

For example, we helped grow approximately 12,500 rural businesses through about \$1.5 billion in targeted investments. I had the great pleasure of meeting and spending time with Ijeoma Uwakwe of Wilson, North Carolina, who today owns her own drug store and pharmacy thanks to a Business and Industry loan guarantee from USDA Rural Development and lending partner Southern Bank. Uwakwe, originally from Nigeria, exemplifies the American spirit. She pursued two advanced degrees while raising four children, no small feat. With USDA's help, today, as the owner of a small healthcare business, she is providing high-quality care to her neighbors in the small rural community of Wilson, where healthcare options, and economic resources, are scarce. Her story is just one of many such stories of personal achievements featured in this report, all made possible through USDA Rural Development direct action and competitive financing.

On other fronts, we awarded \$900 million in direct single-family housing loans and made more than \$18.6 billion in loan guarantees to provide homes to more than 141,000 families in rural America.

We also celebrated a major housing milestone in partnership with many of you — 50 years of USDA's Mutual Self-Help Housing Program and 50,000 homes built through it. We were honored to raise walls together with families who are putting in hard work to build their own homes and achieve the dream of homeownership. Through our multi-family loans and grants of \$278 million, we helped almost 250,000 households with the construction and rehab of over 10,000 rental housing units.

Through our Community Facilities program, we provided a record level of support — \$1.8 billion — to build more than 970 essential healthcare centers, schools, libraries, public safety facilities, and more across rural America. In the tiny agricultural town of Big Sandy, Montana, I visited Big Sandy Activities, a center that helps people who are developmentally disabled build skills that allow them to live and work in the community. This nonprofit started in 1975 and used to be run out of a garage by only two people; Community Facilities funding helped transform it into a specially designed facility that provides a safe and professional learning environment and offers jobs to local residents.

Delivery of high-speed telecommunications and broadband service is another area where USDA Rural Development has shined. Since the start of the Obama Administration and continuing through FY 2015, we have supported new or improved telecommunications and broadband service for 2.8 million rural residents, bringing the world to their doorsteps and opening the door to global e-commerce for rural businesses.

We are particularly proud that loans under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Broadband Improvement Program have been extremely successful, and offer the potential for exponential rural growth in the future. We have successfully invested nearly \$3 billion in 254 projects in 45 States and territories to deliver high-speed Internet to rural areas otherwise unable to acquire service at competitive rates and terms from the private sector. As companies build out these services, 260,000 rural households, 17,500 businesses and 1,900 schools, libraries and healthcare facilities have new service.

Other 2015 achievements include improving rural electric infrastructure for 5.5 million customers, protecting the health of about 2.3 million rural people through water and wastewater system improvements, and providing more than \$343 million in guaranteed loans and grants for projects to develop renewable energy sources such as advanced biofuels and to make rural farms, ranches, dairies, and rural businesses more energy efficient. Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has supported President Obama's strategy to provide energy that's affordable, clean, and drives innovation through \$2.1 billion in strategic investments for more than 14,000 energy projects nationwide.

I am proud of the difference that Rural Development makes in the lives of real people. In the time that I've been with USDA, I've witnessed this on a very personal level. I watched the townspeople of Floresville, Texas, turn out in force to launch their improved water treatment system. I visited the Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative in Jackson County, Kentucky, which built a state-of-the-art broadband network that offers locals the same online economic, educational, and social opportunities as those enjoyed by urban residents. Each of these investments in rural communities is an investment in our country's future.

USDA Rural Development is a lending agency that cares deeply about the rural people and communities we serve. We are proud to share these stories and successes with you.

Sincerely,



**Lisa Mensah**  
Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development

# USDA Rural Development: The Federal Investment Engine for Rural America

USDA Rural Development is a grassroots catalyst for rural economic growth through direct financial assistance and partnerships with public and private providers. Affordable direct credit from Rural Development makes the difference when private loans are unavailable or impractical. And with USDA Rural Development's backing, private lenders are empowered to increase the supply of rural credit even more. Our nationwide network of 400 offices enables Rural Development employees to engage directly with local leaders and partners to solve problems and explore options for sustainable economic development. Today, our portfolio is about \$213 billion strong and growing.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, Rural Development provided more than \$29.7 billion in direct and guaranteed loans and grants for 170,730 awards to rural individuals, families, business owners, agricultural producers, and communities. Each loan or grant's effect extended not just to its direct beneficiaries, but helped improve the quality of life for the entire local community. And through technical assistance and partnerships with local governments and development agencies, we multiplied our impact even more.

## Broadband Transforms Rural Lives

Modern high-speed telecommunications are a necessary ingredient for prosperity and growth anywhere. However, small rural communities, however, large-scale infrastructure development can be challenging. So USDA Rural Development is partnering with rural telecommunications utilities across America to bring high-speed broadband to rural communities, even remote, poor, and underserved areas.

USDA Rural Development provided South Texas' Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., with \$78.5 million through the Recovery Act to build a high-speed broadband network in 11 small, rural communities where there was no broadband and where most people are struggling with due to persistent poverty. Today, access to broadband is helping to make a difference: In Raymondville, Texas, locals are using the fast Internet access at their library to apply for jobs and file their taxes, and students and adult learners are taking advantage of Web-based education programs. In the tiny town of Delmita, Texas (population

of about 215), the Economy Awards Company is also benefitting from the new broadband network. Company co-owner Hilario Alvarado says that annual sales have grown to more than \$500,000 thanks to the broadband services from Valley Telephone Cooperative.

## Renewable Energy Benefits Rural Places

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), USDA Rural Development's most popular source of renewable energy financing, provides loans and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to make energy efficiency improvements or install renewable energy systems. REAP helps farmers, ranchers, and small businesses save money on their energy bills, cuts carbon pollution, and also helps create or save rural jobs. REAP is one of the reasons the number of farms using renewable energy production has doubled in the last 5 years.

USDA Rural Development provided Concord Blue Energy, Inc., based in California, with a \$5 million REAP loan guarantee to develop a renewable energy system in rural Apache County, Arizona.

This innovative project will generate energy from small-diameter timber, forest slash, and other green plant waste which typically is just burned instead of repurposed. Processing will generate a byproduct called biochar, which can be used as an additive to enrich organic soil.

The bio-based renewable energy system will create enough energy to power about 120 households per year.

## Protecting People's Health, Safety, and the Environment

Good water and sanitary waste systems are a basic requirement for health, a clean environment, and for encouraging business investment. But building modern water and waste systems is often very difficult for financially limited rural communities. USDA Rural Development is a lifeline in such cases, providing technical assistance and financing to build or improve drinking water and waste disposal systems in small rural communities of 10,000 or fewer people.

Mingo County, in southwest Appalachian West Virginia, is an area that has grappled with pervasive poverty for decades. USDA is providing targeted assistance there through the *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity* initiative to combat rural poverty. In FY 2015, Rural Development provided the county with more than \$1.9 million for a second phase of construction on the Ben Creek water system to extend service to 110 households without access to public water. Additionally, the town of Gilbert, in Mingo County, received about \$1.5 million to extend service to 33 homes and small businesses that urgently needed safe, reliable water. Rural Development provided initial funding to build both municipal water systems in prior years. These critical investments to start and expand public water systems in Mingo County are helping to protect the well-being of residents and preserve the natural resources of this economically distressed region.

USDA Rural Development:  
A \$213 billion rural  
investment engine.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2015 FAST FACTS

### Broadband Results

Recovery Act broadband funds is helping **more than 279,000 rural households, businesses, schools, libraries and healthcare facilities** receive new or better broadband service.

### Rural Energy for America Program Results

Over **\$244 million in REAP funds** is helping **1,945 farmers, ranchers, and rural businesses** buy/install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

### Environmental Results

**\$15 million in grants** is helping more than **50 very small economically distressed communities** make emergency repairs to their water or waste disposal infrastructure.

**\$70 million in grants** is helping more than **40 under-served Tribal communities, Colonias areas and Native Alaskan villages** improve water and waste systems to protect residents' health and the environment.

## Rural Development Programs FY 2009 - FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
<b>B&amp;I</b>	\$7,562,165,318	2,805	\$1,084,020,173	349	\$1,044,112,539	369	\$9,690,298,030	3,523
<b>IRP</b>	\$121,162,073	255	\$18,889,403	26	\$18,889,610	30	\$158,941,086	311
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	\$720,202,540	11,649	\$117,120,533	1,354	\$258,748,518	2,675	\$1,096,071,591	15,678
<b>Business Grants</b>	\$207,239,593	2,931	\$30,423,439	472	\$27,834,362	465	\$265,497,394	3,868
<b>REDLG</b>	\$222,356,557	426	\$94,879,524	107	\$47,860,985	70	\$365,097,066	603
<b>VAPG</b>	\$83,380,784	616	\$16,264,787	146	\$45,024,541	364	\$144,670,112	1,126
<b>SFH Direct</b>	\$6,451,521,651	54,595	\$809,060,301	6,575	\$900,735,248	7,077	\$8,161,317,200	68,247
<b>SFH Guaranteed</b>	\$91,401,130,192	704,561	\$19,051,253,068	139,828	\$18,623,238,191	134,254	\$129,075,621,451	978,643
<b>SFH Repairs</b>	\$259,694,961	45,550	\$42,094,976	7,042	\$44,123,370	7,238	\$345,913,307	59,830
<b>SFH Self-Help Grants</b>	\$151,442,295	280	\$12,362,875	22	\$32,226,125	74	\$196,031,295	376
<b>MFH Direct</b>	\$506,812,217	861	\$85,143,917	132	\$134,402,756	176	\$726,358,890	1,169
<b>MFH Guaranteed</b>	\$451,057,207	321	\$136,162,031	98	\$113,912,328	89	\$701,131,566	508
<b>Farm Labor Housing</b>	\$164,981,257	175	\$50,595,384	36	\$25,766,716	17	\$241,343,356	228
<b>Rental Assistance</b>	\$4,576,633,857	45,521	\$1,109,913,034	10,311	\$1,088,500,000	10,376	\$6,775,046,891	66,208
<b>CF Direct</b>	\$5,353,765,974	2,943	\$929,512,201	418	\$1,676,048,368	530	\$7,959,326,543	3,891
<b>CF Guaranteed</b>	\$1,071,411,388	342	\$125,610,650	28	\$135,455,969	25	\$1,332,478,007	395
<b>CF Grants</b>	\$319,589,160	5,976	\$33,672,783	900	\$30,059,622	769	\$383,321,565	7,645
<b>WWD Direct</b>	\$6,614,124,089	3,788	\$824,364,570	542	\$1,105,989,139	566	\$8,544,477,798	4,896
<b>WWD Guaranteed</b>	\$70,944,064	31	\$7,248,840	5	\$14,673,500	8	\$92,866,404	44
<b>WWD Grants</b>	\$3,538,034,510	4,043	\$656,417,510	780	\$517,825,144	860	\$4,712,277,164	5,683
<b>Telecom</b>	\$6,363,155,753	1,225	\$285,612,608	195	\$280,977,675	102	\$6,929,746,036	1,522
<b>Electric</b>	\$28,258,729,889	765	\$2,768,319,938	97	\$3,398,112,000	107	\$34,425,161,827	969
<b>All Other Programs</b>	\$1,316,067,530	1,616	\$240,490,709	287	\$189,332,302	4,489	\$1,745,890,541	6,392
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$165,785,602,858	891,275	\$28,529,433,254	169,750	\$29,753,849,009	170,730	\$224,068,885,121	1,231,755

## Rural Development Loan Portfolio as of September 30, 2015

Loan Portfolio	# of Loans	Amount of Principal Outstanding
<b>DIRECT PORTFOLIO</b>		
<b>Housing and Community Facilities</b>		
Single Family Housing	284,790	\$15,276,645,659
Multi-Family Housing	24,071	\$10,785,002,000
Community Facility	5,864	\$5,515,017,000
<b>Total Housing &amp; Community Facilities</b>	<b>314,725</b>	<b>\$31,576,664,659</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Water & Waste	16,200	\$12,507,893,000
Electric	2,617	\$43,127,004,160
Telecommunications	1,387	\$4,402,469,153
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>20,204</b>	<b>\$60,037,366,313</b>
<b>Business and Cooperative</b>		
Business Programs	34	\$14,825,000
RMAP	111	\$29,538,913
Intermediary Relending Program	1,058	\$408,046,000
Rural Economic Development	402	\$182,744,943
<b>Total Business &amp; Cooperative</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>\$635,154,856</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>336,534</b>	<b>\$92,249,185,828</b>
<b>GUARANTEED PORTFOLIO</b>		
<b>Housing and Community Facilities</b>		
Single Family Housing	942,524	\$112,124,987,457
Multi-Family Housing	743	\$868,287,756
Community Facility	666	\$1,284,964,511
<b>Total Housing &amp; Community Facilities</b>	<b>943,933</b>	<b>\$114,278,239,724</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Water & Waste	77	\$112,137,701
Electric/Other	16	\$215,834,193
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>\$327,971,894</b>
<b>Business and Cooperative</b>		
Business Programs	3,175	\$6,095,311,014
<b>Total Business &amp; Cooperative</b>	<b>3,175</b>	<b>\$6,095,311,014</b>
<b>TOTAL GUARANTEED PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>947,201</b>	<b>\$120,701,522,632</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>1,283,735</b>	<b>\$212,950,708,460</b>

Data tables in the report reflect funding levels for USDA Rural Development programs as of Sept. 30, the close of each respective fiscal year. These figures can be subject to change based on de-obligations or other adjustments that may occur after the close of the fiscal year.



## Key to Table Categories and Abbreviations

<b>B&amp;I</b>	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees <sup>1</sup>
<b>IRP</b>	Intermediary Relending Program
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	Renewable Energy Grants and Loans <sup>2</sup>
<b>Business Grants</b>	Rural Business Enterprise and Rural Business Opportunity Grants
<b>REDLG</b>	Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants
<b>VAPG</b>	Value-Added Producer Grants
<b>SFH Direct</b>	Single-Family Housing Direct Loans
<b>SFH Guaranteed</b>	Single-Family Housing Loan Guarantees
<b>SFH Repairs</b>	Single-Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants
<b>SFH Self-Help</b>	Single-Family Housing Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants
<b>MFH Direct</b>	Multi-Family Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans
<b>MFH Guaranteed</b>	Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees
<b>Farm Labor Housing</b>	Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
<b>Rental Assistance</b>	Rental Assistance
<b>CF Direct</b>	Community Facilities Direct Loans
<b>CF Guaranteed</b>	Community Facilities Loan Guarantees
<b>CF Grants</b>	Community Facilities Grants
<b>WWD Direct</b>	Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loans
<b>WWD Guaranteed</b>	Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees
<b>WWD Grants</b>	Water and Waste Disposal Grants
<b>Telecom</b>	Telecom Loans and Grants <sup>3</sup>
<b>Electric</b>	Electric Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees
<b>Other Programs</b>	All other funding <sup>4</sup>

## Supplemental Information

- <sup>1</sup> For all loan guarantee programs, Rural Development backs the loans, which are made by private-sector lenders that partner with USDA to participate in the programs.
- <sup>2</sup> Renewable energy awards include Rural Energy for America Program guaranteed loans and grants, Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program loans, and payments made under the Repowering Assistance and Advanced Biofuels Programs.
- <sup>3</sup> Telecom includes Farm Bill broadband loans, Recovery Act broadband loans, Community Connect grants, Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants, Public Television Digital Transition grants, Telecommunications Infrastructure loans, and 911 access loans.
- <sup>4</sup> Other programs refers to smaller scale programs: RHS Rural Housing Site Loans, Housing Application Packaging, Individual Water and Waste, Technical and Supervisory Assistance, Housing Preservation Grants, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Loans and Grants, and Tenant Vouchers; RBS Rural Business Investment and Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Programs, Rural Cooperative Development, Delta Health Care Services, and Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants; and RUS Bulk Fuel, High Energy Cost Grant, Rural Alaska Village Grant, and Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Programs.

# Rural Housing Service: Creating Homes for Families and Rural Community Organizations

USDA Rural Development's Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers, and much more. We also provide technical assistance loans and grants in partnership with nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, State and Federal government agencies, and local communities. We and our partners are working together to ensure that rural America continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

## Single-Family Housing Results

In FY 2015, RHS invested \$19.5 billion to help more than 148,500 families with modest incomes buy, refinance, or repair their homes through its direct and guaranteed single-family housing loan programs, including 28,356 low- and very low-income borrowers. Since 2009, RHS has invested \$137.5 billion to support rural homeownership, helping more than 1.1 million rural families buy, refinance, and maintain homes.

This year, USDA celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Self-Help Housing program, a program that exemplifies the American dream. Self-help housing provides very-low- and low-income families the opportunity to build and buy their own homes. In the past 50 years, USDA has partnered with more than 100 nonprofit self-help housing organizations to help 50,000 rural American families achieve homeownership.

The program provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. Participants in this program contribute most of the construction labor required to build each other's homes. The hard work, sweat, and dedication of the soon-to-be homeowners reduce construction costs and, when paired with an affordable mortgage from RHS, make homeownership possible for families that would not otherwise be able to have their own homes.

Since the inception of the self-help program, USDA has invested nearly \$3.5 billion to secure homeownership for 50,000 families.



RHS Administrator Tony Hernandez in Oklahoma with a new self-help homeowner. USDA celebrated 50 years of self-help and 50,000 self-help homes in 2015.

## Multi-Family Housing Results

In FY 2015, RHS helped 10,840 families by building or renovating about 450 multi-family housing apartment complexes in rural areas through \$277.2 million in direct loans, guaranteed loans, and grants. Additionally, RHS provided \$1.1 billion in 2015 for rental assistance to help 248,970 very-low- and low-income rural families pay their rent. Since 2009, RHS has invested \$8.7 billion to offer rental housing opportunities to rural families, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and farm laborers and their families.

Alturas de Castañer, a small mountainous community in Puerto Rico, is home to 24 “agricultores” and their families. These agricultores, or farmworkers, work hard year-round to grow and produce coffee, bananas, root vegetables, and citrus fruits. But the housing available to them was often run-down and dilapidated and still relatively expensive, until RHS stepped in.

With financing from USDA Rural Development, the regional government built an affordable 24-unit apartment complex for the farmworkers in Alturas de Castañer — the first housing of its kind in Puerto Rico. This investment from USDA is helping agricultores from the community, like Maria Rodriguez and her husband, enjoy affordable, safe housing. USDA Rural Development is helping farmworkers and their families realize a better future by working with community developers and affordable housing advocates to create more communities dedicated to the farmworkers who are essential to the success of American agriculture.

## Community Facilities Results

In FY 2015, RHS served more than 21 million rural residents through \$1.8 billion in Community Facilities direct loans, guaranteed loans, and grants to develop essential community facilities such as hospitals, healthcare clinics, schools, police and fire stations, food banks, and community centers. Since the start of the Obama Administration in 2009, the agency has improved the quality of life for rural residents by investing \$9.6 billion in more than 9,000 community infrastructure projects.

USDA Rural Development provided Clarion University, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, with a \$45 million Community Facilities direct loan to help build two new dormitories for

up to 720 students. They feature modern suites with private bathrooms, sleek architectural and interior design, and well-appointed laundry facilities. Each room is outfitted for Internet and cable access. Additionally, central heat and air is provided through an energy-efficient LEEDS-silver-standard (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) geothermal heating and cooling system.

USDA Rural Development employees joined town and university leaders in September 2015 to celebrate completion of the first student residence. The second is scheduled to open in January 2016.

## RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

FISCAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

### Single-Family Housing

Over **148,500 families** served

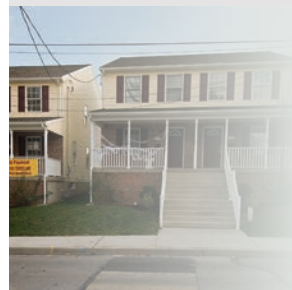
**\$19.5 billion** to build, repair, and refinance



### Multi-Family Housing

Over **10,840 families** served

**\$277.2 million** to build, renew, and refinance



### Community Facilities

Over **21 million rural residents** served

**\$1.8 billion** to build, equip, and modernize



# Rural Business-Cooperative Service: Boosting Businesses for Economic Growth

USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers assistance to support business development and job training opportunities for rural residents. Our programs help provide the capital, technical support, educational opportunities, and entrepreneurial skills that can give rural residents the boost they need to start and grow businesses or get jobs in agricultural markets and in the bio-based economy. We also support sustainable renewable energy development, help develop regional food systems, and help support agricultural and other types of cooperative enterprises through financing, education, technical assistance, and training. These investments support the Nation's long-term prosperity by ensuring that rural communities are self-sustaining, repopulating, and thriving economically.

## Business Programs Results

In FY 2015, RBS helped more than 12,500 rural businesses through \$1.5 billion in loans, loan guarantees, and grants. Since the onset of the Obama Administration in 2009, USDA has helped more than 103,000 rural businesses start or expand their operations through about \$10.9 billion in investments.

USDA Rural Development partnered with southern lender Community Bank & Trust to help two manufacturing plants in Lenoir, North Carolina, expand operations. Each plant received a \$5 million Business and Industry (B&I) guaranteed loan for working capital and equipment. The two facilities are subsidiaries of Exela Pharma Sciences, which develops and produces specialty ophthalmic pharmaceuticals.

USDA and Community Bank & Trust helped two rural North Carolina pharmaceutical manufacturing plants increase production. This means more jobs for local workers.



Exela employs more than 100 people at its manufacturing plants in Lenoir. As part of its business expansion, Exela plans to create about 40 more high-quality jobs at the plants, where the average salary is about \$48,000 — well above typical local wages. Lenoir is located in Caldwell County, where the local economy has struggled to recover after the furniture industry — formerly the major employer in the region — moved manufacturing overseas

some years ago. This investment is part of USDA's targeted assistance to the county through its StrikeForce initiative to combat rural poverty.

Thanks to Exela, USDA, and Community Bank & Trust, more opportunities are on the horizon for rural residents in this part of western North Carolina.

## Energy Programs Results

In 2015, RBS provided more than \$343 million in guaranteed loans, grants, and advanced biofuels producer payments for projects to develop renewable energy sources such as advanced biofuels and to make rural farms, ranches, dairies, and rural businesses more energy efficient. Since 2009, USDA has provided financing and producer payments for more than 11,000 energy projects nationwide through \$2.1 billion in strategic investments to support rural businesses and American energy independence.

In 2015, RBS awarded Wellons Farm, LLC, in Johnson County, North Carolina, a \$4.3 million Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) loan guarantee to provide financing to install a 6.5 megawatt photo-voltaic solar array on the farm.

Once the system is up and running, the solar panel system will generate enough energy to power 1,000 average-sized homes per year.

REAP is part of the Obama Administration's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy to increase the use of renewable energy and reduce U.S. dependence on fossil fuels and foreign sources of oil. REAP is one of the vehicles that is contributing to significant increases in renewable energy production on farms across rural America.



## Cooperative Programs Results

RBS provided approximately \$59 million in grants to support more than 4,000 businesses and cooperative enterprises. Grant award recipients include agricultural producers, nonprofit organizations, higher education institutions, and socially disadvantaged groups. Since FY 2009, RBS has helped more than 15,000 farmers, ranchers, and businesses through approximately \$224 million in awards.

Fifer Orchards, Inc., in Delmar, Delaware, a fourth-generation family farm in operation for almost a century, received a \$200,000 working capital Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) to expand the local market for its asparagus, strawberries, and tomatoes. The company will use the funds to increase its marketing efforts and process, package, and deliver produce to six grocery stores and its farm-to-school customers. The Fifer family expects to increase revenues by \$528,000 through the VAPG-funded project.

## Community Economic Development Results

Community Economic Development (CED) is a new USDA Rural Development effort to combat rural poverty and deliver assistance to rural places most in need of the capacity and funding to jump-start or sustain economic development. CED staff provide hands-on assistance at the local level to connect people, programs, and partners to increase economic opportunities for rural communities and regions.

In 2015, Rural Development identified 100 target CED rural communities, most of which were in persistent-poverty counties, and invested a total of \$2.13 billion in these areas.

Another significant CED accomplishment in 2015 included implementation of a new program, authorized under Section 6025 of the 2014 Farm Bill, to fund multi-jurisdictional or regional development project plans. The goal is to help high-poverty rural communities have greater access Rural Development funding opportunities. Twenty-five applicants received "Regional Development Priority" consideration and received a combined total of \$13.2 million in assistance.

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

FISCAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

### Business Assistance

Over **12,500** rural businesses assisted

**\$1.5 billion** for business startup, expansion

### Energy Assistance

Over **2,172** energy projects supported

**\$343 million** for renewable energy and energy efficiency

### Local Foods Assistance

Over **1,400** producers, others assisted

**\$88 million** for local and regional food systems

### Co-op Assistance

Over **4,000** ag projects supported

**\$59 million** to grow co-ops and other businesses in the agricultural, energy, and healthcare sectors

# Rural Utilities Service: Strengthening Electric, Telecommunications, and Water Infrastructure

USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers programs that finance important infrastructure or infrastructure improvements in rural communities. Those include water and waste treatment, electric power, and telecommunications services.

Utilities programs connect rural residents to the global economy by increasing access to broadband and 21st century telecommunications services, funding sustainable renewable energy development and conservation, financing reliable and affordable electric systems and electric smart grid technologies, and developing reliable and affordable rural water and wastewater systems. These investments support the Nation's long-term prosperity by ensuring that rural communities have the infrastructure they need to compete in the global economy.

## Electric Programs Results

In FY 2015, RUS awarded \$3.4 billion in electric loans to help 5.5 million rural residents receive improved electric service. Since the start of the Obama Administration in 2009, USDA has invested \$34 billion in nearly 1,000 projects to strengthen rural electric infrastructure systems throughout rural America, including more than \$1.2 billion in renewable energy projects.

North Dakota's Central Power Electric Cooperative received a \$46 million loan from USDA to make critical infrastructure improvements and expand the capacity of its electrical grid to keep up with increasing consumer demand for power. Serving more than 56,000 customers across 25 counties, Central Power will use the financing to build 51 miles of transmission line and make system improvements to deliver reliable and affordable electricity. The loan also includes \$171,000 for digital smart grid technology that will make the electric power delivery more reliable, cost effective, resilient, flexible, and energy efficient.

"With this investment, Central Power will increase output while modernizing operations to better serve customers," USDA Rural Development North Dakota State Director Ryan Taylor said.

## Telecommunications Programs Results

In 2015, RUS awarded \$256.6 million to improve telecommunications services — including broadband delivery, distance learning and telemedicine

systems, expansion of rural 911 systems, and other telecommunications infrastructure — for 2.8 million rural customers. Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$6.7 billion for almost 550 projects to improve telecommunications infrastructure in rural communities. This includes \$2.9 billion through the Recovery Act to build-out 254 successful broadband projects, and \$77.4 million in Community Connect grants for 74 broadband projects in rural areas that previously did not have broadband service.

In 2011, RUS awarded the Ralls County Electric Cooperative a \$9.5 million loan through the Recovery Act to build a high-speed broadband network in a very rural corner of northeast Missouri. One of the customers benefitting today from that high-speed Internet access is Spring Lake Pork, a hog farm north of Curryville, Missouri.

In 2015, the owners of Spring Lake Pork implemented the "Nedap System," a state-of-the-art online system, to manage their hogs. It electronically customizes each pig's feeding regimen, individually weighs and places them into groups, monitors them, and sorts them as they grow, all through frequency-identified ear tags. Immediate feedback available through the online management system is helping the family provide better care for their hogs and run a more efficient livestock operation.

These on-farm improvements would not have been possible without the high-speed broadband network provided through the Recovery Act. New opportunities exist for thousands of Ralls County Electric customers like Spring Lake Pork because of the communications power linked to local homes, schools, businesses, and community centers.



Project engineer Lucas Tipton shows Rural Development's Water Program Director Kent Evans a map of the wastewater collection system replacement project for historic Virginia City. Virginia City is a registered national landmark and the Storey County seat. USDA funded the entire project in FY 2015, simultaneously saving money and protecting the environment.

### Water Programs Results

In FY 2015, RUS invested more than \$1.6 billion in rural water and wastewater projects to protect the health and safety of rural residents and protect the environment in about 960 rural communities. Since 2009, RUS has invested \$12.3 billion in new and improved water and wastewater infrastructure benefiting 17.7 million rural residents.

USDA Rural Development provided Storey County, Nevada, with more than \$13 million in loans and grants in 2015 to replace about 13 miles of dilapidated sewer pipes, repair the aging community septic system serving the Virginia City and Gold Hill areas, and build a septic lift station in Gold Hill.

The aging septic system was crumbling, and untreated sewage was seeping into the groundwater in some parts of the county, posing a significant health risk to local residents. The system improvements will protect the local environment and the health of Storey County families and children for many years to come.

"From the county's perspective, all is in good hands and we are grateful to be working with such a great group of professional public servants," Storey County Manager Pat Whitten said.

## RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE FISCAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

### Electric Utilities

Over **5.5 million** rural customers served

**\$3.4 billion** for utility system upgrades, improvements



### Telecom Systems

**2.8 million** rural subscribers served

**\$256.6 million** for telecom and broadband service



### Water and Waste Disposal Systems

Over **2.3 million** rural residents served

**\$1.6 billion** for safe water and sanitary waste systems



# ALABAMA

## Utilities Programs

### Town of Geraldine Undergoes Transformation

With USDA Rural Development’s help, people living and working in Geraldine, Alabama, are benefiting from modern high-speed telecommunications and a brand new wastewater system, making the town much more attractive to new businesses.

Geraldine city leaders teamed up with USDA Rural Development to fund a new sewer system to resolve environmental and health hazards stemming from aging septic tanks and the lack of a sewer system — a major obstacle in attracting new businesses to this small rural town in DeKalb County. “Most restaurants won’t even talk to you if you don’t have a sewer system,” town Mayor Chuck Ables explained.

USDA Rural Development provided more than \$3.4 million in grant and loan assistance for a new sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Earth Day 2015. In the early 1950s, Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative (FTC) partnered with USDA to provide telephone service for customers in the area, and Geraldine resident Ralph Everett Ables was the first person who enrolled as a member of the co-op back in 1952. Today, the co-op is bringing high-speed broadband to DeKalb and Jackson counties through a \$24 million



For over 60 years, the Ables family in Geraldine has been at the forefront of advances in new technology, from the telephone to high-speed broadband.

telecommunications loan from USDA Rural Development. In early 2015, the Ables family home was the first site FTC linked to its new high-speed Internet network.

The network is delivering access speeds of up to 1 Gbps (gigabit per second), an attractive amenity for prospective businesses and families looking to relocate to the area. The broadband and water infrastructure improvements will provide benefits to local residents in northeast Alabama for many decades to come.

### Alabama Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$154,502,284	47	\$16,685,350	6	\$27,160,100	7	\$198,347,734	60
IRP	\$1,171,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,171,000	4
Renewable Energy	\$3,198,633	57	\$221,493	15	\$1,905,139	59	\$5,325,265	131
Business Grants	\$4,366,371	48	\$691,052	9	\$703,000	9	\$5,760,423	66
REDLG	\$2,740,000	7	\$1,900,000	4	\$0	0	\$4,640,000	11
VAPG	\$259,773	5	\$300,000	1	\$664,000	4	\$1,223,773	10
SFH Direct	\$110,277,342	1,024	\$13,559,151	130	\$17,752,898	156	\$141,589,391	1,310
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,230,918,915	18,348	\$432,632,326	3,551	\$447,382,138	3,672	\$3,110,933,379	25,571
SFH Repairs	\$8,269,267	1,374	\$1,604,568	255	\$1,826,123	277	\$11,699,958	1,906
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$333,916	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$333,916	1
MFH Direct	\$287,932	2	\$8,598,000	8	\$4,528,388	7	\$13,414,320	17
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$2,493,000	4	\$1,729,000	1	\$4,222,000	5
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$128,705,632	1,397	\$29,500,800	323	\$29,314,560	316	\$187,520,992	2,036
CF Direct	\$26,407,132	53	\$1,131,300	7	\$23,479,100	15	\$51,017,532	75
CF Guaranteed	\$9,360,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,360,000	1
CF Grants	\$4,187,213	68	\$335,400	8	\$534,334	20	\$5,056,947	96
WWD Direct	\$95,756,087	75	\$20,834,000	12	\$8,166,850	7	\$124,756,937	94
WWD Guaranteed	\$1,260,630	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,260,630	1
WWD Grants	\$53,420,623	52	\$12,240,000	9	\$7,529,580	15	\$73,190,203	76
Telecom	\$59,529,157	16	\$854,098	3	\$1,267,197	3	\$61,650,452	22
Electric	\$351,959,000	11	\$0	0	\$115,884,000	1	\$467,843,000	12
All Other Programs	\$91,012,670	26	\$687,061	6	\$393,572	35	\$92,093,303	67
<b>ALABAMA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,337,923,577</b>	<b>22,617</b>	<b>\$544,267,599</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>\$690,219,978</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>\$4,572,411,155</b>	<b>31,572</b>



# ALASKA

## Utilities Programs

### USDA Brings High-Speed Internet to Arctic Alaska Village

A remote Arctic village in upper northwest Alaska will soon have a modern, high-speed Internet connection, thanks to a \$1.4 million Community Connect Grant from USDA Rural Development. The new network will bring a world of online social, educational, and business opportunities to one of the most remote rural places imaginable.

Point Hope is a remote, Arctic village on the Chukchi Sea coast with about 670 residents. Current telecommunications services in the village are delivered by satellite, which is extremely expensive. It also has limited capacity and slow response times.

USDA Rural Development provided the Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) with the grant to build a fiber optic broadband network. In the future, Point Hope's network will be linked to an international project currently underway to provide broadband across north Alaska through undersea cable connections.

ASTAC will also use the USDA grant funds to build a community center with free broadband access and provide free broadband service for critical community facilities in Point Hope, both for at least 2 years.



Cell tower technicians work in rugged conditions in northwest, Arctic Alaska.

"For a small, insular Alaska Native village on the Arctic coast, this is their superhighway to the world," said ASTAC CEO Steve Merriam.

### Alaska Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$79,587,666	53	\$3,727,500	3	\$24,502,677	13	\$107,817,843	69
IRP	\$350,000	2	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,350,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$1,535,002	72	\$143,504	10	\$730,209	14	\$2,408,715	96
Business Grants	\$3,383,858	31	\$456,449	6	\$417,552	4	\$4,257,859	41
REDLG	\$300,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$300,000	1
VAPG	\$181,438	2	\$91,100	1	\$48,150	1	\$320,688	4
SFH Direct	\$63,029,158	366	\$10,848,503	56	\$11,384,806	58	\$85,262,467	480
SFH Guaranteed	\$325,875,686	1,680	\$67,730,368	346	\$102,667,747	460	\$496,273,801	2,486
SFH Repairs	\$722,082	93	\$167,790	20	\$260,950	34	\$1,150,822	147
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,585,808	3	\$944,014	2	\$53,690	1	\$2,583,512	6
MFH Direct	\$2,950,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,950,000	1
MFH Guaranteed	\$10,450,000	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,450,000	7
Farm Labor Housing	\$93,602	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$93,602	1
Rental Assistance	\$23,765,184	115	\$6,966,432	31	\$5,182,548	27	\$35,914,164	173
CF Direct	\$86,611,200	20	\$0	0	\$176,393,000	21	\$263,004,200	41
CF Guaranteed	\$10,200,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,200,000	3
CF Grants	\$5,481,668	55	\$344,802	7	\$124,900	3	\$5,951,370	65
WWD Direct	\$1,716,000	2	\$0	0	\$339,000	3	\$2,055,000	5
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$203,282,703	177	\$24,481,932	23	\$26,352,006	34	\$254,116,641	234
Telecom	\$146,159,634	31	\$3,248,905	9	\$3,756,743	7	\$153,165,282	47
Electric	\$432,351,000	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$432,351,000	7
All Other Programs	\$41,874,442	27	\$5,239,486	4	\$4,752,716	9	\$51,866,644	40
<b>ALASKA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,441,486,131</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>\$125,390,785</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>\$356,966,694</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>\$1,923,843,609</b>	<b>3,957</b>

# ARIZONA

## Community Programs

### USDA Brings Better Healthcare, Jobs to Rural Arizona Town

A new health center will restore access to critical surgical services for the residents of Wickenburg, Arizona, thanks to a \$16 million Community Facilities loan from USDA Rural Development. The project is expected to create nearly 30 much-needed healthcare-related jobs in this small community of about 6,300 people, in addition to the new, state-of-the-art medical facilities.

For nearly 60 years, the Wickenburg Community Hospital has met residents' healthcare needs. However, for the last 14 years, the hospital has been unable to offer surgical services. Patients needing surgery have had to travel 60 miles to Phoenix, a burden that often resulted in treatment delays and added risk for patients. Folks decided it was time to modernize.



Artist's rendering of the new rural surgical center and health clinic for Wickenburg, AZ. Image used with permission, courtesy of Highton Company, LLC, Tucson, AZ.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has made increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare — which many rural communities lack — a priority. In 2015, USDA Rural Development provided more than \$16 million in Community Facilities affordable loan financing to help hospital build a surgical center and health clinic. Construction is underway, and the new, 10,700-square-foot surgical center will include two operating rooms, a suite for gastrointestinal procedures, equipment to expand diagnostic capabilities, and space to accommodate additional staff and specialists.

### Arizona Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$102,980,698	41	\$25,158,000	8	\$29,563,000	6	\$157,701,698	55
IRP	\$488,000	2	\$0	0	\$415,000	1	\$903,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$6,525,458	67	\$195,930	11	\$6,191,939	17	\$12,913,327	95
Business Grants	\$3,185,502	36	\$421,000	6	\$890,950	9	\$4,497,452	51
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$39,500	1	\$209,206	2	\$546,594	4	\$795,300	7
SFH Direct	\$94,834,751	895	\$10,457,188	95	\$16,290,960	135	\$121,582,899	1,125
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,903,570,356	14,793	\$382,668,867	2,589	\$278,000,028	1,883	\$2,564,239,251	19,265
SFH Repairs	\$4,086,011	601	\$567,908	80	\$639,270	105	\$5,293,189	786
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$10,083,813	16	\$297,000	1	\$1,823,549	4	\$12,204,362	21
MFH Direct	\$2,961,922	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,961,922	7
MFH Guaranteed	\$5,647,071	6	\$968,300	2	\$2,400,000	2	\$9,015,371	10
Farm Labor Housing	\$726,911	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$726,911	3
Rental Assistance	\$63,566,436	437	\$16,803,360	108	\$16,502,496	104	\$96,872,292	649
CF Direct	\$70,435,907	26	\$0	0	\$26,401,000	5	\$96,836,907	31
CF Guaranteed	\$26,840,296	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,840,296	9
CF Grants	\$2,603,538	40	\$290,604	2	\$133,400	3	\$3,027,542	45
WWD Direct	\$26,838,436	15	\$9,700,000	2	\$2,005,000	1	\$38,543,436	18
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$88,668,578	270	\$6,184,329	7	\$8,081,435	51	\$102,934,342	328
Telecom	\$45,784,674	22	\$637,493	3	\$0	0	\$46,422,167	25
Electric	\$488,204,742	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$488,204,742	9
All Other Programs	\$3,307,635	18	\$293,575	3	\$456,234	31	\$4,057,444	52
<b>ARIZONA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,951,380,235</b>	<b>17,314</b>	<b>\$454,852,760</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>\$390,340,855</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>\$3,796,573,850</b>	<b>22,594</b>

# ARKANSAS

## Community Programs

### New Facility for More Students and Degrees

An \$8.5 million USDA Rural Development Community Facilities loan will help a Pocahontas, Arkansas, community college increase enrollment with a new health and science complex. The expansion will accommodate about 140 more students each year.

Black River Technical College is a 2-year college that today serves about 3,000 students per year. The college has outgrown its existing health and science facility — it's outdated and too small to meet current needs. For example, in just the registered nurse program alone, there are over 100 people waiting to sign up for classes.

The new 41,400-square-foot facility is more than twice the size of the original. It has cutting-edge science labs, including simulation labs to let students experience real



Artist's rendering of the new health and science facility. Image used with permission, courtesy of Allison Architects, Inc., Little Rock, AR.

world conditions. It also includes an outdoor courtyard and greenhouse that will allow the college to expand its agricultural programs. Construction is almost complete. Randolph County, Arkansas, where the college is located, is receiving assistance through USDA's *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity* initiative to increase economic opportunities for residents and is just one more example of how this initiative targets USDA assistance to persistent-poverty areas.

### Arkansas Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$90,920,550	30	\$33,531,357	6	\$9,217,000	3	\$133,668,907	39
IRP	\$1,344,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,344,000	4
Renewable Energy	\$7,734,803	172	\$596,077	14	\$762,710	18	\$9,093,590	204
Business Grants	\$3,798,703	33	\$509,000	6	\$461,760	8	\$4,769,463	47
REDLG	\$500,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$500,000	1
VAPG	\$283,000	4	\$30,000	1	\$249,488	2	\$562,488	7
SFH Direct	\$137,807,495	1,466	\$11,447,486	113	\$13,619,394	129	\$162,874,375	1,708
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,230,210,143	20,701	\$392,006,726	3,538	\$366,935,387	3,297	\$2,989,152,256	27,536
SFH Repairs	\$6,805,370	1,190	\$517,652	89	\$717,396	124	\$8,040,418	1,403
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$7,672,698	24	\$486,984	2	\$677,576	3	\$8,837,258	29
MFH Direct	\$3,043,805	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,043,805	3
MFH Guaranteed	\$3,845,391	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,845,391	3
Farm Labor Housing	\$3,603,200	40	\$281,800	3	\$328,000	2	\$4,213,000	45
Rental Assistance	\$95,327,764	1,114	\$22,269,060	264	\$22,209,936	266	\$139,806,760	1,644
CF Direct	\$82,561,000	38	\$92,000	1	\$0	0	\$82,653,000	39
CF Guaranteed	\$4,000,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,000,000	3
CF Grants	\$13,263,955	319	\$1,732,784	53	\$1,310,069	39	\$16,306,808	411
WWD Direct	\$138,003,200	135	\$16,538,900	19	\$20,548,000	18	\$175,090,100	172
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$95,707,479	108	\$11,415,698	20	\$9,982,000	19	\$117,105,177	147
Telecom	\$254,621,846	42	\$25,150,709	3	\$25,744,925	3	\$305,517,480	48
Electric	\$1,584,790,000	26	\$72,270,000	3	\$147,590,000	4	\$1,804,650,000	33
All Other Programs	\$1,570,222	22	\$241,022	4	\$2,264,743	28	\$4,075,988	54
<b>ARKANSAS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,767,414,624</b>	<b>25,478</b>	<b>\$589,117,255</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>\$622,618,384</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>\$5,979,150,264</b>	<b>33,580</b>

# CALIFORNIA

## Housing Programs

### Turning the Water Back On, One House at a Time

A USDA Rural Development Home Repair Grant of \$7,500 helped a Korean War veteran in rural California get a clean supply of water for his home.

Californians are suffering through the fourth year of severe drought, and residents have experienced more than their fair share of dry taps, living on water from jugs, and long waits for a well driller. Some families have lost their homes because they can't afford to drill a new well, while others have even experienced bankruptcy.

Korean War veteran Joel Hensley lives in the small, northern California town of Red Bluff. Unfortunately, like other homeowners in his area, his well started to fail. His home is just one of at least 25 houses in the neighborhood with water well issues. "The water just started turning brown," he said. "The well here is pretty old — over 40 years old. It was only about 50 feet deep."

After the tap ran muddy water, it stopped working altogether. Hensley, who has lived in his home for 20 years, spared no effort to re-drill his well. By the time he found a driller, he already had been to the county office for a well permit and plot plan, something the driller normally does. However, staring down a 4-month waiting list and a serious bill, he needed financial help.



Thanks to a grant from USDA, Red Bluff, CA, affordable water well upgrades helped homeowner Joel Hensley get his household water back on again.

Hensley learned about USDA Rural Development home repair loans and grants from a friend, so he applied at the Rural Development local office in Redding. Single-family housing specialist Cheri Skudlarek helped him apply for the program, which provides low-interest repair loans and grants to homeowners age 62 or older to remove health and safety hazards from their homes. The last time she stopped by, it was to hand him a check for a \$7,500 grant to drill his well down to 140 feet.

"I want to give Cheri a lot of credit because she really, really helped me," Hensley said. "I have plenty of real good water now. Considering all the bad things, everything has turned out really good."

### California Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$461,951,620	210	\$57,007,695	22	\$29,727,545	13	\$548,686,860	245
IRP	\$8,860,000	19	\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000	1	\$10,860,000	21
Renewable Energy	\$11,059,587	257	\$5,280,143	73	\$7,085,243	102	\$23,424,973	432
Business Grants	\$8,449,631	99	\$914,816	11	\$1,113,000	16	\$10,477,447	126
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$6,033,281	38	\$200,000	1	\$2,344,494	17	\$8,577,775	56
SFH Direct	\$397,085,342	2,598	\$65,241,381	396	\$100,559,697	569	\$562,886,420	3,563
SFH Guaranteed	\$3,569,343,177	21,067	\$658,140,936	3,485	\$562,996,706	2,965	\$4,790,480,819	27,517
SFH Repairs	\$2,051,278	291	\$482,009	72	\$518,024	73	\$3,051,311	436
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$36,108,583	27	\$737,804	1	\$8,536,979	5	\$45,383,366	33
MFH Direct	\$15,836,439	19	\$0	0	\$4,147,500	1	\$19,983,939	20
MFH Guaranteed	\$186,216,648	115	\$18,833,471	15	\$35,265,246	22	\$240,315,365	152
Farm Labor Housing	\$68,278,506	33	\$20,994,943	10	\$16,612,892	8	\$105,886,340	51
Rental Assistance	\$324,890,621	1,638	\$85,547,808	386	\$91,089,279	381	\$501,527,708	2,405
CF Direct	\$135,859,611	63	\$10,902,542	5	\$74,036,150	15	\$220,798,303	83
CF Guaranteed	\$9,891,255	12	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,891,255	12
CF Grants	\$13,505,652	252	\$1,492,302	31	\$1,586,577	27	\$16,584,531	310
WWD Direct	\$286,336,128	88	\$10,627,844	8	\$15,297,742	8	\$312,261,714	104
WWD Guaranteed	\$346,100	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$346,100	1
WWD Grants	\$88,047,879	112	\$22,279,745	44	\$22,098,610	40	\$132,426,234	196
Telecom	\$44,663,899	22	\$1,501,905	5	\$462,894	2	\$46,628,698	29
Electric	\$78,960,000	3	\$8,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$86,960,000	4
All Other Programs	\$26,110,839	85	\$9,003,759	32	\$7,169,985	27	\$42,284,583	144
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,779,886,076</b>	<b>27,049</b>	<b>\$978,189,103</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>\$981,648,563</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>\$7,739,723,741</b>	<b>35,940</b>



# COLORADO

## Community Programs

### Preserving the Local Foods Heritage of the San Luis Valley

A \$50,000 Community Facilities grant made it possible for a Colorado community to promote local foods and encourage natural farming.

The Costilla County Economic Development Council wanted to help natural and organic farmers process fruits, vegetables, domestic and wild game, and increase the availability of fresh, locally produced foods for consumers. The answer was a community kitchen.

USDA Rural Development provided a \$50,000 Community Facilities grant to equip the commercial kitchen, which will be located at the San Luis Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center. The project was also supported through a State grant and a long-term lease for the building from the school district.

Founded in 1851, San Luis is Colorado's oldest town, with a long, rich history of farming and agriculture. Staff at the community kitchen will teach residents the local custom



The center in historic, downtown San Luis, CO, where the USDA-financed community kitchen will be located.

of cooking in outdoor adobe ovens (called hornos) and how to handle and store heirloom seeds. Cooking classes for all ages and genders will be offered. Project leaders are focusing their efforts on school-age children with the hope of nurturing their interest in continuing the food traditions of the San Luis Valley.

USDA's *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity* initiative targets USDA assistance to persistent-poverty, high-need areas. In Costilla County, USDA is using *StrikeForce* to help farmers and provide better nutrition for rural families and children.

### Colorado Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$96,269,196	32	\$16,354,108	8	\$1,771,100	2	\$114,394,404	42
IRP	\$2,798,296	7	\$0	0	\$1,000,000	1	\$3,798,296	8
Renewable Energy	\$3,505,669	80	\$257,036	16	\$794,364	28	\$4,557,069	124
Business Grants	\$2,128,360	44	\$318,000	8	\$246,000	8	\$2,692,360	60
REDLG	\$2,060,000	4	\$550,000	1	\$0	0	\$2,610,000	5
VAPG	\$1,518,914	12	\$110,800	2	\$0	0	\$1,629,714	14
SFH Direct	\$98,909,516	716	\$17,944,440	117	\$19,777,103	130	\$136,631,059	963
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,240,656,775	7,180	\$313,382,316	1,704	\$306,930,684	1,597	\$1,860,969,775	10,481
SFH Repairs	\$1,520,389	220	\$304,830	50	\$260,295	31	\$2,085,514	301
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$3,631,760	7	\$539,990	1	\$1,115,880	3	\$5,287,630	11
MFH Direct	\$3,163,799	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,163,799	5
MFH Guaranteed	\$2,004,874	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,004,874	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$3,000,000	2	\$5,424,076	4	\$0	0	\$8,424,076	6
Rental Assistance	\$51,826,032	477	\$13,334,400	115	\$11,963,200	111	\$77,123,632	703
CF Direct	\$33,818,810	32	\$10,158,923	3	\$25,871,748	7	\$69,849,481	42
CF Guaranteed	\$2,674,837	3	\$0	0	\$5,750,000	1	\$8,424,837	4
CF Grants	\$4,076,710	117	\$362,977	16	\$846,839	19	\$5,286,526	152
WWD Direct	\$53,574,300	34	\$1,253,000	4	\$4,479,000	1	\$59,306,300	39
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$21,002,236	39	\$1,541,400	9	\$3,239,236	7	\$25,782,872	55
Telecom	\$84,806,955	26	\$965,450	3	\$259,428	1	\$86,031,833	30
Electric	\$1,503,095,000	30	\$260,346,000	2	\$260,849,000	2	\$2,024,290,000	34
All Other Programs	\$2,588,101	25	\$580,000	5	\$274,216	9	\$3,442,317	39
<b>COLORADO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,218,630,529</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>\$643,727,746</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>\$645,428,093</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>\$4,507,786,368</b>	<b>13,120</b>

# CONNECTICUT

## Cooperative Programs

### USDA Helps Increase Access to Local Foods

A cooperative venture in Northeastern Connecticut is increasing access to local foods with the help of USDA Rural Development.

Nearly 30 percent of the population of Willimantic, Connecticut, is below the poverty line. Despite an abundance of agriculture, many residents do not have reliable access to wholesome, locally produced food.

Workers at the “CLiCK” cooperative wanted to bridge the farm-to-table gap and provide fresh, nutritious food to local families through a cooperative, community-based solution. Their goal was to start a food processing facility and commercial kitchen for local farmers, chefs, and bakers to prepare and sell their products.

The State of Connecticut provided funding to purchase a building, and USDA Rural Development provided CLiCK with a \$25,000 business grant to purchase commercial ovens, refrigerators, and other equipment for the facility. Project leaders celebrated the grand opening in June 2015.



The June 2015 grand opening of the CLiCK food processing facility and commercial kitchen.

“CLiCK is right in this movement of beginning to change the way we live, starting right from food, starting locally,” said Phoebe Godfrey, CLiCK board president.

Today, the CLiCK processing facility and commercial kitchen is up and running and is helping producers and small culinary businesses get their products to market. In the future, CLiCK plans to open a teaching kitchen to show Willamantic residents how to prepare healthy meals using local produce and ingredients.

### Connecticut Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$37,226,500	14	\$0	0	\$6,000,000	2	\$43,226,500	16
IRP	\$1,500,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,500,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$1,785,365	50	\$182,202	17	\$934,022	23	\$2,901,589	90
Business Grants	\$1,193,329	20	\$257,609	5	\$159,000	4	\$1,609,938	29
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$334,000	2	\$0	0	\$250,000	1	\$584,000	3
SFH Direct	\$26,441,084	141	\$3,199,824	19	\$4,117,255	23	\$33,758,163	183
SFH Guaranteed	\$538,631,719	2,939	\$139,033,797	762	\$130,921,335	721	\$808,586,851	4,422
SFH Repairs	\$633,463	112	\$130,004	23	\$142,907	21	\$906,374	156
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$8,650,808	14	\$673,044	2	\$2,330,042	4	\$11,653,894	20
MFH Guaranteed	\$4,179,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,179,250	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$250,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$250,000	1
Rental Assistance	\$32,509,584	275	\$7,381,920	57	\$8,522,796	63	\$48,414,300	395
CF Direct	\$97,793,420	38	\$21,386,000	5	\$17,817,163	4	\$136,996,583	47
CF Guaranteed	\$27,027,600	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$27,027,600	5
CF Grants	\$1,555,015	38	\$309,692	7	\$158,000	7	\$2,022,707	52
WWD Direct	\$58,096,000	22	\$11,915,000	4	\$14,786,000	4	\$84,797,000	30
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$33,815,605	29	\$7,951,300	8	\$4,093,000	5	\$45,859,905	42
Telecom	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$249,890	7	\$50,000	1	\$50,000	1	\$349,890	9
<b>CONNECTICUT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$871,872,632</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>\$192,470,392</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>\$190,281,521</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>\$1,254,624,545</b>	<b>5,504</b>

# DELAWARE

## Community Programs

### Sussex County's Only Charter School Expands With USDA's Help

USDA Rural Development has invested more than \$10 million to help a pioneering school prepare a growing student body for tomorrow's workforce.

Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences opened its doors in 2000 as the only charter school in Sussex County, Delaware. At the time, it served 225 students. Today, with Rural Development's help, it serves more than 600 rural students in grades 6 through 11, and is still the only available charter school in the county.

As the student population at the academy has grown, so has the size of its campus and its partnership with USDA Rural Development.

The partnership started with an initial investment of \$1.6 million to build Sussex Academy's original campus in 2000. But with increasing enrollments came the need for more space. So, Rural Development provided the academy with \$6.2 million to swap campuses with a smaller, private high school that needed to downsize. This innovative swap



Sussex Academy has expanded and improved the school campus several times with help from USDA.

provided both schools with facilities appropriately sized for their respective student populations.

In 2015, Rural Development, along with community partners, funded a final phase of renovations at the school. Improvements include a new library, a warming kitchen, a performing arts stage, and a dual cafeteria/auditorium space. Sussex Academy now has the facility school leaders need to reach their ultimate goal of adding 12th grade classes during the 2016-2017 school year and educating up to 750 students.

### Delaware Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$7,493,627	7	\$0	0	\$1,350,000	1	\$8,843,627	8
IRP	\$1,020,437	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,020,437	3
Renewable Energy	\$358,695	16	\$142,000	4	\$935,526	23	\$1,436,221	43
Business Grants	\$733,790	20	\$141,800	4	\$111,000	8	\$986,590	32
REDLG	\$0	0	\$593,120	1	\$300,000	1	\$893,120	2
VAPG	\$41,000	1	\$0	0	\$748,750	4	\$789,750	5
SFH Direct	\$56,901,273	321	\$6,288,961	37	\$5,298,547	30	\$68,488,781	388
SFH Guaranteed	\$503,193,083	2,702	\$124,315,662	661	\$133,945,296	676	\$761,454,041	4,039
SFH Repairs	\$394,468	59	\$36,000	6	\$60,431	10	\$490,899	75
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$3,096,000	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,096,000	5
MFH Direct	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,000,000	1
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,273,086	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,273,086	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$30,387,785	165	\$8,265,120	42	\$7,622,076	40	\$46,274,981	247
CF Direct	\$31,221,000	15	\$18,100,000	4	\$31,050,000	5	\$80,371,000	24
CF Guaranteed	\$500,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$500,000	1
CF Grants	\$2,461,632	45	\$277,292	6	\$181,400	5	\$2,920,324	56
WWD Direct	\$90,242,065	31	\$7,481,000	5	\$1,515,000	3	\$99,238,065	39
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$22,358,491	22	\$3,977,000	6	\$3,107,000	7	\$29,442,491	35
Telecom	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Electric	\$49,300,000	2	\$36,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$85,300,000	3
All Other Programs	\$4,104,500	11	\$1,507,300	4	\$997,464	6	\$6,609,264	21
<b>DELAWARE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$806,080,932</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>\$207,125,255</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>\$187,222,490</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>\$1,200,428,677</b>	<b>5,029</b>

# FLORIDA

## Cooperative Programs

### USDA Helps North Florida Clam Producer Increase Sales

A USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant has helped one of the largest clam producers in Florida expand its sales by 300 percent.

Southeastern Seaproducts, Inc., wanted to increase its market penetration. To do that, the company had to extend the shelf life of its clams. Fresh clams have a 14-day shelf life, but when they are cooked and frozen they can last for up to a year. Mark Maynard, Sr., the company president and CEO, contacted USDA for help moving into frozen clam production and developing new marketing tools.

USDA Rural Development provided a \$200,000 grant to produce, package, and market the company's vacuum-sealed cooked and frozen clams. Today, the company's frozen clams are part of its "Salty Seas" line of products, a trusted brand now recognized by many consumers.

Southeastern Seaproducts produces millions of clams annually. It leases land from the Florida Department of



Clam harvesting at Southeastern Seaproducts.

Agriculture in Cedar Key, where it has a hatchery, nursery system, and growing operation for clam production.

According to Southeastern Seaproducts, it is the first U.S. company to perfect freezing hard-shell clams so they open during cooking like a live clam would.

The assistance from USDA has helped this business grow significantly. Sales in 2015 have increased by 300 percent compared to 2014, and the company's clients include the largest retailer in America.

### Florida Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$223,636,209	61	\$56,280,788	11	\$78,712,500	24	\$358,629,497	96
IRP	\$618,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$618,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$3,992,548	69	\$831,879	28	\$3,230,961	21	\$8,055,388	118
Business Grants	\$3,996,239	26	\$811,000	5	\$586,000	5	\$5,393,239	36
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$1,333,369	7	\$0	0	\$557,000	4	\$1,890,369	11
SFH Direct	\$191,175,503	1,699	\$24,767,174	223	\$28,597,685	244	\$244,540,362	2,166
SFH Guaranteed	\$4,071,979,695	31,844	\$666,418,147	4,705	\$629,696,186	4,408	\$5,368,094,028	40,957
SFH Repairs	\$7,354,022	1,344	\$796,205	153	\$1,021,435	175	\$9,171,662	1,672
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$11,174,710	6	\$0	0	\$2,100,000	2	\$13,274,710	8
MFH Direct	\$39,431,970	59	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$39,431,970	59
MFH Guaranteed	\$8,348,000	7	\$0	0	\$1,750,000	1	\$10,098,000	8
Farm Labor Housing	\$6,000,000	4	\$7,000,000	6	\$0	0	\$13,000,000	10
Rental Assistance	\$228,003,184	1,569	\$54,871,741	343	\$54,652,241	341	\$337,527,166	2,253
CF Direct	\$57,479,550	27	\$671,200	5	\$22,692,000	6	\$80,842,750	38
CF Guaranteed	\$14,300,000	5	\$860,000	1	\$10,300,000	2	\$25,460,000	8
CF Grants	\$3,455,400	37	\$544,400	8	\$332,700	4	\$4,332,500	49
WWD Direct	\$117,245,800	42	\$9,784,100	5	\$3,178,000	3	\$130,207,900	50
WWD Guaranteed	\$200,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$200,000	1
WWD Grants	\$58,417,370	46	\$6,318,670	12	\$3,678,830	7	\$68,414,870	65
Telecom	\$49,414,932	6	\$0	0	\$346,831	2	\$49,761,763	8
Electric	\$762,356,000	18	\$110,000,000	1	\$244,401,000	4	\$1,116,757,000	23
All Other Programs	\$81,989,267	23	\$1,135,655	2	\$2,307,345	274	\$85,432,267	299
<b>FLORIDA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,941,901,768</b>	<b>36,902</b>	<b>\$941,090,959</b>	<b>5,508</b>	<b>\$1,088,140,714</b>	<b>5,527</b>	<b>\$7,971,133,442</b>	<b>47,937</b>



# GEORGIA

## Community Programs

### Preparing a Technically Skilled Workforce in Rural Georgia

A grant of \$99,000 from USDA Rural Development is helping school districts in five rural Georgia counties promote science and math skills.

STEM education is an integrated science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curriculum. Today's saturation of technology in most career fields means that all students — not just those pursuing a STEM profession — will require a foundation in STEM to be productive members of the workforce.

To address this need, USDA Rural Development in Georgia has been linking universities to rural K-12 public schools to provide and enhance STEM education opportunities for rural students.

School districts in rural Clay, Colquitt, Quitman, Randolph, and Sumter counties are partnering with the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) to build STEM distance learning infrastructure for STEM education and outreach. USDA Rural Development provided a \$99,900 Community Facilities grant in 2015 to help purchase teleconferencing and online access equipment to facilitate STEM@GTRI program outreach. The Georgia Department of Education also supported the project.



STEM education encourages curiosity and problem solving. Here, a GTRI STEM researcher is showing grade-schoolers how to use water vapor to make a “cloud in a bottle.” Photo courtesy of GTRI.

Now, first-graders will learn about STEM through monthly storytelling sessions and high school students will be able to dig deep into STEM topics by connecting with professors and scientists during courses.

“This will exponentially expand effectiveness of educational programs and help ensure rural Georgia is workforce ready,” Quinton Robinson, former Rural Development Georgia State Director, said.

Since 2013, USDA Rural Development has provided 10 grants totaling almost \$502,000 to educational institutions to support STEM education in rural Georgia and give local students a competitive edge in the job market.

### Georgia Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$410,545,617	112	\$9,096,100	4	\$22,525,284	4	\$442,167,001	120
IRP	\$1,339,000	3	\$500,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,839,000	4
Renewable Energy	\$15,420,617	391	\$503,864	37	\$4,253,597	80	\$20,178,078	508
Business Grants	\$7,676,130	98	\$983,879	12	\$832,000	11	\$9,492,009	121
REDLG	\$6,990,000	11	\$3,081,616	3	\$0	0	\$10,071,616	14
VAPG	\$4,666,701	21	\$1,194,385	8	\$3,230,326	17	\$9,091,412	46
SFH Direct	\$131,281,121	1,217	\$10,820,211	104	\$10,830,393	103	\$152,931,725	1,424
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,467,014,485	21,312	\$525,813,246	4,351	\$524,739,336	4,189	\$3,517,567,067	29,852
SFH Repairs	\$9,643,562	1,396	\$1,220,634	179	\$1,259,450	178	\$12,123,646	1,753
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$6,208,293	10	\$6,595,712	10	\$0	0	\$12,804,005	20
MFH Guaranteed	\$6,843,982	5	\$15,824,700	19	\$1,650,000	1	\$24,318,682	25
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$114,021,060	1,393	\$29,814,396	334	\$28,577,952	322	\$172,413,408	2,049
CF Direct	\$63,607,803	131	\$82,931,515	29	\$46,058,950	19	\$192,598,268	179
CF Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Grants	\$5,843,419	142	\$678,200	24	\$647,100	21	\$7,168,719	187
WWD Direct	\$95,685,880	44	\$10,365,000	5	\$23,442,600	7	\$129,493,480	56
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$68,579,613	33	\$11,245,800	13	\$7,588,500	14	\$87,413,913	60
Telecom	\$95,417,944	18	\$16,994,727	2	\$903,016	2	\$113,315,687	22
Electric	\$2,998,504,000	46	\$434,752,000	11	\$270,130,000	7	\$3,703,386,000	64
All Other Programs	\$88,049,894	41	\$71,840,140	13	\$376,021	73	\$160,266,055	127
<b>GEORGIA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,597,339,121</b>	<b>26,424</b>	<b>\$1,234,256,125</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>\$947,044,526</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>\$8,778,639,772</b>	<b>36,631</b>

# HAWAII

## Housing Programs

### USDA and Partners Provide Self-Help Housing Opportunities

USDA Rural Development is partnering with Hawaii nonprofits to address a serious rural housing shortage with “sweat equity” — people building their own homes. To date, USDA Rural Development has provided \$66 million in affordable home loans for self-help housing families — and \$11 million in technical assistance grants for self-help housing projects — in Hawaii and the Marshall Islands.

In Hawaii, housing costs are some of the highest in the Nation, and many rural families live in crowded, substandard housing, pay high rent, or are at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, some are in high poverty areas.

Fortunately, Hawaii has one of the most active mutual self-help housing programs in the country. Under this program, USDA Rural Development provides grants to organizations to supervise self-help housing construction projects for groups of low-income families who help build each other’s homes, which significantly reduces the overall purchase cost of their homes. Hawaii has three grantees overseeing self-help housing development, including projects in the Marshall Islands. The Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation has helped almost 300 families



Self-help housing groundbreaking ceremony on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

become self-help homeowners. Many are single mothers who never thought they would become homeowners. Their dreams came true through “sweat equity” labor, which also taught them how to repair and maintain their homes. Their average monthly mortgage payments are \$1,100, well below average rents on the island.

Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii, established in 1984, has helped 627 rural Hawaiian families build their own decent, safe, and affordable homes.

Although there were challenges involved in implementing a self-help program in the Marshall Islands, a U.S. Territory, Rural Development worked closely with the Marshall Islands Development Bank, which today has helped more than 100 local families in the islands build their own homes.

### Hawaii Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$53,985,000	11	\$4,460,000	2	\$7,500,000	2	\$65,945,000	15
IRP	\$180,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$180,000	1
Renewable Energy	\$1,772,166	52	\$159,938	6	\$1,104,098	17	\$3,036,202	75
Business Grants	\$1,301,302	22	\$154,297	4	\$113,000	4	\$1,568,599	30
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$500,574	7	\$42,322	2	\$358,335	2	\$901,231	11
SFH Direct	\$75,561,890	350	\$10,626,202	44	\$14,896,189	59	\$101,084,281	453
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,118,418,992	3,480	\$223,246,628	692	\$217,177,497	673	\$1,558,843,117	4,845
SFH Repairs	\$2,111,852	303	\$241,876	37	\$363,996	55	\$2,717,724	395
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$3,936,090	8	\$0	0	\$1,409,475	3	\$5,345,565	11
MFH Direct	\$1,624,990	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,624,990	3
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$6,561,428	3	\$0	0	\$1,876,274	1	\$8,437,702	4
Rental Assistance	\$29,094,612	101	\$7,056,000	24	\$7,809,120	21	\$43,959,732	146
CF Direct	\$139,901,490	30	\$1,000,000	1	\$5,029,000	3	\$145,930,490	34
CF Guaranteed	\$23,065,000	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,065,000	7
CF Grants	\$1,952,677	33	\$275,092	4	\$350,000	5	\$2,577,769	42
WWD Direct	\$17,196,100	12	\$1,037,000	1	\$0	0	\$18,233,100	13
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$12,655,174	12	\$864,880	1	\$35,500	2	\$13,555,554	15
Telecom	\$559,634	2	\$1,165,831	3	\$0	0	\$1,725,465	5
Electric	\$182,851,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$182,851,000	2
All Other Programs	\$3,483,332	17	\$1,109,856	6	\$442,115	4	\$5,035,303	27
<b>HAWAII TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,676,713,303</b>	<b>4,456</b>	<b>\$251,439,922</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>\$258,464,599</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>\$2,186,617,824</b>	<b>6,134</b>

# IDAHO

## Community Programs

### Century-Old Spillway Reopens in the Magic Valley

A \$7.5 million Community Facilities loan from USDA Rural Development has helped keep an important Idaho dam in business.

South-central Idaho's Minidoka Dam, which irrigates more than a million acres, is vital to agricultural producers and the rural economy in Idaho's Magic Valley. Early settlers talked about building a dam back in the 1880s, and the dam finally came to fruition after Teddy Roosevelt's 1902 Newlands Reclamation Act, which set aside money for irrigation projects. Construction began in 1904 and was completed in 1907.

By 2010, after 103 years of operation, the dam had deteriorated and was in desperate need of repairs. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation partnered with USDA Rural



The all-new, improved Minidoka Dam and spillway reopened for business in May 2015.

Development, the Minidoka Irrigation District, and other organizations on a major 4-year, \$24 million project to renovate the dam, replace the irrigation headways, build a new concrete spillway, and install mechanically operated control gates. USDA Rural Development provided a \$7.5 million Community Facilities loan to help finance the repairs.

Construction was completed in May 2015. The improvements will help ensure that rural households and businesses in the area can continue to thrive well into the next century.

### Idaho Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$154,821,331	111	\$30,077,255	15	\$36,226,960	23	\$221,125,546	149
IRP	\$690,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$690,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$7,255,352	232	\$200,811	34	\$1,182,472	48	\$8,638,635	314
Business Grants	\$1,728,555	91	\$349,611	17	\$465,231	16	\$2,543,397	124
REDLG	\$0	0	\$2,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$2,000,000	1
VAPG	\$1,665,450	12	\$0	0	\$799,304	10	\$2,464,754	22
SFH Direct	\$126,643,287	955	\$7,574,619	60	\$5,017,984	38	\$139,235,890	1,053
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,086,747,019	7,966	\$220,310,574	1,524	\$219,807,145	1,433	\$1,526,864,738	10,923
SFH Repairs	\$2,020,184	344	\$222,116	36	\$252,304	37	\$2,494,604	417
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,442,165	5	\$379,899	1	\$502,211	2	\$2,324,275	8
MFH Direct	\$13,274,655	27	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$13,274,655	27
MFH Guaranteed	\$5,465,000	7	\$0	0	\$4,040,913	3	\$9,505,913	10
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$62,290,469	583	\$16,528,896	139	\$13,519,200	146	\$92,338,565	868
CF Direct	\$26,520,700	32	\$3,307,000	4	\$21,850,000	4	\$51,677,700	40
CF Guaranteed	\$2,541,000	10	\$300,000	1	\$0	0	\$2,841,000	11
CF Grants	\$1,556,926	49	\$380,492	7	\$190,700	5	\$2,128,118	61
WWD Direct	\$90,741,000	48	\$3,742,000	6	\$38,827,000	14	\$133,310,000	68
WWD Guaranteed	\$1,285,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,000	1
WWD Grants	\$34,213,166	76	\$5,788,609	19	\$16,181,440	21	\$56,183,215	116
Telecom	\$49,828,449	21	\$1,517,215	5	\$482,178	1	\$51,827,842	27
Electric	\$85,932,000	4	\$0	0	\$13,572,000	1	\$99,504,000	5
All Other Programs	\$1,904,033	13	\$0	0	\$494,120	70	\$2,398,153	83
<b>IDAHO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,758,565,741</b>	<b>10,590</b>	<b>\$292,679,097</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>\$373,411,161</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>\$2,424,655,999</b>	<b>14,331</b>



# ILLINOIS

## Business Programs

### Growing Healthy Businesses in Rural Illinois

For almost 10 years, USDA Rural Development has partnered with Champion Community Investments (CCI), a nonprofit economic development agency based in Du Quoin, Illinois, to boost lending, grow local businesses, and create or save much-needed jobs for residents in economically distressed communities in southern Illinois.

In 2015, Rural Development provided CCI with a \$1 million Intermediary Relending Program loan to re-lend funds to local businesses and for community development projects. Prior awards from Rural Development to CCI include Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program financing for micro-lending to micro-enterprises, or very small rural businesses.

CCI loan assistance helped start and expand the Robin's Nest Learning Center in Carterville. Today, it's southern Illinois's largest infant and toddler learning and care facility. Another beneficiary is McPherson Automotive in Du Quoin. This family-owned, long-time business worked with CCI for the first time in 2015 to expand operations. These businesses are providing goods, services, and jobs that help improve the quality of life in these communities and contribute to economic growth.



Young children at the Robin's Nest Learning Center in Carterville, IL.

Since 2006, USDA's financial partnership with CCI has enabled the firm to provide more than 80 loans, mostly to southern Illinois small businesses. CCI is also a designated Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) supported through a CDFI grant. CCI leaders attribute the company's success to a solid working relationship with USDA Rural Development and area banks.

"They've created an environment in which we can successfully get these funds out on the streets and in the hands of good borrowers," Rex Duncan, CCI Board of Directors President, said. "We're using all these programs to make our communities a home for the next generation."

### Illinois Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$162,790,863	53	\$11,158,750	5	\$6,048,420	6	\$179,998,033	64
IRP	\$4,405,000	7	\$0	0	\$1,000,000	1	\$5,405,000	8
Renewable Energy	\$31,279,013	506	\$2,029,158	25	\$2,091,945	61	\$35,400,116	592
Business Grants	\$4,802,589	58	\$605,000	8	\$462,000	7	\$5,869,589	73
REDLG	\$10,410,000	16	\$11,809,502	8	\$2,550,000	3	\$24,769,502	27
VAPG	\$1,407,681	12	\$341,079	2	\$630,459	6	\$2,379,219	20
SFH Direct	\$130,019,431	1,650	\$18,604,300	241	\$19,825,656	257	\$168,449,387	2,148
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,303,225,287	24,533	\$369,391,929	3,910	\$326,498,446	3,428	\$2,999,115,662	31,871
SFH Repairs	\$11,799,683	2,409	\$2,038,020	420	\$2,191,932	416	\$16,029,635	3,245
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$283,140	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$283,140	1
MFH Direct	\$6,829,077	25	\$2,614,427	4	\$2,942,945	8	\$12,386,449	37
MFH Guaranteed	\$30,650,650	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$30,650,650	8
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,643,191	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,643,191	2
Rental Assistance	\$107,978,772	1,776	\$24,129,216	383	\$26,840,663	418	\$158,948,651	2,577
CF Direct	\$84,576,554	40	\$10,862,500	6	\$3,797,900	7	\$99,236,954	53
CF Guaranteed	\$22,115,000	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$22,115,000	9
CF Grants	\$3,334,590	126	\$511,175	25	\$339,600	19	\$4,185,365	170
WWD Direct	\$171,001,650	150	\$25,104,000	23	\$33,583,000	34	\$229,688,650	207
WWD Guaranteed	\$756,750	1	\$0	0	\$8,440,000	4	\$9,196,750	5
WWD Grants	\$52,600,272	111	\$11,567,890	28	\$12,733,020	30	\$76,901,182	169
Telecom	\$153,836,019	28	\$2,005,013	5	\$154,497	1	\$155,995,529	34
Electric	\$105,835,000	8	\$27,305,000	2	\$25,000,000	1	\$158,140,000	11
All Other Programs	\$4,212,464	31	\$3,672,075	7	\$1,029,612	224	\$8,914,152	262
<b>ILLINOIS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,405,792,676</b>	<b>31,560</b>	<b>\$523,749,034</b>	<b>5,102</b>	<b>\$476,160,096</b>	<b>4,931</b>	<b>\$4,405,701,806</b>	<b>41,593</b>



# INDIANA

## Housing Programs

### A Place To Call Home

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Warrick County, Inc., Michael Coburn was able to realize his dream of home ownership through USDA Rural Development's Mutual Self-Help Housing program. Coburn, who previously lived in a one-bedroom apartment, now owns a new three-bedroom, two-bath home he helped build with his own hands. Coburn's new home was completed in June of 2015, along with five other homes in the same neighborhood in Chandler, Indiana. The group worked on the build over the winter, persevering despite freezing temperatures, snow, and ice.

Under this program, Rural Development provides grants to organizations to supervise self-help housing construction projects for groups of low-income families who help build each other's homes. Their labor significantly reduces the overall purchase cost of their homes. Self-help housing does more than just build houses: it stimulates the local economy and helps homeowners build credit and new skills.

USDA Rural Development partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Warrick County, Inc. on the project.



Coburn breaks ground to begin construction on his home, built through USDA's self-help housing program.

Coburn's new home was completed in June of 2015, along with five other homes in the same neighborhood in Chandler, Indiana. The group worked on the build over the winter, persevering despite freezing temperatures, snow and ice storms.

"I knew this was a great path to achieve homeownership," Coburn said. "This has changed my life."

### Indiana Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$101,949,593	43	\$4,235,000	3	\$12,778,000	5	\$118,962,593	51
IRP	\$350,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$350,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$28,700,936	450	\$2,041,698	37	\$2,544,443	75	\$33,287,077	562
Business Grants	\$3,568,380	58	\$543,000	9	\$501,000	9	\$4,612,380	76
REDLG	\$3,504,000	7	\$0	0	\$2,628,540	3	\$6,132,540	10
VAPG	\$920,295	12	\$130,000	1	\$610,390	7	\$1,660,685	20
SFH Direct	\$196,692,657	1,828	\$20,876,351	174	\$22,181,479	179	\$239,750,487	2,181
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,551,267,459	24,235	\$540,934,430	5,001	\$594,828,396	5,424	\$3,687,030,285	34,660
SFH Repairs	\$6,443,900	1,249	\$1,058,433	183	\$975,448	177	\$8,477,781	1,609
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$954,132	4	\$0	0	\$628,275	2	\$1,582,407	6
MFH Direct	\$2,638,089	11	\$1,538,176	4	\$1,057,051	3	\$5,233,316	18
MFH Guaranteed	\$7,040,000	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$7,040,000	10
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$86,725,716	1,499	\$20,818,272	342	\$19,432,512	363	\$126,976,500	2,204
CF Direct	\$158,901,681	37	\$2,184,390	2	\$1,432,000	2	\$162,518,071	41
CF Guaranteed	\$19,524,999	5	\$2,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$21,524,999	6
CF Grants	\$3,841,503	70	\$337,604	7	\$330,400	13	\$4,509,507	90
WWD Direct	\$193,712,100	86	\$39,520,000	11	\$3,517,200	5	\$236,749,300	102
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$75,830,458	50	\$31,410,500	12	\$12,307,625	11	\$119,548,583	73
Telecom	\$127,461,982	13	\$715,080	1	\$0	0	\$128,177,062	14
Electric	\$759,466,000	20	\$20,056,000	3	\$71,500,000	4	\$851,022,000	27
All Other Programs	\$1,682,318	37	\$267,190	5	\$986,133	197	\$2,935,641	239
<b>INDIANA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,331,176,198</b>	<b>29,726</b>	<b>\$688,666,124</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>\$748,238,892</b>	<b>6,479</b>	<b>\$5,768,081,215</b>	<b>42,001</b>

# IOWA

## Business and Community Programs

### Manning Iowa's Small Business Community of the Year

A Community Facilities loan to build a hospital and revolving loan funds, both provided by USDA Rural Development, have helped create a better environment for business development in the small community of Manning, Iowa. USDA Rural Development is one of the lead partner agencies supporting economic development in Manning, which has leveraged many Federal, State, and local programs for sources of capital and collaborated with many partners to further its development goals.

With a population of about 1,500, Manning community leaders are not striving for the city to be one of the biggest in western Iowa, just one of the best. Earlier this year, their ongoing efforts were recognized when the Small Business Administration named Manning "Iowa's 2015 Small Business Community of the Year."

For example, in 2014, Manning opened a new hospital for the community, replacing an outdated facility built in 1927 that no longer met residents' healthcare needs. USDA Rural Development provided a \$21 million Community



USDA Rural Development is supporting economic development in rural Manning, IA, one of the best places for businesses in the State.

Facilities loan to help finance the construction. USDA Rural Development has also helped establish multiple revolving loan funds. As the loans are repaid to the local fund, new loans are provided to support additional projects and ventures in the community.

"There's always been something special about Manning and its residents," Rural Development Iowa State Director Bill Menner said. "Helping to establish revolving loan funds is an important way USDA helps improve economic opportunities in Manning and throughout rural Iowa."

### Iowa Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$257,781,741	84	\$41,776,500	8	\$45,968,767	17	\$345,527,008	109
IRP	\$2,345,219	7	\$500,000	1	\$200,000	1	\$3,045,219	9
Renewable Energy	\$117,491,868	1,845	\$2,138,911	68	\$4,601,732	164	\$124,232,511	2,077
Business Grants	\$3,996,374	60	\$519,999	9	\$336,200	6	\$4,852,573	75
REDLG	\$27,639,000	66	\$12,886,000	21	\$11,329,880	17	\$51,854,880	104
VAPG	\$5,960,661	34	\$397,056	5	\$2,464,580	11	\$8,822,297	50
SFH Direct	\$113,298,537	1,322	\$6,029,043	71	\$9,068,353	104	\$128,395,933	1,497
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,103,353,753	11,222	\$240,684,746	2,339	\$237,102,920	2,264	\$1,581,141,419	15,825
SFH Repairs	\$5,472,568	1,292	\$739,653	162	\$998,751	203	\$7,210,972	1,657
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$2,527,665	14	\$167,172	3	\$0	0	\$2,694,837	17
MFH Guaranteed	\$7,606,600	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$7,606,600	4
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,038,091	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,038,091	7
Rental Assistance	\$90,684,448	1,156	\$20,476,368	249	\$19,650,960	274	\$130,811,776	1,679
CF Direct	\$236,369,699	71	\$24,080,200	9	\$112,285,060	17	\$372,734,959	97
CF Guaranteed	\$61,474,287	23	\$0	0	\$341,500	1	\$61,815,787	24
CF Grants	\$15,649,046	326	\$1,479,976	53	\$265,200	14	\$17,394,222	393
WWD Direct	\$103,797,660	91	\$12,175,000	12	\$8,671,000	8	\$124,643,660	111
WWD Guaranteed	\$5,300,000	1	\$0	0	\$4,880,000	1	\$10,180,000	2
WWD Grants	\$60,463,223	91	\$11,981,250	22	\$8,334,550	31	\$80,779,023	144
Telecom	\$274,735,603	50	\$15,480,350	3	\$40,918,000	6	\$331,133,953	59
Electric	\$306,982,000	28	\$11,500,000	2	\$132,173,000	6	\$450,655,000	36
All Other Programs	\$27,445,714	31	\$291,741	5	\$2,638,064	265	\$30,375,518	301
<b>IOWA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,831,413,757</b>	<b>17,825</b>	<b>\$403,303,965</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>\$642,228,518</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>\$3,876,946,239</b>	<b>24,277</b>

# KANSAS

## Utilities Programs

### USDA Helps Kansas Community Update Its Aging Water System

More than \$5.6 million in water loans and grants from USDA Rural Development are helping La Cygne, Kansas, replace its deteriorating water system and save its residents about \$25 per month each in water bills.

Maintenance issues with the municipal water system, built back in the 1940s, have plagued the city for years. Over the past 5 years, La Cygne has spent more than \$250,000 on repairs.

The city will use the grant and loan funds to replace about 70,000 feet of water distribution lines, install fire hydrants, repair and modernize the water treatment plant, connect remote-read water meters, and purchase software to make water billing more efficient.

“The current water system isn’t sufficient, and we can’t move forward on other projects until we fix these issues,” La Cygne Mayor Terry Weitman said. “We thank USDA Rural



USDA employees and city officials celebrate Earth Day with third-graders from La Cygne Elementary. USDA financing is helping local families and children have safe, reliable water.

Development for the financial and technical assistance to provide us with safe, affordable water service.”

Without the assistance from USDA, La Cygne residents would have been impacted by an increase of about \$25 more per month on their water bills. The new system will provide residents with reliable, clean, and abundant water. By updating the water infrastructure, La Cygne is also investing in its future and helping to conserve a vital natural resource.

### Kansas Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$108,315,341	50	\$13,043,200	6	\$17,990,485	6	\$139,349,026	62
IRP	\$425,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$425,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$44,228,821	350	\$2,988,062	56	\$2,862,652	52	\$50,079,535	458
Business Grants	\$2,630,265	35	\$257,000	3	\$245,000	3	\$3,132,265	41
REDLG	\$21,778,576	41	\$10,295,000	7	\$2,016,000	3	\$34,089,576	51
VAPG	\$1,024,183	7	\$384,397	7	\$705,334	9	\$2,113,914	23
SFH Direct	\$70,540,602	837	\$7,690,932	86	\$5,423,969	55	\$83,655,503	978
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,021,733,714	10,005	\$147,276,293	1,359	\$142,263,229	1,285	\$1,311,273,236	12,649
SFH Repairs	\$4,281,735	790	\$405,095	75	\$194,254	38	\$4,881,084	903
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,750,000	7	\$0	0	\$15,000	1	\$1,765,000	8
MFH Direct	\$19,177,547	45	\$924,241	3	\$484,471	2	\$20,586,259	50
MFH Guaranteed	\$2,447,108	2	\$500,000	1	\$1,115,386	1	\$4,062,494	4
Farm Labor Housing	\$4,465,223	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,465,223	4
Rental Assistance	\$44,807,304	827	\$9,672,397	169	\$9,531,900	209	\$64,011,601	1,205
CF Direct	\$69,986,555	48	\$25,601,800	9	\$12,366,850	9	\$107,955,205	66
CF Guaranteed	\$29,360,067	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$29,360,067	10
CF Grants	\$18,874,725	85	\$205,550	7	\$141,000	7	\$19,221,275	99
WWD Direct	\$162,123,070	112	\$32,494,000	22	\$16,803,000	14	\$211,420,070	148
WWD Guaranteed	\$4,200,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,200,000	2
WWD Grants	\$66,187,262	74	\$24,523,600	24	\$8,563,500	14	\$99,274,362	112
Telecom	\$371,790,330	43	\$1,273,970	4	\$142,157	1	\$373,206,457	48
Electric	\$494,346,000	36	\$46,251,938	4	\$32,158,000	3	\$572,755,938	43
All Other Programs	\$1,220,263	16	\$35,199	1	\$390,888	119	\$1,646,350	136
<b>KANSAS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,565,693,691</b>	<b>13,428</b>	<b>\$323,822,674</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>\$253,413,075</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>\$3,142,929,440</b>	<b>17,102</b>



# KENTUCKY

## Community Programs

### USDA and Partners Make Access to Meals for Children Possible Year-Round

A new van made possible by a \$46,000 Economic Impact Initiative Grant will help an eastern Kentucky nonprofit feed hungry children.

In Kentucky, more than 26 percent of children live in poverty. Summer meals are a key part of the safety net that prevents children from going hungry while school is out. So kids come running with smiles and laughter when the white cargo van rolls to a stop and the doors swing open. It's not the ice cream truck, but something better — the lunch ladies from the Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunity Council (KCEOC) Community Action Center bringing lunches packed with nutritious fruit, sandwiches, juice, and milk.

Volunteers and staff at KCEOC, located in mountainous eastern Kentucky, work hard to feed up to 1,800 kids a day over the summer as part of USDA's Summer Food Service Program. Success depends upon planning, coordination,



Two young boys enjoy lunch near their home in Knox County, KY. Last year, KCEOC partnered with USDA to deliver more than 1.9 million summer meals for kids in eastern Kentucky.

and an assembly line to prepare sandwiches and pack thousands of meals for delivery at dozens of sites on multiple routes across Knox, Whitley, and Laurel counties.

The new van will make it easier for KCEOC workers to deliver meals throughout its large service area. KCEOC is also using a portion of the grant to expand an emergency family homeless shelter.

### Kentucky Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$231,371,677	50	\$27,950,000	5	\$22,125,250	10	\$281,446,927	65
IRP	\$3,626,000	6	\$500,000	1	\$0	0	\$4,126,000	7
Renewable Energy	\$13,004,926	276	\$957,850	32	\$2,876,214	91	\$16,838,990	399
Business Grants	\$6,088,050	47	\$919,918	14	\$679,000	15	\$7,686,968	76
REDLG	\$10,483,100	18	\$0	0	\$2,525,000	2	\$13,008,100	20
VAPG	\$1,658,340	15	\$212,065	2	\$605,134	10	\$2,475,539	27
SFH Direct	\$198,958,380	2,020	\$25,828,023	287	\$30,690,632	333	\$255,477,035	2,640
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,968,906,285	17,364	\$492,923,634	4,254	\$482,003,045	4,071	\$2,943,832,964	25,689
SFH Repairs	\$13,437,773	2,367	\$2,796,983	476	\$2,689,361	448	\$18,924,117	3,291
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,000,000	3	\$0	0	\$525,000	1	\$1,525,000	4
MFH Direct	\$6,248,113	16	\$3,262,907	3	\$17,130,589	17	\$26,641,609	36
MFH Guaranteed	\$6,540,193	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,540,193	7
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$79,711,872	1,272	\$20,125,560	312	\$19,881,576	287	\$119,719,008	1,871
CF Direct	\$291,077,032	79	\$72,088,400	18	\$162,054,100	23	\$525,219,532	120
CF Guaranteed	\$34,339,406	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$34,339,406	2
CF Grants	\$10,343,243	176	\$1,086,239	26	\$1,596,923	28	\$13,026,405	230
WWD Direct	\$237,060,100	136	\$49,307,000	27	\$58,853,000	25	\$345,220,100	188
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$86,079,639	130	\$27,080,000	27	\$11,443,250	23	\$124,602,889	180
Telecom	\$310,982,101	37	\$10,879,841	5	\$563,268	3	\$322,425,210	45
Electric	\$967,783,000	26	\$114,940,000	5	\$332,449,000	3	\$1,415,172,000	34
All Other Programs	\$25,784,543	89	\$3,529,076	15	\$20,442,881	55	\$49,756,500	159
<b>KENTUCKY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,504,483,773</b>	<b>24,136</b>	<b>\$854,387,496</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>\$1,169,133,223</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>\$6,528,004,492</b>	<b>35,090</b>



# LOUISIANA

## Housing Programs

### USDA Helps Two Generations Become Homeowners

A direct home loan from USDA Rural Development has helped a Louisiana single mother with serious health problems and a fixed income achieve homeownership.

“This is one of the best moments of our lives,” said Desiree Thomas.

Thomas says she always dreamed of owning a home, but realizing that dream wasn’t easy. She was battling her health condition while trying to raise two children with limited resources, and finding a loan with affordable rates and terms was difficult. That’s why she turned to the USDA.

Thomas had first-hand experience with USDA Rural Development’s home loan program, which helped her mother go from being homeless to owning a home in St. Landry Parish in Louisiana. Now this same USDA program has helped her provide her children with the security she had growing up. Thomas qualified for a direct home loan from USDA Rural Development — including no downpayment — and built a home in the community where she was raised.



Thomas and her children invited USDA Rural Development employees to their home for a house-warming celebration.

“My goal of owning my home is accomplished,” Thomas said. “Rural Development helped me become a proud first-time homeowner of a three-bedroom house. In addition to becoming a homeowner, Thomas has earned a college degree and gained better control of her medical condition.

Her mother Sara Edwards shares her daughter’s enthusiasm. “USDA Rural Development has helped my family achieve the dream of owning a home,” she said. “It’s a great program, and the staff has been great to work with. I am grateful.”

### Louisiana Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$395,449,319	88	\$89,983,000	17	\$52,976,800	12	\$538,409,119	117
IRP	\$750,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$750,000	1
Renewable Energy	\$3,247,082	59	\$1,010,088	14	\$1,961,389	36	\$6,218,559	109
Business Grants	\$3,452,594	25	\$559,520	7	\$422,000	5	\$4,434,114	37
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$342,340	3	\$200,000	1	\$250,000	1	\$792,340	5
SFH Direct	\$161,513,144	1,329	\$21,739,411	174	\$26,232,675	195	\$209,485,230	1,698
SFH Guaranteed	\$3,896,090,533	27,457	\$694,736,759	4,711	\$686,195,947	4,650	\$5,277,023,239	36,818
SFH Repairs	\$8,686,608	1,207	\$1,471,230	204	\$1,991,998	288	\$12,149,836	1,699
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,339,800	5	\$279,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,618,800	6
MFH Direct	\$9,420,119	13	\$6,640,692	13	\$8,523,230	14	\$24,584,041	40
MFH Guaranteed	\$3,347,088	4	\$1,160,000	1	\$702,000	1	\$5,209,088	6
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$159,890,045	1,219	\$36,585,108	277	\$38,090,232	260	\$234,565,385	1,756
CF Direct	\$82,877,984	40	\$17,575,000	2	\$20,888,200	5	\$121,341,184	47
CF Guaranteed	\$1,526,500	2	\$8,000,000	1	\$8,000,000	1	\$17,526,500	4
CF Grants	\$4,289,986	79	\$369,800	14	\$361,100	17	\$5,020,886	110
WWD Direct	\$109,434,271	68	\$18,239,400	9	\$38,185,000	13	\$165,858,671	90
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$59,838,665	53	\$6,631,832	8	\$8,888,735	15	\$75,359,232	76
Telecom	\$52,043,532	14	\$2,785,024	2	\$0	0	\$54,828,556	16
Electric	\$412,690,000	8	\$200,698,000	1	\$0	0	\$613,388,000	9
All Other Programs	\$2,186,852	15	\$91,298,745	5	\$80,083,571	4	\$173,569,168	24
<b>LOUISIANA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,368,416,462</b>	<b>31,689</b>	<b>\$1,199,962,609</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>\$973,752,876</b>	<b>5,517</b>	<b>\$7,542,131,947</b>	<b>42,668</b>

# MAINE

## Business Programs

### USDA Helps Maine Biofuels Company Give New Life to Old Cooking Oil

A \$63,000 payment from USDA Rural Development has helped Maine Standard Biofuels transform used cooking oil into valuable, sustainable consumer products.

The small Maine-owned, renewable energy business in Portland is producing biodiesel fuel that can run cars and trucks and heat homes. Its biodiesel product is even used for a line of soap products called Wicked Strong.

USDA Rural Development has provided Maine Standard Biofuels with financing through the Advanced Biofuel Producer Payment Program, which helps support the production of biofuels from a variety of sources including food waste and biomass.

According to owner Jarmin Kaltsas, the business collects the used cooking oil from 900 restaurants from Bar Harbor to Connecticut, and produces approximately 300,000 gallons



Rural Development Under Secretary Lisa Mensah (second from left) and State Director Virginia Manuel (far right) in front of the Maine Standard Biofuels delivery truck with the owner and another employee.

of biodiesel annually. The biodiesel is a premium fuel with lower emissions and higher lubricity than petroleum diesel. It can be used in most diesel cars, trucks, and equipment without modification. The biofuel is sold in bulk and at the pump in the greater Portland area.

### Maine Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$44,745,038	29	\$18,248,851	6	\$0	0	\$62,993,889	35
IRP	\$2,584,000	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,584,000	5
Renewable Energy	\$5,339,191	113	\$269,348	28	\$1,911,668	49	\$7,520,207	190
Business Grants	\$6,243,553	55	\$473,900	8	\$275,000	4	\$6,992,453	67
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$403,971	4	\$471,571	5	\$247,702	4	\$1,123,244	13
SFH Direct	\$174,062,836	1,236	\$27,622,493	181	\$16,302,962	114	\$217,988,291	1,531
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,354,425,607	9,684	\$268,786,078	1,904	\$244,169,644	1,721	\$1,867,381,329	13,309
SFH Repairs	\$5,426,489	1,011	\$764,446	129	\$629,340	114	\$6,820,275	1,254
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$2,180,000	3	\$0	0	\$793,800	1	\$2,973,800	4
MFH Direct	\$17,340,505	30	\$590,416	2	\$1,656,591	3	\$19,587,512	35
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$134,372,382	1,223	\$31,539,960	269	\$28,147,812	256	\$194,060,154	1,748
CF Direct	\$35,700,650	46	\$768,500	6	\$11,227,500	8	\$47,696,650	60
CF Guaranteed	\$21,270,900	11	\$3,472,724	2	\$5,000,000	2	\$29,743,624	15
CF Grants	\$4,425,128	78	\$385,492	9	\$478,600	9	\$5,289,220	96
WWD Direct	\$65,535,374	86	\$21,645,000	14	\$13,325,000	9	\$100,505,374	109
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$68,500,816	110	\$19,291,500	22	\$7,544,000	18	\$95,336,316	150
Telecom	\$20,772,645	36	\$2,692,611	8	\$2,687,510	7	\$26,152,766	51
Electric	\$18,148,000	5	\$593,000	1	\$0	0	\$18,741,000	6
All Other Programs	\$10,605,299	45	\$1,162,639	5	\$1,769,167	42	\$13,537,105	92
<b>MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,992,082,384</b>	<b>13,810</b>	<b>\$398,778,529</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>\$336,166,296</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>\$2,727,027,209</b>	<b>18,770</b>

# MARYLAND

## Utilities Programs

### Clean Water and More for Maryland Residents

An emergency grant from USDA Rural Development turned the water back on in Henderson, Maryland, after an old pipe burst in a hard freeze. And \$7 million in loans and grants will bring the area a new state-of-the-art wastewater system, addressing serious health concerns.

When the temperature dropped to 4 degrees in Henderson, the town's aging water system just couldn't handle it. Without immediate repairs and improvements, the residents of this small community would have had to live without water in freezing temperatures for an unknown period of time. USDA Rural Development was able to quickly provide a \$175,000 emergency community water assistance grant to repair the system and get the water flowing again.

The incident in Henderson was a symptom of larger issues facing residents of northern Caroline County. Problems with the condition of water and wastewater systems have plagued the area for years, putting the public's health at risk. The failing septic systems, extremely high nitrogen levels, and an outstanding Maryland Department of the



Rural Development Under Secretary Lisa Mensah visited Greensboro Elementary School in Caroline County for Earth Day 2015. She spoke to students about Earth Day and how USDA helps provide water and wastewater systems.

Environment consent order brought various communities, State agencies, and local jurisdictions together with Rural Development to identify possible solutions.

As a result of this collaboration, Rural Development joined with multiple partners to support the creation of a North Carolina County Regional Wastewater System, the first step in a more sustainable, long-term solution for area. Rural Development has invested more than \$7 million in loan and grant funding to support the regional system so rural residents in northern Caroline County will have access to a safe, reliable, state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility.

### Maryland Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$47,571,485	21	\$8,944,000	4	\$3,268,400	3	\$59,783,885	28
IRP	\$2,669,000	4	\$0	0	\$991,657	1	\$3,660,657	5
Renewable Energy	\$2,564,515	60	\$292,706	10	\$1,326,607	33	\$4,183,828	103
Business Grants	\$6,922,073	39	\$1,395,000	7	\$966,000	12	\$9,283,073	58
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$1,727,201	16	\$430,226	5	\$1,508,079	12	\$3,665,506	33
SFH Direct	\$64,872,035	341	\$7,277,912	41	\$9,973,365	58	\$82,123,312	440
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,858,235,437	9,150	\$450,629,713	2,197	\$506,790,813	2,484	\$2,815,655,963	13,831
SFH Repairs	\$1,302,170	189	\$318,525	48	\$227,267	35	\$1,847,962	272
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$319,995	1	\$35,555	1	\$355,550	2
MFH Direct	\$3,138,714	4	\$1,901,318	4	\$3,761,277	5	\$8,801,309	13
MFH Guaranteed	\$7,979,000	4	\$4,495,676	2	\$0	0	\$12,474,676	6
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$72,195,284	555	\$16,378,560	122	\$15,451,020	121	\$104,024,864	798
CF Direct	\$36,568,400	23	\$7,933,600	5	\$6,380,000	2	\$50,882,000	30
CF Guaranteed	\$7,592,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$7,592,000	2
CF Grants	\$4,833,087	87	\$652,584	11	\$758,300	10	\$6,243,971	108
WWD Direct	\$98,295,010	49	\$16,761,000	18	\$17,237,000	11	\$132,293,010	78
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$78,033,231	60	\$26,592,700	26	\$14,279,500	21	\$118,905,431	107
Telecom	\$73,570,487	29	\$840,998	2	\$99,725	1	\$74,511,210	32
Electric	\$227,623,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$227,623,000	4
All Other Programs	\$5,351,369	34	\$2,046,897	11	\$4,569,892	13	\$11,968,158	58
<b>MARYLAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,601,043,498</b>	<b>10,671</b>	<b>\$547,211,410</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>\$587,624,457</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>\$3,735,879,365</b>	<b>16,008</b>



# MASSACHUSETTS

## Community Programs

### Charter School Paves the Way for High Achievement

A \$10.6 million USDA Rural Development Community Facilities loan has helped a rural Massachusetts charter school double its capacity.

The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley, Massachusetts, teaches Mandarin, or “standard,” Chinese to area students to help them get a head start in the global job market. Chinese is one of the fastest-growing languages in America, and it is increasingly important in both education and the job market.

To help meet growing demand for its programs, school administrators wanted to expand to accommodate more students and begin a high school curriculum. USDA Rural Development provided the school with a \$10.6 million Community Facilities loan to build a 4-story, 38,400-square-foot addition and double the size of its existing facility. The addition includes 19 classrooms,



Chinese characters adorn a third-grade classroom at the charter school. Students begin Chinese-language immersion in kindergarten.

a media center, a science lab, an art room, a music and theater room, and office space.

Today, construction of the facility is almost complete, and school administrators began offering students high school-level classes in 2015. The charter school was recently designated as an International Baccalaureate World School to provide students with college-prep courses and an internationally recognized diploma in languages.

### Massachusetts Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$52,669,750	17	\$4,450,000	3	\$0	0	\$57,119,750	20
IRP	\$1,311,000	3	\$1,000,000	1	\$491,658	1	\$2,802,658	5
Renewable Energy	\$7,170,937	99	\$159,942	12	\$1,974,056	33	\$9,304,935	144
Business Grants	\$1,393,101	38	\$202,000	6	\$242,000	7	\$1,837,101	51
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$411,000	4	\$0	0	\$499,869	3	\$910,869	7
SFH Direct	\$70,949,744	362	\$7,923,065	42	\$6,624,972	30	\$85,497,781	434
SFH Guaranteed	\$869,417,812	4,416	\$217,582,874	1,059	\$204,993,943	990	\$1,291,994,629	6,465
SFH Repairs	\$1,252,752	208	\$188,082	29	\$267,124	38	\$1,707,958	275
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$8,970,200	10	\$1,593,548	3	\$579,200	5	\$11,142,948	18
MFH Guaranteed	\$3,801,905	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,801,905	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,844,383	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,844,383	5
Rental Assistance	\$42,780,921	264	\$10,558,848	63	\$10,840,968	57	\$64,180,737	384
CF Direct	\$60,868,000	43	\$6,174,000	3	\$26,353,400	8	\$93,395,400	54
CF Guaranteed	\$13,397,500	13	\$0	0	\$1,240,000	1	\$14,637,500	14
CF Grants	\$2,779,776	41	\$484,084	8	\$501,883	6	\$3,765,743	55
WWD Direct	\$73,944,785	50	\$11,343,000	10	\$9,440,000	10	\$94,727,785	70
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$58,681,813	70	\$9,423,500	16	\$3,534,150	12	\$71,639,463	98
Telecom	\$499,970	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$499,970	1
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$3,691,333	23	\$935,931	4	\$2,712,403	15	\$7,339,667	42
<b>MASSACHUSETTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,275,836,682</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>\$272,018,874</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>\$270,295,626</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>\$1,818,151,182</b>	<b>8,143</b>



# MICHIGAN

## Business Programs

### USDA Helps Michigan Tribe Build a Permanent Farmers Market

Farmers markets are an excellent way to support local growers and promote economic activity in rural communities. When the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant decided to upgrade their market to a larger, permanent structure, USDA Rural Development was there to help with a \$200,000 business grant. Today, the tribe has a new farmers market with a permanent pavilion and an adjacent parking lot. Rural Development Michigan State Director James J. Turner joined tribal leaders in June 2015 for the groundbreaking, and again in August 2015 for the ribbon-cutting when the project was completed about 2 months later.

The Mt. Pleasant Native Farmers Market has been extremely successful since its opening. In addition to foods, vendors sell a variety of hand-made items such as traditional bowls and cups, beads, soaps, and more. People are already talking about further expansion.

“The response has been overwhelming,” tribal Chief Steve Pego said. He hopes the market will revive interest in



Turner and Tribal Chief Pego cut the ribbon during the Mt. Pleasant Native Farmers Market grand opening ceremony.

growing traditional Native American crops and also improve the diet of tribal members, moving them away from processed foods to more fresh, locally grown produce.

The success of the Mt. Pleasant Native Farmers Market shows how USDA Rural Development is improving the quality of life and bringing economic growth to rural areas. Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has provided almost \$3 million to support 35 local foods-related projects in Michigan.

### Michigan Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$218,336,830	87	\$20,922,000	6	\$20,620,494	8	\$259,879,324	101
IRP	\$1,252,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,252,000	4
Renewable Energy	\$9,579,761	377	\$479,051	45	\$2,398,482	94	\$12,457,294	516
Business Grants	\$5,857,158	148	\$985,000	22	\$785,000	23	\$7,627,158	193
REDLG	\$1,200,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,200,000	3
VAPG	\$3,033,166	17	\$1,206,171	10	\$851,030	8	\$5,090,367	35
SFH Direct	\$173,030,071	1,803	\$23,352,155	246	\$26,679,209	272	\$223,061,435	2,321
SFH Guaranteed	\$3,450,512,394	34,065	\$719,647,544	6,447	\$753,773,740	6,693	\$4,923,933,678	47,205
SFH Repairs	\$8,684,754	1,768	\$1,541,477	314	\$1,899,824	352	\$12,126,055	2,434
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$812,100	5	\$0	0	\$239,200	1	\$1,051,300	6
MFH Direct	\$19,742,555	45	\$1,408,908	3	\$0	0	\$21,151,463	48
MFH Guaranteed	\$4,662,000	4	\$650,000	1	\$1,150,000	2	\$6,462,000	7
Farm Labor Housing	\$2,441,714	10	\$146,800	1	\$0	0	\$2,588,514	11
Rental Assistance	\$138,696,704	1,743	\$33,455,352	391	\$30,299,752	366	\$202,451,808	2,500
CF Direct	\$144,339,140	123	\$65,016,000	22	\$66,311,000	26	\$275,666,140	171
CF Guaranteed	\$26,597,000	6	\$0	0	\$5,226,969	4	\$31,823,969	10
CF Grants	\$10,163,494	395	\$1,257,006	53	\$1,117,300	43	\$12,537,800	491
WWD Direct	\$427,949,000	196	\$49,466,000	34	\$56,656,000	27	\$534,071,000	257
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$145,968,813	130	\$19,619,500	22	\$15,822,000	13	\$181,410,313	165
Telecom	\$126,201,929	21	\$625,300	3	\$976,587	3	\$127,803,816	27
Electric	\$280,671,000	7	\$7,000,000	1	\$84,000,000	2	\$371,671,000	10
All Other Programs	\$15,837,236	49	\$292,733	6	\$1,418,209	343	\$17,548,178	398
<b>MICHIGAN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,215,568,819</b>	<b>41,006</b>	<b>\$947,070,997</b>	<b>7,627</b>	<b>\$1,070,224,795</b>	<b>8,280</b>	<b>\$7,232,864,612</b>	<b>56,913</b>

# MINNESOTA

## Community and Utilities Programs

### Broadband Increases Community Economic Development in Rural Minnesota

About 4 years ago, the first shovel broke ground on a high-speed, multi-use broadband network for rural northeastern Minnesota's "Iron Range" region. USDA Rural Development provided \$43.5 million through the Recovery Act to the Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) for the system, which was completed in September 2015.

While broadband access was the ultimate goal, increased opportunity for community economic development has been the outcome.

The Iron Range is a geographically and economically diverse, 8-county territory with a population of more than 355,500 covering almost 24,000 square miles. Even though building the network was challenging, strong partnerships helped it happen. National and local contractors installed the fiber optics, creating hundreds of seasonal construction jobs for local residents. Local utilities contracted with NESC to expand last-mile connectivity for their members, who were among the first to enjoy access to the high-speed network.

Today, middle-mile connections are providing broadband access to about 320 critical service sites, including Minnesota Tribal Nations, colleges and universities, K-12 school systems, healthcare facilities, community libraries, and other public local, county, and State facilities.



Giant spools of fiber optic cables used for the USDA-financed Minnesota Iron Range high-speed broadband network.

USDA Rural Development and the Recovery Act financed NESC's middle-mile network, which allows local providers to serve rural residents across the Iron Range with the same high-speed broadband service that is available in urban areas. School districts have 10 times faster broadband connectivity speeds, creating one-on-one learning opportunities for students using iPads. Libraries have increased capacity for computer users, and healthcare facilities are able to provide treatment through long-distance telemedicine systems. Counties can process and share electronic records and data quickly and securely.

### Minnesota Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$99,297,198	44	\$25,614,000	10	\$18,330,000	3	\$143,241,198	57
IRP	\$2,944,563	6	\$292,596	1	\$0	0	\$3,237,159	7
Renewable Energy	\$34,878,677	873	\$1,549,672	45	\$3,423,495	96	\$39,851,844	1,014
Business Grants	\$5,200,145	57	\$670,000	7	\$732,340	7	\$6,602,485	71
REDLG	\$15,818,588	28	\$633,000	2	\$1,600,000	3	\$18,051,588	33
VAPG	\$3,896,735	17	\$993,642	7	\$1,054,749	9	\$5,945,126	33
SFH Direct	\$126,263,499	1,052	\$13,479,563	120	\$19,066,679	148	\$158,809,741	1,320
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,162,387,924	17,994	\$502,958,121	3,893	\$517,121,680	3,851	\$3,182,467,725	25,738
SFH Repairs	\$5,405,580	961	\$713,746	133	\$731,514	134	\$6,850,840	1,228
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$13,409,624	26	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$13,409,624	26
MFH Guaranteed	\$2,326,174	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,326,174	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$84,443,408	1,495	\$19,543,008	350	\$18,264,408	340	\$122,250,824	2,185
CF Direct	\$238,328,200	128	\$95,318,500	19	\$20,672,000	13	\$354,318,700	160
CF Guaranteed	\$50,150,000	13	\$7,580,800	2	\$9,832,500	1	\$67,563,300	16
CF Grants	\$8,796,239	136	\$891,448	20	\$1,014,500	20	\$10,702,187	176
WWD Direct	\$154,216,000	100	\$28,384,000	19	\$23,690,000	11	\$206,290,000	130
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$86,396,866	122	\$37,852,000	32	\$12,535,000	19	\$136,783,866	173
Telecom	\$317,030,881	55	\$10,362,466	8	\$30,896,000	4	\$358,289,347	67
Electric	\$704,454,000	50	\$62,998,000	5	\$328,677,000	19	\$1,096,129,000	74
All Other Programs	\$30,334,512	38	\$802,114	5	\$1,589,562	108	\$32,726,188	151
<b>MINNESOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,145,978,813</b>	<b>23,197</b>	<b>\$810,636,676</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>\$1,009,231,427</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>\$5,965,846,916</b>	<b>32,661</b>

# MISSISSIPPI

## Housing Programs

### USDA Helps Rural Mississippi Family Build a Home of Their Own

In June 2015, USDA Rural Development celebrated National Homeownership Month with events across the country to demonstrate USDA's commitment to providing affordable housing for lower income rural families. In Mississippi, USDA celebrated with new homeowner Craig Nave.

Nave and his children had been living in a two-bedroom mobile home that was too small to meet the needs of his growing family. He applied at the USDA Rural Development local office in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for a low-interest single-family home loan, and qualified for the loan. With USDA's help, he was able to afford to build a new brick home in Scooba, Mississippi, for him and his family.

USDA Rural Development single-family home loans help low- and very-low-income people obtain affordable, safe housing in rural areas. Payment assistance is also available to reduce monthly mortgage payments for a short time.



New homeowner Craig Nave in the front yard with his kids. Through a USDA home loan, he was able to afford to build a brand-new home for his family.

The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted household family income.

"After my family grew, I realized that the mobile home we were living in wasn't big enough," Nave said. "Then I contacted Rural Development, and now we have a brand-new home."

### Mississippi Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$124,146,474	28	\$27,000,000	4	\$20,017,000	4	\$171,163,474	36
IRP	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$600,000	1	\$600,000	1
Renewable Energy	\$5,510,596	170	\$596,786	26	\$1,910,913	33	\$8,018,295	229
Business Grants	\$3,963,584	56	\$564,000	5	\$533,919	6	\$5,061,503	67
REDLG	\$17,535,000	26	\$4,000,000	2	\$4,000,000	2	\$25,535,000	30
VAPG	\$546,826	6	\$0	0	\$749,952	5	\$1,296,778	11
SFH Direct	\$148,033,611	1,626	\$25,142,373	244	\$26,878,910	263	\$200,054,894	2,133
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,725,567,030	14,177	\$327,721,627	2,619	\$321,838,099	2,562	\$2,375,126,756	19,358
SFH Repairs	\$12,358,213	1,797	\$2,886,080	406	\$2,230,563	312	\$17,474,856	2,515
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,709,956	8	\$612,479	2	\$68,053	2	\$2,390,488	12
MFH Direct	\$4,531,483	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,531,483	13
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,529,000	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,529,000	6
Farm Labor Housing	\$3,404,350	3	\$2,694,917	2	\$0	0	\$6,099,267	5
Rental Assistance	\$183,397,596	1,472	\$42,716,160	332	\$43,992,216	342	\$270,105,972	2,146
CF Direct	\$77,710,986	35	\$3,942,400	3	\$0	0	\$81,653,386	38
CF Guaranteed	\$10,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,000,000	1
CF Grants	\$12,850,529	225	\$1,562,800	45	\$451,600	17	\$14,864,929	287
WWD Direct	\$116,231,010	115	\$10,224,159	14	\$23,348,167	17	\$149,803,336	146
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$327,500	1	\$327,500	1
WWD Grants	\$70,199,071	84	\$10,718,360	9	\$11,655,960	14	\$92,573,391	107
Telecom	\$47,073,741	18	\$3,200,361	7	\$1,670,836	3	\$51,944,938	28
Electric	\$1,425,730,000	16	\$54,269,000	1	\$76,076,000	1	\$1,556,075,000	18
All Other Programs	\$101,729,543	57	\$3,901,045	9	\$3,659,051	28	\$109,289,639	94
<b>MISSISSIPPI TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,093,758,599</b>	<b>19,939</b>	<b>\$521,752,547</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>\$540,008,739</b>	<b>3,613</b>	<b>\$5,155,519,885</b>	<b>27,282</b>



# MISSOURI

## Utilities Programs

### A Water Lifeline for Rural Northwest Missouri

Over \$22 million in USDA Rural Development funds are helping three rural towns in northwest Missouri solve serious problems with their drinking water supplies.

The towns of Cameron, Maysville, and Stewartville have struggled to provide their residents with water for the last 10 years. Drought depleted Cameron's water reserves, Stewartville didn't have a dependable water source, and Maysville's aging water treatment plant was failing.

To find a mutual solution, community leaders formed a regional water board, the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission, which turned to Rural Development for help. USDA provided \$22.4 million in FY 2015 for water system improvements. Funds will be used to construct a 36-mile water line, and related storage and pumping facilities, from St. Joseph, Missouri's, water system to the three cities.



Rural Development Missouri State Director Janie Dunning (second row left) joins Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission members to celebrate the USDA-financed water system upgrades.

The system improvements will bring safe, clean, and abundant water to about 4,370 rural households and businesses.

### Missouri Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$215,128,000	121	\$28,657,000	27	\$62,634,700	38	\$306,419,700	186
IRP	\$3,425,000	6	\$962,500	2	\$1,649,293	3	\$6,036,793	11
Renewable Energy	\$29,514,248	267	\$15,224,709	34	\$7,003,997	107	\$51,742,954	408
Business Grants	\$4,757,779	114	\$715,000	20	\$674,519	18	\$6,147,298	152
REDLG	\$12,226,000	22	\$750,000	1	\$3,000,000	4	\$15,976,000	27
VAPG	\$2,515,343	25	\$1,529,043	13	\$1,461,499	11	\$5,505,885	49
SFH Direct	\$200,709,220	2,210	\$22,263,845	242	\$20,283,701	210	\$243,256,766	2,662
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,721,391,154	25,576	\$576,834,148	5,268	\$579,163,672	5,019	\$3,877,388,974	35,863
SFH Repairs	\$8,340,995	1,829	\$1,469,631	291	\$1,187,768	233	\$10,998,394	2,353
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$767,380	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$767,380	3
MFH Direct	\$5,691,871	21	\$1,499,561	3	\$1,745,730	2	\$8,937,162	26
MFH Guaranteed	\$3,129,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,129,000	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$86,729,832	1,828	\$20,616,264	405	\$18,574,704	428	\$125,920,800	2,661
CF Direct	\$208,552,305	130	\$7,618,800	22	\$24,969,400	30	\$241,140,505	182
CF Guaranteed	\$66,628,720	15	\$120,000	1	\$0	0	\$66,748,720	16
CF Grants	\$14,192,126	393	\$526,766	39	\$587,700	36	\$15,306,592	468
WWD Direct	\$214,613,005	181	\$20,519,325	26	\$46,142,060	28	\$281,274,390	235
WWD Guaranteed	\$1,750,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,750,000	2
WWD Grants	\$100,051,644	168	\$10,595,529	29	\$14,260,210	23	\$124,907,383	220
Telecom	\$204,586,683	50	\$10,192,703	6	\$674,723	3	\$215,454,109	59
Electric	\$1,644,568,000	51	\$37,209,000	5	\$286,386,000	6	\$1,968,163,000	62
All Other Programs	\$2,018,924	19	\$826,629	7	\$1,137,124	497	\$3,982,678	523
<b>MISSOURI TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,751,287,229</b>	<b>33,032</b>	<b>\$758,130,453</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>\$1,071,536,800</b>	<b>6,696</b>	<b>\$7,580,954,482</b>	<b>46,169</b>



# MONTANA

## Business Programs

### Arts and Culture Center Gets Long-Term Support

A \$651,000 Business and Industry loan guarantee from USDA Rural Development is helping a Bozeman, Montana, arts center keep its doors open.

The Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture provides work and retail space for nearly 60 arts and culture-related businesses. The center and its businesses generate about \$8.5 million annually for the Bozeman area economy.

Emerson needed operating funds and financing to upgrade its facilities. The loan guarantee from USDA Rural Development helped the Emerson secure long-term, fixed-rate financing from First Security Bank in Bozeman. The loan refinances existing debt at better rates and terms, supports ongoing operations, and will allow the Emerson to modernize and expand the center's fire suppression system.

The Emerson center was originally built in 1918 as a school but closed in 1991. The next year, in 1992, a coalition of



The Emerson's Executive Director Susan Denson-Guy and Michael Drewiske of First Security Bank in front of the Emerson art and culture center.

community members — dedicated to historic preservation and celebration of the arts — purchased the building from the Bozeman School District. The Emerson has since become a storefront for painters, potters, photographers, and performers whose work is exhibited across the building and in its three galleries.

With the continued support from the First Security Bank and USDA, locals will have a place to enjoy culture and the arts for many more years.

### Montana Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$72,634,398	22	\$3,387,500	2	\$16,639,850	10	\$92,661,748	34
IRP	\$3,721,000	8	\$2,250,000	3	\$852,000	2	\$6,823,000	13
Renewable Energy	\$1,502,165	49	\$168,000	5	\$747,609	34	\$2,417,774	88
Business Grants	\$2,958,842	78	\$757,106	12	\$184,000	8	\$3,899,948	98
REDLG	\$2,099,872	6	\$300,000	1	\$0	0	\$2,399,872	7
VAPG	\$348,520	6	\$25,750	2	\$0	0	\$374,270	8
SFH Direct	\$110,007,499	755	\$5,577,013	41	\$7,136,742	50	\$122,721,254	846
SFH Guaranteed	\$935,319,873	6,085	\$210,738,892	1,276	\$196,910,955	1,144	\$1,342,969,720	8,505
SFH Repairs	\$1,074,465	191	\$67,148	14	\$135,122	24	\$1,276,735	229
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$4,096,406	11	\$0	0	\$531,900	1	\$4,628,306	12
MFH Direct	\$4,690,799	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,690,799	11
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,455,597	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,455,597	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$27,803,268	465	\$5,768,280	94	\$5,813,472	102	\$39,385,020	661
CF Direct	\$38,816,550	30	\$2,290,000	1	\$9,950,000	1	\$51,056,550	32
CF Guaranteed	\$39,450,000	7	\$0	0	\$1,150,000	1	\$40,600,000	8
CF Grants	\$8,342,858	73	\$1,224,829	10	\$1,299,632	12	\$10,867,319	95
WWD Direct	\$70,769,000	59	\$11,964,000	12	\$22,707,000	12	\$105,440,000	83
WWD Guaranteed	\$423,200	2	\$2,500,000	1	\$0	0	\$2,923,200	3
WWD Grants	\$59,669,236	74	\$15,999,500	16	\$8,201,325	13	\$83,870,061	103
Telecom	\$359,466,735	24	\$363,326	1	\$30,311,931	3	\$390,141,992	28
Electric	\$108,754,000	13	\$24,856,000	3	\$20,000,000	2	\$153,610,000	18
All Other Programs	\$13,913,403	38	\$2,816,030	6	\$3,001,432	52	\$19,730,865	96
<b>MONTANA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,867,317,686</b>	<b>8,008</b>	<b>\$291,053,374</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>\$325,572,970</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>\$2,483,944,030</b>	<b>10,979</b>

# NEBRASKA

## Housing Programs

### USDA Provides a Solid Footing for a Western Nebraska Family

Scottsbluff, Nebraska couple, Matt and Mary Hausman realized their dream of homeownership with the help of a USDA Rural Development home loan guarantee.

The couple recently returned to the area to raise their two daughters and be close to family. They were looking for a home that would meet the needs of their growing family, but still be within their budget.

They applied to the Valley Bank in Scottsbluff for an affordable home loan through USDA Rural Development's guaranteed single-family housing loan program and were approved. Additional assistance from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority helped lower the interest rate.

The home they chose — a 1950s-era 2-bedroom brick home — needed repairs, so their Valley Bank loan representative introduced them to Western Nebraska Housing Opportunities (WNHO). WNHO provided them with



The Hausman family enjoys quality time in their new home, financed through a partnership with USDA, Valley Bank and Nebraska housing providers.

supplemental funds for repairs, including electrical upgrades and a new roof, in addition to downpayment assistance.

The Hausman family moved into their new home in March 2015, days before the birth of their son. "We are super satisfied with our new home," Mrs. Hausman said. "We're happy to have a house large enough for our family with affordable payments."

### Nebraska Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$122,906,709	70	\$4,585,750	3	\$8,957,125	5	\$136,449,584	78
IRP	\$1,873,000	4	\$175,558	1	\$0	0	\$2,048,558	5
Renewable Energy	\$26,864,405	688	\$3,732,966	30	\$2,497,499	78	\$33,094,870	796
Business Grants	\$3,517,761	50	\$429,185	5	\$366,489	8	\$4,313,435	63
REDLG	\$6,727,119	17	\$283,500	1	\$300,000	1	\$7,310,619	19
VAPG	\$1,487,289	13	\$176,018	1	\$320,136	6	\$1,983,443	20
SFH Direct	\$45,583,051	620	\$2,546,675	30	\$2,107,129	26	\$50,236,855	676
SFH Guaranteed	\$529,843,123	5,691	\$104,446,970	1,081	\$103,082,934	1,030	\$737,373,027	7,802
SFH Repairs	\$2,361,884	434	\$136,486	21	\$96,118	17	\$2,594,488	472
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$3,379,066	19	\$0	0	\$485,925	2	\$3,864,991	21
MFH Guaranteed	\$807,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$807,000	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$30,824,304	557	\$6,847,296	119	\$5,758,368	105	\$43,429,968	781
CF Direct	\$147,508,200	48	\$47,357,000	9	\$8,807,900	3	\$203,673,100	60
CF Guaranteed	\$52,895,000	9	\$4,000,000	2	\$6,100,000	1	\$62,995,000	12
CF Grants	\$3,215,577	75	\$438,243	9	\$298,700	6	\$3,952,520	90
WWD Direct	\$54,448,000	60	\$4,314,500	8	\$7,952,000	8	\$66,714,500	76
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$29,229,200	62	\$4,548,300	8	\$2,990,600	16	\$36,768,100	86
Telecom	\$151,087,248	26	\$2,108,254	8	\$4,219,000	2	\$157,414,502	36
Electric	\$27,619,000	3	\$0	0	\$7,919,000	1	\$35,538,000	4
All Other Programs	\$2,915,536	24	\$1,487,500	7	\$1,014,358	132	\$5,417,394	163
<b>NEBRASKA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,245,092,473</b>	<b>8,471</b>	<b>\$187,614,201</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>\$163,273,281</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>\$1,595,979,955</b>	<b>11,261</b>

# NEVADA

## Business Programs

### Manufacturer Reduces Energy Costs and CO2 Emissions

A \$373,000 Rural Energy for America Program grant from Rural Development helped a building materials manufacturer in Fernley, Nevada, get a handle on energy costs and respond to market demand.

Almost 1,800 solar panels on the roof of the Fortifiber factory plant are generating about 886,600 kilowatt hours of renewable energy per year, replacing nearly 40 percent of the plant's electricity needs and saving the company more than \$86,000 each year.

Chris Yount is the third-generation owner of this family business in Fernley. He takes pride in the company's quality workmanship and commitment to its 64 employees. His plant produces Jumbo Tex®, an asphalt-saturated heavy paper product that keeps moisture out of buildings.

But Yount had a problem. Energy costs at Fortifiber were escalating year after year. His customers also wanted more environmentally friendly products. Yount turned to USDA's Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program



Chae Herring, a machine operator at the Fortifiber plant in Fernley. The company used USDA grant financing for part of the cost of a solar panel array.

for help stabilizing his energy costs and reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

With the help of USDA personnel, Yount decided that investing in solar power was the best option. The USDA Rural Development REAP grant helped him purchase a solar panel array. Fortifiber contributed about \$1.1 million toward the system. Thanks to USDA Rural Development, the company's energy future is secure.

### Nevada Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$48,040,840	21	\$11,856,000	4	\$12,841,000	3	\$72,737,840	28
IRP	\$1,700,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,700,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$1,049,496	46	\$87,292	9	\$761,439	15	\$1,898,227	70
Business Grants	\$1,622,940	38	\$336,747	7	\$273,940	6	\$2,233,627	51
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$23,655	1	\$105,596	3	\$0	0	\$129,251	4
SFH Direct	\$47,000,517	344	\$10,208,746	64	\$7,920,619	47	\$65,129,882	455
SFH Guaranteed	\$482,681,816	3,182	\$125,027,888	703	\$118,377,881	626	\$726,087,585	4,511
SFH Repairs	\$1,136,836	212	\$297,675	50	\$158,063	32	\$1,592,574	294
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,058,832	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,058,832	3
MFH Direct	\$577,613	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$577,613	4
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,560,620	1	\$1,560,620	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$31,171	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$31,171	1
Rental Assistance	\$39,473,496	257	\$8,995,164	56	\$9,023,952	55	\$57,492,612	368
CF Direct	\$21,714,765	16	\$3,728,194	2	\$802,000	1	\$26,244,959	19
CF Guaranteed	\$2,448,922	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,448,922	1
CF Grants	\$1,151,040	40	\$151,500	9	\$150,400	8	\$1,452,940	57
WWD Direct	\$33,015,587	20	\$0	0	\$10,341,000	4	\$43,356,587	24
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$18,318,134	26	\$377,500	4	\$17,276,225	7	\$35,971,859	37
Telecom	\$20,069,420	9	\$50,268	1	\$377,772	1	\$20,497,460	11
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$108,534,202	18	\$550,000	2	\$126,862	5	\$109,211,064	25
<b>NEVADA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$829,649,282</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>\$161,772,570</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>\$179,991,772</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>\$1,171,413,624</b>	<b>5,966</b>



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Community Programs

### Community College Gets New Lifeline

USDA Rural Development helped save an important educational establishment when it partnered with the Community College System of New Hampshire to help the River Valley Community College in Claremont purchase nearby Lebanon College through a Community Facilities loan.

A week before the start of its fall 2014 semester, financial problems led Lebanon College to cancel classes and shut its doors. This left local students without access to affordable education and local businesses without customers.

However, this bleak picture brightened considerably when a \$1.6 million Rural Development loan allowed the River Valley Community College to expand operations into Lebanon. River Valley will begin offering some classes in January 2016 in Lebanon, and the campus will be fully operational by the fall, bringing back services to about 500 local Upper Valley students.

Administrators at River Valley are working closely with area businesses to design educational opportunities that prepare students for employment and provide residents



USDA officials meet with project planners at River Valley Community College's newly acquired college campus in Lebanon, NH.

with continuing education to help them advance their careers. Lebanon city leaders are excited to engage with college administrators to plan for the future and ensure mutual support for the college in its new home town.

City Councilwoman Karen Loit Hill owns the Lebanon Diner across the street from the college. She eagerly awaits the return of students. "The students will reenergize this town," she said. "The least I can do is make sure they have a cup of coffee."

### New Hampshire Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$24,797,420	11	\$4,050,000	1	\$2,000,000	3	\$30,847,420	15
IRP	\$3,525,000	8	\$1,000,000	1	\$500,000	1	\$5,025,000	10
Renewable Energy	\$2,935,224	71	\$734,083	13	\$1,332,526	42	\$5,001,833	126
Business Grants	\$1,898,377	38	\$175,000	7	\$212,795	5	\$2,286,172	50
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$620,649	6	\$127,732	1	\$95,740	3	\$844,121	10
SFH Direct	\$84,716,046	591	\$10,063,150	80	\$9,038,645	72	\$103,817,841	743
SFH Guaranteed	\$766,211,124	4,631	\$148,411,775	862	\$146,878,294	827	\$1,061,501,193	6,320
SFH Repairs	\$3,121,364	478	\$621,396	88	\$774,514	114	\$4,517,274	680
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$14,963,045	26	\$637,000	2	\$12,061,073	9	\$27,661,118	37
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$48,593,104	348	\$12,611,940	84	\$12,370,200	74	\$73,575,244	506
CF Direct	\$17,095,500	11	\$0	0	\$4,883,000	3	\$21,978,500	14
CF Guaranteed	\$3,707,800	7	\$1,500,000	1	\$0	0	\$5,207,800	8
CF Grants	\$2,133,705	84	\$435,848	14	\$423,200	13	\$2,992,753	111
WWD Direct	\$64,883,000	27	\$3,650,000	4	\$7,707,000	4	\$76,240,000	35
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$46,425,982	36	\$4,350,475	11	\$5,971,300	7	\$56,747,757	54
Telecom	\$2,846,980	5	\$1,115,157	3	\$919,179	2	\$4,881,316	10
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$450,000	9	\$50,000	2	\$109,100	15	\$609,100	26
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,088,924,320</b>	<b>6,387</b>	<b>\$189,533,556</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>\$205,276,566</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>\$1,483,734,442</b>	<b>8,755</b>



# NEW JERSEY

## Housing Programs

### Harvest Point Summer Food Program Works

Starting in 2013, USDA Rural Development and USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) employees joined together to provide nutritious meals over the summer to eligible children living at Harvest Point apartments in rural Salem, New Jersey.

Harvest Point is a USDA Rural Development-financed affordable multi-family housing complex for seniors and families. FNS's Summer Food Service Program provides healthy meals during the summer school break to those children at risk of going hungry when school meals aren't available.

Nine children at Harvest Point currently participate in the program. Through a 2009 Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant from USDA Rural Development, the complex has a community learning center with computers, TVs, and other multimedia equipment. It's a great environment for the children to learn, play, and take part in



Children at the Harvest Point apartment complex in Salem, NJ, enjoying summer meals.

group activities as they enjoy their summer meals.

The ongoing partnership between Rural Development and FNS is helping to bring Federal, State, and local services together for rural children in need. In 2015, Rural Development and FNS employees worked to bring summer meals to more kids at Harvest Point and begin summer meals programs at other Rural Development-financed apartments in the Garden State.

### New Jersey Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$24,195,680	9	\$0	0	\$10,000,000	1	\$34,195,680	10
IRP	\$948,000	2	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,948,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$6,404,184	68	\$126,900	4	\$990,556	10	\$7,521,640	82
Business Grants	\$1,089,548	16	\$143,000	3	\$156,000	3	\$1,388,548	22
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$576,682	9	\$49,900	1	\$550,000	5	\$1,176,582	15
SFH Direct	\$61,301,811	355	\$7,815,585	49	\$10,315,309	66	\$79,432,705	470
SFH Guaranteed	\$958,611,804	5,349	\$224,098,203	1,270	\$168,299,923	978	\$1,351,009,930	7,597
SFH Repairs	\$681,622	111	\$159,819	26	\$94,460	14	\$935,901	151
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$12,738,086	14	\$5,941,399	2	\$0	0	\$18,679,485	16
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$4,999,999	1	\$0	0	\$4,999,999	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$325,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$325,000	1
Rental Assistance	\$40,633,472	231	\$12,606,720	57	\$8,956,512	50	\$62,196,704	338
CF Direct	\$23,634,300	30	\$2,965,700	2	\$35,000	1	\$26,635,000	33
CF Guaranteed	\$3,490,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,490,000	2
CF Grants	\$1,785,406	41	\$194,800	6	\$154,000	5	\$2,134,206	52
WWD Direct	\$74,960,500	47	\$8,550,000	5	\$10,466,000	5	\$93,976,500	57
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$31,910,897	40	\$4,480,800	13	\$2,900,000	6	\$39,291,697	59
Telecom	\$318,464	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$318,464	2
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$1,361,570	13	\$591,897	3	\$431,721	41	\$2,385,187	57
<b>NEW JERSEY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,244,967,026</b>	<b>6,340</b>	<b>\$273,724,721</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>\$213,349,481</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>\$1,732,041,228</b>	<b>8,968</b>

# NEW MEXICO

## Community Programs

### New Program Helps Native American Farmers and Schoolchildren

Small farmers in northwest New Mexico have always struggled economically, even in good years. But now a simple idea is helping these farmers enjoy greater prosperity.

Through the Navajo Farm to School Project, made possible by financial and technical support from USDA Rural Development, the farmers are selling produce to local schools, providing fresh, nutritious foods in schools that Navajo children attend, while also creating more financial stability for themselves and their families.

USDA Rural Development's Stronger Economies Together (SET) initiative helps rural communities build capacity by working together on a regional basis to pursue economic development goals. USDA supports the "The Trail of the Ancients" SET project in northwest New Mexico, a collaborative effort that involves the Western Regional Rural Development Center at Utah State University, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension, and USDA Rural Development.



Brenna Clani-Washinawatok and her children show a local extension agent the greens grown on their farm. The produce is marketed to northwest New Mexico local schools.

Navajo members of the SET project came up with the idea for farm-to-school project, which is yielding important benefits. The project re-introduces traditional indigenous foods — like corn, squash, melons, greens, tomatoes, and other vegetables — into Navajo children's diets to help combat the health problems many of them face due to fatty, high-carbohydrate foods. Additionally, by supplying goods to the schools, Navajo farmers and other growers in the area have the opportunity to increase sales and earnings by accessing new markets.

### New Mexico Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$49,038,496	21	\$14,950,325	4	\$8,429,250	4	\$72,418,071	29
IRP	\$567,000	2	\$0	0	\$250,000	1	\$817,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$2,518,329	78	\$89,664	4	\$1,193,530	36	\$3,801,523	118
Business Grants	\$3,024,226	36	\$308,343	7	\$574,146	9	\$3,906,715	52
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$978,927	10	\$50,000	1	\$708,590	6	\$1,737,517	17
SFH Direct	\$49,419,019	417	\$16,180,794	123	\$15,332,350	117	\$80,932,163	657
SFH Guaranteed	\$252,030,350	1,801	\$48,190,145	340	\$50,478,708	361	\$350,699,203	2,502
SFH Repairs	\$1,825,351	258	\$672,174	95	\$458,061	62	\$2,955,586	415
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,739,085	5	\$0	0	\$1,421,677	4	\$3,160,762	9
MFH Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,949,000	5	\$0	0	\$1,791,000	1	\$3,740,000	6
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,707,000	1	\$4,052,848	2	\$0	0	\$5,759,848	3
Rental Assistance	\$62,184,836	408	\$16,508,269	101	\$15,977,240	91	\$94,670,345	600
CF Direct	\$71,841,741	27	\$1,102,700	3	\$503,400	4	\$73,447,841	34
CF Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Grants	\$2,669,266	40	\$632,643	8	\$347,200	5	\$3,649,109	53
WWD Direct	\$58,917,042	45	\$5,496,000	5	\$7,249,000	3	\$71,662,042	53
WWD Guaranteed	\$84,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$84,000	1
WWD Grants	\$93,526,683	146	\$19,673,907	8	\$17,086,672	9	\$130,287,262	163
Telecom	\$190,467,647	30	\$987,116	4	\$5,835,715	2	\$197,290,478	36
Electric	\$357,970,000	16	\$14,117,000	1	\$53,428,000	2	\$425,515,000	19
All Other Programs	\$60,940,428	26	\$1,432,850	4	\$3,141,499	41	\$65,514,777	71
<b>NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,263,398,426</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>\$144,444,778</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>\$184,206,038</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>\$1,592,049,242</b>	<b>4,841</b>

# NEW YORK

## Housing Programs

### USDA Celebrates Re-Opening of West Broadway Villas

In September 2015, USDA Rural Development employees joined residents to celebrate the reopening of the West Broadway Villas apartment complex in the Village of Monticello, New York, in Sullivan County — the heart of the Catskills.

USDA Rural Development partnered with the Pathstone Corporation, the New York State Office of Community Renewal, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, and M&T Bank to restore West Broadway Villas and improve living conditions for residents. USDA Rural Development provided Pathstone with almost \$1.5 million in loan assistance to acquire the property and make renovations.

Overall, USDA and the partners invested more than \$5 million to refurbish the apartments and build a new community building for residents that includes a computer center and kitchen facilities.

The rebirth of West Broadway Villas represents more than the rehabilitation of a few dilapidated buildings. It is the re-creation of a neighborhood bringing families together in a safe community setting. Improvements at the complex include modernizing 40 apartment units, installing new walkways and security features, and adding lighting for better safety.

The renovations will help ensure that low-income families will have affordable housing and a safe place to raise their children for years to come.



Left: West Broadway Villas deteriorated over time.

Right: The complex and grounds were completely renovated, and reopened in September 2015.

### New York Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$236,291,647	117	\$24,851,000	9	\$13,309,400	9	\$274,452,047	135
IRP	\$5,722,000	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,722,000	11
Renewable Energy	\$8,460,364	322	\$376,635	33	\$3,019,914	90	\$11,856,913	445
Business Grants	\$6,433,464	74	\$1,283,904	16	\$1,075,768	14	\$8,793,136	104
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$2,337,102	32	\$611,439	6	\$3,315,819	28	\$6,264,360	66
SFH Direct	\$108,701,120	1,053	\$12,761,014	114	\$18,222,297	147	\$139,684,431	1,314
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,047,340,640	9,207	\$256,749,769	2,172	\$232,789,089	1,958	\$1,536,879,498	13,337
SFH Repairs	\$6,245,614	1,115	\$1,034,433	190	\$928,457	173	\$8,208,504	1,478
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$14,916,352	27	\$12,022,805	19	\$10,541,325	13	\$37,480,482	59
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$95,703,199	898	\$23,083,200	207	\$23,821,284	211	\$142,607,683	1,316
CF Direct	\$74,223,470	86	\$15,236,200	15	\$6,601,000	16	\$96,060,670	117
CF Guaranteed	\$21,068,400	6	\$1,500,000	1	\$0	0	\$22,568,400	7
CF Grants	\$5,447,660	93	\$888,284	18	\$878,800	16	\$7,214,744	127
WWD Direct	\$195,941,000	161	\$46,855,000	31	\$27,166,000	18	\$269,962,000	210
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$122,666,911	167	\$33,628,000	39	\$11,817,000	29	\$168,111,911	235
Telecom	\$60,666,232	30	\$4,129,680	12	\$482,183	2	\$65,278,095	44
Electric	\$20,532,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$20,532,000	4
All Other Programs	\$6,113,567	41	\$265,677	5	\$968,888	122	\$7,348,132	168
<b>NEW YORK TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,038,810,742</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>\$435,277,040</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>\$354,937,224</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>\$2,829,025,006</b>	<b>19,177</b>



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Business Programs

### USDA Supports Woman-Owned Business, Healthcare in North Carolina

A Business and Industry guaranteed loan has helped an immigrant from Nigeria achieve her dream of owning a business in Wilson, North Carolina.

It hasn't been an easy ride for Ijeoma Uwakwe, who immigrated to the United States to join her husband and pursue her dream of becoming a pharmacist. She enrolled in Campbell University, about an hour away from home, balancing weekly commutes for school, classes, and a part-time job at a pharmacy, all while caring for her family of six. Uwakwe graduated at the top of her class with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and a Masters in clinical research.

USDA Rural Development partnered with Southern Bank to provide her with a Business and Industry guaranteed loan to help purchase Wilson Value Drug Store, a drugstore and pharmacy. Rural Development Under Secretary Lisa Mensah and Rural Development North Carolina State Director Randall Gore joined her at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening to celebrate her achievements.



Under Secretary Mensah (left) congratulates Dr. Uwakwe on the opening of her new small business. Wilson residents now benefit from pharmacy services like health screenings and diabetes education.

Uwakwe brings knowledge, dedication, and a love of her community to the people of Wilson. With support from USDA, she is contributing to her adopted home's economic growth and helping to protect her neighbors' health and improve their quality of life.

USDA's *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity* initiative coordinates and directs Federal support to persistent-poverty, high-need areas. Increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare — which many rural communities lack — is an important part of *StrikeForce*. Wilson, NC, is in a *StrikeForce* county receiving targeted assistance to increase investments and economic opportunities for residents.

### North Carolina Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$270,759,606	133	\$47,639,417	19	\$55,408,600	23	\$373,807,623	175
IRP	\$5,577,480	9	\$0	0	\$326,067	1	\$5,903,547	10
Renewable Energy	\$41,632,320	461	\$55,863,948	61	\$153,066,364	128	\$250,562,632	650
Business Grants	\$6,285,794	86	\$986,000	13	\$858,700	13	\$8,130,494	112
REDLG	\$14,303,000	23	\$17,447,500	22	\$6,493,231	16	\$38,243,731	61
VAPG	\$2,048,992	16	\$770,000	7	\$619,579	6	\$3,438,571	29
SFH Direct	\$270,884,519	2,083	\$39,166,695	292	\$49,010,396	359	\$359,061,610	2,734
SFH Guaranteed	\$4,931,697,152	35,898	\$879,866,812	6,383	\$941,430,795	6,666	\$6,752,994,759	48,947
SFH Repairs	\$15,123,479	2,444	\$2,712,141	415	\$3,318,470	480	\$21,154,090	3,339
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$3,720,884	14	\$183,665	1	\$1,085,727	4	\$4,990,276	19
MFH Direct	\$73,598,565	58	\$6,237,495	10	\$10,965,363	11	\$90,801,423	79
MFH Guaranteed	\$15,986,000	14	\$5,996,267	5	\$4,875,257	3	\$26,857,524	22
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$269,456,306	1,992	\$73,239,120	501	\$69,932,737	473	\$412,628,163	2,966
CF Direct	\$451,466,801	255	\$33,956,800	23	\$74,674,900	39	\$560,098,501	317
CF Guaranteed	\$66,983,631	18	\$16,830,000	4	\$4,600,000	2	\$88,413,631	24
CF Grants	\$16,946,062	220	\$1,036,274	21	\$1,037,066	25	\$19,019,402	266
WWD Direct	\$283,185,192	122	\$28,742,812	15	\$24,584,000	15	\$336,512,004	152
WWD Guaranteed	\$19,063,000	4	\$1,760,000	2	\$0	0	\$20,823,000	6
WWD Grants	\$114,003,513	89	\$21,327,319	19	\$14,961,475	23	\$150,292,307	131
Telecom	\$152,084,304	26	\$1,471,078	4	\$0	0	\$153,555,382	30
Electric	\$962,134,000	34	\$181,000,000	9	\$141,860,000	10	\$1,284,994,000	53
All Other Programs	\$109,245,027	57	\$1,815,081	11	\$761,179	71	\$111,821,288	139
<b>NORTH CAROLINA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,096,185,627</b>	<b>44,056</b>	<b>\$1,418,048,424</b>	<b>7,837</b>	<b>\$1,559,869,905</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>\$11,074,103,957</b>	<b>60,261</b>



# NORTH DAKOTA

## Business Programs

### Veterinary Clinic Expanding To Meet Regions Needs

A \$2 million USDA Rural Development loan to an electric cooperative is making a much-needed new veterinary clinic possible in southwestern North Dakota.

With more than 90 percent of its land dedicated to farming, agriculture is critical to North Dakota's economy. Veterinarians there provide care to a broad range of animals, including cats, dogs, horses, cattle, and sheep.

The West River Veterinary Clinic, in southwestern North Dakota, needed a larger, more modern clinic to meet demand for its services, which has grown by 15 percent each year for the last 3 years. The clinic offers specialized medical treatment, herd consultation, surgery, 24-hour emergency services, and more.

USDA Rural Development provided a Rural Economic Development Loan to the Slope Electric Cooperative that is being used to help finance construction of the new, larger clinic. Under this program, USDA provides funds to local electric utilities which, in turn, create a revolving loan fund for use by local entities to save or create more jobs in rural



Artist's rendering of the new West River Veterinary Clinic that was funded through USDA programs. Image used with permission, courtesy of Nostdahl Liptack Architects.

areas. USDA Rural Development also awarded the clinic a \$99,850 Rural Energy for America Program grant for a geothermal heating and cooling system at the new clinic.

Construction is underway at the new, 12,000-square-foot facility, expected to open in April 2016. It will include more exam rooms, a pharmacy, laboratory, padded surgery room, isolation areas and an outdoor treatment pen. Clinic administrators also expect to hire three new full-time veterinarians.

"The loan and grant are critical for us to achieve our project goals for the community," West River veterinarian Ethan Andress said. "Rural residents deserve the same animal care and access as their counterparts in urban areas. USDA helped make this project economically viable."

### North Dakota Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$105,283,544	52	\$8,131,921	2	\$11,852,841	4	\$125,268,306	58
IRP	\$1,810,000	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,810,000	5
Renewable Energy	\$3,383,201	78	\$147,000	7	\$461,045	13	\$3,991,246	98
Business Grants	\$3,111,838	44	\$873,637	12	\$1,612,074	14	\$5,597,549	70
REDLG	\$11,819,168	22	\$8,075,000	7	\$0	0	\$19,894,168	29
VAPG	\$148,500	3	\$62,325	1	\$124,182	3	\$335,007	7
SFH Direct	\$33,617,920	289	\$3,677,142	23	\$3,892,074	27	\$41,187,136	339
SFH Guaranteed	\$247,747,884	2,005	\$57,079,879	414	\$56,919,262	401	\$361,747,025	2,820
SFH Repairs	\$1,907,266	306	\$137,141	18	\$131,040	19	\$2,175,447	343
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$10,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,000	1
MFH Direct	\$4,963,854	20	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,963,854	20
MFH Guaranteed	\$7,439,420	5	\$19,338,519	3	\$1,000,000	1	\$27,777,939	9
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$20,140,932	340	\$4,808,064	74	\$4,020,192	77	\$28,969,188	491
CF Direct	\$87,463,207	41	\$44,787,450	9	\$19,730,550	7	\$151,981,207	57
CF Guaranteed	\$46,384,898	17	\$150,000	1	\$10,300,000	1	\$56,834,898	19
CF Grants	\$4,672,618	52	\$926,510	11	\$940,900	10	\$6,540,028	73
WWD Direct	\$70,534,549	55	\$8,198,200	10	\$9,747,369	11	\$88,480,118	76
WWD Guaranteed	\$1,250,000	1	\$500,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,750,000	2
WWD Grants	\$41,824,357	48	\$8,251,350	9	\$3,826,500	8	\$53,902,207	65
Telecom	\$367,282,364	35	\$9,370,704	4	\$60,328,612	5	\$436,981,680	44
Electric	\$2,331,926,000	39	\$115,514,000	3	\$116,147,000	4	\$2,563,587,000	46
All Other Programs	\$4,192,289	22	\$1,055,000	5	\$623,720	60	\$5,871,009	87
<b>NORTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,396,913,809</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>\$291,083,842</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>\$301,657,361</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>\$3,989,655,012</b>	<b>4,759</b>

# OHIO

## Utilities Programs

### Rural Wastewater System Up and Running

A nearly \$30 million financial package from USDA Rural Development helped four communities in a depressed part of rural Ohio build a new, modern sanitary sewer system, creating jobs and serving 1,300 households.

Residents of Minford, Ohio, and three other surrounding small communities needed a sanitary sewer system to protect people’s health and safety. It was a challenge, because the region — part of Appalachian Ohio in Scioto County — is economically depressed and developing wastewater systems is time consuming and costly.

Fortunately, USDA Rural Development was there to help. USDA provided \$29.4 million through the Recovery Act for the sewer infrastructure. Next, the real work, build-out, began. The project incorporates about 40 miles of pipeline, 800 manholes, and 5 regional pumping stations. USDA officials and local project leaders celebrated the grand opening in September 2015. The completion marks the successful close of all of Ohio’s Recovery Act-funded projects.



USDA and the Recovery Act helped four rural Appalachian Ohio communities get a safe, sanitary wastewater treatment system.

“I’ve come to know Minford, Muletown, Clarktown, and Rubyville like the back of my hand,” project manager/engineer Andy Vorhis said at the ribbon cutting. “It took 820 easements from 820 different landowners. Any time you dig a hole 40 miles long, you’ll have struggles ... but the cooperation and camaraderie of the whole team has made this a success.”

Locals expect property values and business opportunities to grow now that the sewage issues are resolved. During construction, roughly 100 regionally sourced jobs were added, infusing around \$2 million into the local economy

### Ohio Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$235,771,307	86	\$31,891,328	12	\$34,957,000	7	\$302,619,635	105
IRP	\$2,709,000	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,709,000	6
Renewable Energy	\$51,573,032	335	\$1,113,880	36	\$3,067,910	85	\$55,754,822	456
Business Grants	\$5,960,202	53	\$901,000	9	\$729,000	8	\$7,590,202	70
REDLG	\$300,000	1	\$1,572,926	1	\$0	0	\$1,872,926	2
VAPG	\$954,288	10	\$19,250	1	\$199,227	5	\$1,172,765	16
SFH Direct	\$189,214,526	1,740	\$17,586,025	165	\$20,367,532	197	\$227,168,083	2,102
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,287,713,125	21,919	\$481,549,028	4,503	\$557,192,812	5,085	\$3,326,454,965	31,507
SFH Repairs	\$7,266,854	1,501	\$970,949	180	\$1,236,530	216	\$9,474,333	1,897
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,361,030	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,361,030	3
MFH Direct	\$29,103,632	51	\$8,479,131	13	\$1,294,655	8	\$38,877,418	72
MFH Guaranteed	\$16,379,295	17	\$4,577,000	5	\$4,941,335	6	\$25,897,630	28
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$105,509,916	1,330	\$25,834,668	315	\$24,861,817	310	\$156,206,401	1,955
CF Direct	\$72,830,125	73	\$10,699,000	9	\$92,227,200	20	\$175,756,325	102
CF Guaranteed	\$16,900,500	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$16,900,500	8
CF Grants	\$3,751,445	80	\$664,492	10	\$540,000	11	\$4,955,937	101
WWD Direct	\$141,328,000	65	\$15,956,000	7	\$27,900,000	11	\$185,184,000	83
WWD Guaranteed	\$11,000,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$11,000,000	2
WWD Grants	\$97,347,246	66	\$11,191,464	11	\$12,133,300	15	\$120,672,010	92
Telecom	\$45,394,228	31	\$621,743	2	\$248,649	1	\$46,264,620	34
Electric	\$333,869,000	20	\$27,096,000	4	\$34,500,000	3	\$395,465,000	27
All Other Programs	\$7,474,601	47	\$659,450	6	\$1,109,372	104	\$9,243,424	157
<b>OHIO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,663,711,352</b>	<b>27,444</b>	<b>\$641,383,334</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>\$817,506,339</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>\$5,122,601,025</b>	<b>38,825</b>

# OKLAHOMA

## Utilities Programs

### Modern Broadband, Water Systems Helping Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Other Southeast Oklahoma Rural Residents

While southeast Oklahoma is rich in culture and natural beauty, it also has extremely high rates of poverty that hamper business and economic development. Another factor is the Quachita Mountains, which create challenging conditions when developing infrastructure. The mountain terrain drives up construction costs to a level that local communities often cannot afford. However, with USDA Rural Development's help, two major infrastructure projects were completed in 2015 through a partnership between USDA, a local telephone company, and a local water district.

USDA Rural Development provided \$56 million through the Recovery Act to Pine Telephone for a broadband network that today is delivering high-speed Internet service of up to 1 Gbps (gigabits per second) to rural residents in the area and members of the Choctaw Nation. The new network has already inspired business development and expansion — several local business reported marked increases in sales due to e-commerce made possible by the new network.



A worker fine-tunes the installation of broadband equipment to bring high-speed Internet service to members of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma.

USDA Rural Development also provided \$25 million to the McCurtain County Rural Water District #6 to provide a large part of three counties with its first-ever public water system. Before, some people had to choose between washing the dishes or taking a shower. Today, tribal members and other rural residents in the service area have clean, abundant water. The new system even capitalizes on the new broadband network by using computer technology to connect and monitor the water towers and tanks.

USDA is targeting assistance to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma through its designation by President Obama as the first Native American Promise Zone.

### Oklahoma Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$259,920,779	76	\$36,733,435	9	\$24,234,124	6	\$320,888,338	91
IRP	\$2,338,000	5	\$308,749	1	\$0	0	\$2,646,749	6
Renewable Energy	\$15,304,573	74	\$840,033	8	\$1,679,139	15	\$17,823,745	97
Business Grants	\$5,920,430	50	\$851,588	5	\$1,088,068	10	\$7,860,086	65
REDLG	\$2,141,370	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,141,370	7
VAPG	\$774,055	5	\$276,097	2	\$322,211	3	\$1,372,363	10
SFH Direct	\$108,164,876	1,133	\$10,135,081	109	\$16,036,867	148	\$134,336,824	1,390
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,525,744,278	14,018	\$281,797,799	2,483	\$255,185,139	2,186	\$2,062,727,216	18,687
SFH Repairs	\$3,794,117	619	\$610,411	98	\$758,899	119	\$5,163,427	836
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$7,756,106	18	\$1,243,610	1	\$999,179	2	\$9,998,895	21
MFH Direct	\$6,869,453	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,869,453	7
MFH Guaranteed	\$5,124,020	6	\$2,098,500	5	\$725,000	1	\$7,947,520	12
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$83,803,281	970	\$19,297,824	219	\$18,718,297	214	\$121,819,402	1,403
CF Direct	\$21,147,779	12	\$252,000	1	\$89,000	1	\$21,488,779	14
CF Guaranteed	\$10,544,290	8	\$900,000	1	\$30,000,000	1	\$41,444,290	10
CF Grants	\$6,969,039	122	\$1,159,294	24	\$1,672,600	34	\$9,800,933	180
WWD Direct	\$129,167,430	80	\$14,923,000	9	\$18,537,000	8	\$162,627,430	97
WWD Guaranteed	\$391,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,026,000	2	\$1,417,000	3
WWD Grants	\$110,208,008	69	\$20,367,950	17	\$16,859,378	15	\$147,435,336	101
Telecom	\$299,110,888	63	\$9,472,086	11	\$22,960,051	4	\$331,543,025	78
Electric	\$818,567,147	30	\$101,781,000	5	\$40,397,000	3	\$960,745,147	38
All Other Programs	\$96,881,938	41	\$19,152,991	3	\$17,792,864	51	\$133,827,793	95
<b>OKLAHOMA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,520,642,857</b>	<b>17,414</b>	<b>\$522,201,448</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>\$469,080,816</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>\$4,511,925,121</b>	<b>23,248</b>



# OREGON

## Community and Business Programs

### Oregon's Illinois Valley: A Community on the Rise

USDA Rural Development provided a \$29,000 Rural Business Development Grant in 2015 for Oregon's Illinois Valley that has attracted another \$18,000 from other public and private funding partners. Local leaders will use the funds to enable the first community-led regional strategic planning process in the area for over 20 years.

In this remote, heavily forested region of southern Josephine County, there are roughly 15,000 residents representing diverse occupations and points of view. The median annual household income hovers just above \$25,000 and the poverty rate exceeds 25 percent — geographic isolation has created barriers to social services, education, and employment opportunities in the area.

Over the years, USDA Rural Development has invested in infrastructure development, a business incubator, a small business revolving loan fund, healthcare, homeownership and affordable multi-family housing in the valley.

The strategic planning made possible by the USDA grant will enable locals to strategize around regional opportunities in tourism, aviation, agriculture, broadband,



State Director Walker and the local community development steering committee celebrate the Rural Business Development Grant.

and innovative manufacturing technologies to enhance the local economy and quality of life. Since 2012, more than 75 local community volunteers have graduated from the Ford Institute Leadership Program and are eager to begin collaborating and advancing projects to make Illinois Valley communities more vibrant.

"We and our partners will seek ways to increase support for planning, technical assistance, and regional partnerships," USDA Rural Development State Director Vicki Walker said. "Collaboration empowers local people to identify and capitalize on emerging economic opportunities, new technologies, and ideas that are right for them and will generate lasting prosperity."

### Oregon Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$178,051,308	94	\$44,344,724	17	\$65,426,044	19	\$287,822,076	130
IRP	\$2,127,000	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,127,000	6
Renewable Energy	\$21,829,863	273	\$640,750	51	\$1,473,906	89	\$23,944,519	413
Business Grants	\$5,479,198	157	\$465,384	16	\$553,346	13	\$6,497,928	186
REDLG	\$1,884,000	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,884,000	5
VAPG	\$3,600,683	38	\$0	0	\$2,047,294	17	\$5,647,977	55
SFH Direct	\$106,413,533	700	\$10,313,571	67	\$12,027,291	72	\$128,754,395	839
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,042,220,231	12,875	\$419,175,027	2,473	\$445,413,783	2,519	\$2,906,809,041	17,867
SFH Repairs	\$2,151,423	362	\$213,728	42	\$116,860	26	\$2,482,011	430
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$3,042,717	9	\$0	0	\$655,050	1	\$3,697,767	10
MFH Direct	\$5,627,504	11	\$892,690	1	\$2,964,658	4	\$9,484,852	16
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$7,850,000	3	\$0	0	\$7,850,000	3
Farm Labor Housing	\$15,627,438	14	\$3,000,000	2	\$0	0	\$18,627,438	16
Rental Assistance	\$78,129,160	740	\$19,393,344	166	\$18,801,288	158	\$116,323,792	1,064
CF Direct	\$26,781,453	10	\$0	0	\$20,961,000	3	\$47,742,453	13
CF Guaranteed	\$12,389,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,389,000	2
CF Grants	\$884,390	21	\$229,708	7	\$222,237	5	\$1,336,335	33
WWD Direct	\$77,812,267	26	\$17,783,600	5	\$29,962,515	8	\$125,558,382	39
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$42,701,789	28	\$9,287,696	10	\$7,520,863	8	\$59,510,348	46
Telecom	\$74,638,403	32	\$630,559	2	\$202,643	1	\$75,471,605	35
Electric	\$54,734,000	5	\$0	0	\$47,076,000	2	\$101,810,000	7
All Other Programs	\$233,875,337	20	\$570,356	5	\$1,975,234	27	\$236,420,928	52
<b>OREGON TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,990,000,697</b>	<b>15,428</b>	<b>\$534,791,137</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>\$657,400,012</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>\$4,182,191,846</b>	<b>21,267</b>



# PENNSYLVANIA

## Community Programs

### A New Era of Prosperity Thanks to USDA Rural Development

The redevelopment of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is a golden model of what USDA Rural Development can do for rural communities.

For years, Pittston — a small northeastern city in Pennsylvania with just over 7,000 residents — experienced decline like many other communities in the region. Today, all that has changed thanks in part to USDA Rural Development funding. USDA has been an integral partner in the city's revitalization efforts, helping to convert the once decaying area into a location that is attracting businesses. That growth, in turn, has boosted private property investments, created jobs, and brought in new residents.

New riverside condos and an emerging downtown scene are just a few examples of the revitalization effort that presently totals more than \$35 million. None of it would have been possible without a \$1.1 million loan from Rural Development to improve the streets downtown. The new roads and city banners let residents and visitors alike know that Pittston is thriving.



City officials and USDA Rural Development staff in front of Pittston's newly remodeled community library.

USDA Rural Development has also provided financing for a new police vehicle and expansion of the Pittston Memorial Library. Further, renovations to city hall are planned. All told, USDA has injected more than \$4.7 million into the city, through the Community Facilities program, to improve essential community services and facilities in Pittston.

Today, locals are enthusiastic about Pittston's future. Farmers market vendor Paul Plum offered insight on the changes: "When I first came here, I could hardly give away an apricot," he said. "Now, I can't keep them."

### Pennsylvania Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$216,288,844	59	\$23,014,000	5	\$25,760,000	7	\$265,062,844	71
IRP	\$4,824,000	10	\$1,500,000	2	\$2,173,933	4	\$8,497,933	16
Renewable Energy	\$38,598,161	180	\$3,007,336	27	\$3,135,243	72	\$44,740,740	279
Business Grants	\$5,083,162	61	\$781,000	13	\$709,000	10	\$6,573,162	84
REDLG	\$109,812	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$109,812	1
VAPG	\$1,217,864	18	\$164,090	4	\$689,428	10	\$2,071,382	32
SFH Direct	\$164,549,628	1,164	\$17,232,421	122	\$21,184,232	153	\$202,966,281	1,439
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,833,990,955	21,514	\$686,268,755	5,150	\$641,994,935	4,880	\$4,162,254,645	31,544
SFH Repairs	\$9,285,209	1,852	\$1,019,889	173	\$1,454,722	256	\$11,759,820	2,281
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,822,570	5	\$269,999	1	\$150,000	2	\$2,242,569	8
MFH Direct	\$12,744,159	22	\$946,532	1	\$8,235,775	12	\$21,926,466	35
MFH Guaranteed	\$6,367,800	4	\$0	0	\$3,500,000	1	\$9,867,800	5
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$110,743,932	942	\$25,267,440	215	\$26,530,944	223	\$162,542,316	1,380
CF Direct	\$257,994,950	134	\$47,246,300	16	\$182,327,220	34	\$487,568,470	184
CF Guaranteed	\$48,564,472	10	\$56,020,000	2	\$16,950,000	1	\$121,534,472	13
CF Grants	\$5,623,480	122	\$589,400	18	\$683,800	23	\$6,896,680	163
WWD Direct	\$327,618,650	95	\$28,934,200	9	\$57,262,000	14	\$413,814,850	118
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$83,252,770	48	\$22,711,100	9	\$16,864,800	10	\$122,828,670	67
Telecom	\$3,467,567	14	\$914,971	4	\$0	0	\$4,382,538	18
Electric	\$152,142,000	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$152,142,000	9
All Other Programs	\$9,156,119	60	\$1,661,850	9	\$707,067	16	\$11,525,036	85
<b>PENNSYLVANIA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,293,446,104</b>	<b>26,324</b>	<b>\$917,549,283</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>\$1,010,313,099</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>\$6,221,308,487</b>	<b>37,832</b>

# PUERTO RICO

## Housing Programs

### USDA Partnership Helps Feed Hungry Kids

In 2015, employees of USDA Rural Development, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Puerto Rico Extensión Agrícola partnered to provide summer meals to low-income children and start community gardens in apartment complexes financed by USDA Rural Development in rural Puerto Rico.

USDA's *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity* initiative targets USDA assistance to persistent-poverty, high-need areas. In Puerto Rico, USDA is leveraging the power of *StrikeForce* to provide better nutrition and more locally grown foods to rural families and children in need.

Espiritu Santo Apartments is a USDA-financed, 50-unit multi-family housing complex in Aguas Buenas for very-low-income families. Over the summer, 12 children there took part in the FNS Summer Food Service Program, which provides healthy meals during the summer school break to children at risk of going hungry. Additionally, about 25 children helped plant a new community garden. Elsewhere,



Children plant seedlings in the Espiritu Santo Apartments community garden.

in Gurabo, Puerto Rico, 40 kids enjoyed summer meals and helped start a community garden at Maga Tree Village, a 100-unit apartment complex funded through USDA Rural Development.

Community gardens are a major part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" initiative to encourage exercise and fitness. They are a great way to make fresh, healthy foods available for local residents. To date, USDA has invested \$16,000 for 21 community gardens in Puerto Rico.

### Puerto Rico Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$29,845,384	17	\$12,313,000	3	\$2,777,136	4	\$44,935,520	24
IRP	\$1,067,000	3	\$0	0	\$486,861	1	\$1,553,861	4
Renewable Energy	\$1,161,867	23	\$163,000	5	\$1,241,250	16	\$2,566,117	44
Business Grants	\$2,344,327	19	\$168,000	6	\$246,000	6	\$2,758,327	31
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$1,800,000	8	\$256,390	2	\$1,683,000	8	\$3,739,390	18
SFH Direct	\$82,365,377	851	\$11,480,500	117	\$13,734,011	136	\$107,579,888	1,104
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,649,896,103	14,102	\$324,116,317	2,831	\$245,216,423	2,169	\$2,219,228,843	19,102
SFH Repairs	\$2,556,643	473	\$439,132	75	\$512,670	88	\$3,508,445	636
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$315,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$315,000	1
MFH Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$2,417,979	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,417,979	2
Rental Assistance	\$86,118,528	303	\$19,343,688	66	\$17,572,893	61	\$123,035,109	430
CF Direct	\$39,108,700	37	\$15,405,750	17	\$13,879,322	16	\$68,393,772	70
CF Guaranteed	\$1,144,480	1	\$2,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$3,144,480	2
CF Grants	\$2,738,270	47	\$397,872	12	\$198,400	9	\$3,334,542	68
WWD Direct	\$71,979,325	26	\$11,714,000	5	\$11,714,000	7	\$95,407,325	38
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$28,150,127	24	\$5,478,471	13	\$3,309,000	12	\$36,937,598	49
Telecom	\$210,590	1	\$1,486,106	3	\$0	0	\$1,696,696	4
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$2,448,597	36	\$153,351	8	\$125,237	11	\$2,727,185	55
<b>PUERTO RICO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,005,668,297</b>	<b>15,974</b>	<b>\$404,915,577</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>\$312,696,202</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>\$2,723,280,077</b>	<b>21,682</b>

# RHODE ISLAND

## Business Programs

### Solar Energy Powers Year-Round Farm Operation

USDA Rural Development awarded the Baby Greens farm in Kingston, Rhode Island, a \$12,600 Rural Energy for America Program grant to help fund installation of a 10-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system to power the farm's storage cooler, greenhouse fans, and irrigation system.

The new renewable energy system generates about 12,400 kilowatt hours annually in energy and is saving almost 60 percent of the farm's energy costs.

The 51-acre Baby Greens farm, is a true farm-to-table operation. Using four greenhouses, owner Jeffrey Kamminga grows a variety of fresh salad greens year-round that Kamminga hand-delivers to local homes and businesses.



Baby Greens farm salad greens are thriving in the solar-powered greenhouses.

Baby Greens has 80 customers who receive fresh greens from the farm. The farm also produces cheese, eggs, and mushrooms to complement the salad mix.

Kamminga says he always wanted a solar panel array but couldn't afford it without the help of the USDA grant.

### Rhode Island Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$1,766,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,766,000	1
IRP	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Renewable Energy	\$480,385	23	\$388,050	7	\$876,023	14	\$1,744,458	44
Business Grants	\$406,010	7	\$68,000	2	\$83,000	3	\$557,010	12
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$200,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$200,000	2
SFH Direct	\$20,343,831	98	\$2,030,000	9	\$2,729,865	11	\$25,103,696	118
SFH Guaranteed	\$147,239,421	740	\$31,724,404	153	\$32,893,222	154	\$211,857,047	1,047
SFH Repairs	\$527,286	90	\$49,600	10	\$88,921	15	\$665,807	115
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$345,250	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$345,250	1
MFH Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,114,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,114,000	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$8,268,648	49	\$2,537,472	14	\$1,871,904	9	\$12,678,024	72
CF Direct	\$16,494,090	10	\$900,000	1	\$6,253,823	2	\$23,647,913	13
CF Guaranteed	\$384,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$384,000	1
CF Grants	\$334,678	16	\$113,900	4	\$113,900	3	\$562,478	23
WWD Direct	\$7,000,000	17	\$8,135,000	9	\$4,760,000	2	\$19,895,000	28
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$6,950,785	21	\$6,584,165	10	\$1,780,000	2	\$15,314,950	33
Telecom	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$150,000	3	\$0	0	\$23,592	3	\$173,592	6
<b>RHODE ISLAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,004,384</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>\$52,530,591</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>\$51,474,250</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>\$316,009,225</b>	<b>1,517</b>



# SOUTH CAROLINA

## Business Programs

### New Advanced Manufacturing Training Center for Students

A \$1 million Rural Economic Development loan from USDA Rural Development made it possible for Aiken Technical College (ATC) in Graniteville, South Carolina, to build a new, modern facility providing high-quality training in the fields of nuclear and advanced manufacturing.

The new 35,000-square-foot facility, called the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, or CEAM, will help ATC students graduate with degrees in these growing, technically advanced fields of study. CEAM will also help the local economy in Aiken County by attracting new businesses to the area through the availability of a highly skilled workforce.

A partnership between Rural Development and local and State entities made the project possible.

The college's existing facilities were outdated, making it difficult to provide students with the current-day, industry-quality training they needed to succeed. USDA Rural Development provided the loan under the Rural Economic



Aiken Technical College students receive hands-on training on radiation protection technology.

Development Loan program to help finance construction of the new facility. Under this program, USDA provides funds to local electric utilities which, in turn, create a revolving loan fund for use by local entities to save or create more jobs in rural areas.

The college's project was made possible by the Aiken Electric Cooperative, which has participated in the USDA revolving loan program for more than 15 years. Other partners such as the Economic Development Administration and the State also supported the total project cost of \$8.5 million.

### South Carolina Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$201,451,483	74	\$34,292,000	8	\$14,882,500	7	\$250,625,983	89
IRP	\$6,513,782	12	\$0	0	\$400,000	1	\$6,913,782	13
Renewable Energy	\$4,120,833	84	\$130,297	9	\$239,099	16	\$4,490,229	109
Business Grants	\$5,564,308	72	\$687,500	14	\$620,000	11	\$6,871,808	97
REDLG	\$12,865,560	19	\$3,000,000	3	\$2,000,000	2	\$17,865,560	24
VAPG	\$1,323,512	9	\$539,230	4	\$1,130,254	5	\$2,992,996	18
SFH Direct	\$164,809,915	1,342	\$27,811,824	221	\$27,181,873	211	\$219,803,612	1,774
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,240,164,110	17,093	\$542,556,682	4,022	\$521,859,624	3,805	\$3,304,580,416	24,920
SFH Repairs	\$7,148,497	1,022	\$1,887,783	248	\$1,258,778	177	\$10,295,058	1,447
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$275,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$275,000	1
MFH Direct	\$22,532,343	26	\$5,093,029	7	\$11,025,993	12	\$38,651,365	45
MFH Guaranteed	\$6,394,251	7	\$12,240,000	15	\$0	0	\$18,634,251	22
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,376,800	2	\$2,376,800	2
Rental Assistance	\$121,878,888	1,026	\$29,322,216	228	\$27,120,997	226	\$178,322,101	1,480
CF Direct	\$211,961,510	70	\$44,873,800	27	\$64,238,062	24	\$321,073,372	121
CF Guaranteed	\$13,086,300	8	\$15,000,000	2	\$15,000,000	2	\$43,086,300	12
CF Grants	\$13,635,077	100	\$2,099,400	48	\$1,388,700	37	\$17,123,177	185
WWD Direct	\$256,595,292	94	\$55,498,000	16	\$49,236,068	17	\$361,329,360	127
WWD Guaranteed	\$1,323,600	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,323,600	1
WWD Grants	\$118,428,833	66	\$32,155,117	12	\$12,691,199	14	\$163,275,149	92
Telecom	\$180,349,101	16	\$25,080,873	5	\$13,994,912	6	\$219,424,886	27
Electric	\$729,619,000	17	\$93,926,000	2	\$115,704,000	4	\$939,249,000	23
All Other Programs	\$4,960,496	48	\$833,793	5	\$1,757,743	202	\$7,552,032	255
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,325,001,691</b>	<b>21,207</b>	<b>\$927,027,544</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>\$884,106,602</b>	<b>4,781</b>	<b>\$6,136,135,837</b>	<b>30,884</b>



# SOUTH DAKOTA

## Housing and Utilities Programs

### New Housing Development on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) will soon have a new housing development, "Regenerative Community," for the Oglala Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, thanks to \$1.97 million from USDA Rural Development.

USDA is providing a site loan to develop the streets and utilities for 23 lots, a self-help grant to develop 12 new self-help homes, and water and waste disposal loan and grant funds for drinking water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage systems.

In June 2015, USDA officials joined Tribal leaders at the groundbreaking for the first phase of construction that is enabling families on the reservation to buy affordable, eco-friendly homes of their own. The families are expected to move in by next year. Thunder Valley CDC plans to build housing, a small farm, an aquaponics greenhouse, a grocery store, powwow grounds, and a youth center onsite. When completed, the project will serve as a model for Native American and rural communities on the Pine Ridge reservation and across the country.



Groundbreaking at Thunder Valley CDC's Regenerative Community north of Sharps Corner, SD.

Other investment partners include the Sustainable Home Ownership Project, Enterprise Community Partners, and the Northwest Area and Bush Foundations. This project is an example of how targeted, place-based economic development through public-private partnerships can work to break the cycle of crumbling infrastructure often seen in many tribal communities. Rural Development is targeting assistance to the area through USDA's *Promise Zone* and *StrikeForce* initiatives to combat persistent poverty in rural communities.

### South Dakota Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$77,680,788	38	\$3,335,484	6	\$1,239,000	2	\$82,255,272	46
IRP	\$9,414,000	15	\$750,000	1	\$3,553,141	5	\$13,717,141	21
Renewable Energy	\$8,384,158	200	\$172,239	13	\$1,121,346	53	\$9,677,743	266
Business Grants	\$4,747,433	56	\$506,070	7	\$255,995	4	\$5,509,498	67
REDLG	\$7,841,000	19	\$2,050,000	7	\$2,335,000	7	\$12,226,000	33
VAPG	\$774,453	5	\$274,362	3	\$303,907	2	\$1,352,722	10
SFH Direct	\$62,023,829	588	\$8,250,117	71	\$11,132,596	90	\$81,406,542	749
SFH Guaranteed	\$766,583,935	6,448	\$188,302,524	1,465	\$179,091,825	1,355	\$1,133,978,284	9,268
SFH Repairs	\$1,715,677	340	\$311,394	59	\$263,137	57	\$2,290,208	456
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,791,110	7	\$0	0	\$993,317	4	\$2,784,427	11
MFH Direct	\$6,391,304	18	\$0	0	\$489,000	1	\$6,880,304	19
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$1,225,900	1	\$0	0	\$1,225,900	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$66,593,812	776	\$13,611,775	150	\$11,236,284	180	\$91,441,871	1,106
CF Direct	\$102,310,966	81	\$6,036,500	7	\$12,543,300	7	\$120,890,766	95
CF Guaranteed	\$22,423,000	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$22,423,000	8
CF Grants	\$6,715,832	88	\$928,285	19	\$987,400	16	\$8,631,517	123
WWD Direct	\$98,912,000	101	\$11,661,000	10	\$13,238,000	8	\$123,811,000	119
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$96,714,293	79	\$5,446,277	10	\$9,248,000	10	\$111,408,570	99
Telecom	\$133,150,386	23	\$379,262	2	\$1,097,168	4	\$134,626,816	29
Electric	\$495,696,000	38	\$219,458,000	10	\$7,741,000	2	\$722,895,000	50
All Other Programs	\$5,731,720	35	\$1,121,988	5	\$1,130,901	185	\$7,984,609	225
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,975,595,696</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>\$463,821,177</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>\$258,000,317</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>\$2,697,417,190</b>	<b>12,801</b>

# TENNESSEE

## Utilities Programs

### USDA Helps Bring Water to Rural Tennesseans in Need

About 1,300 rural Tennessee families and businesses today have safe, dependable, and abundant drinking water thanks to \$2.7 million in USDA Rural Development water loans and grants for a new public water system.

For years, rural residents in eastern Henry County lived with uncertainty and fear that their water was unsafe or would run out. In Springville there was no public water supply and residents' private water wells were contaminated. At the same time, in nearby Sandy Beach, residents learned that they could no longer pump water from their source, leaving them without a viable water supply as well. This triggered health concerns and limited any hope for economic development or growth.

These very small rural towns didn't have the economic resources to build an expensive water system. However, Springville and Sandy Beach community members banded together to find a solution. They worked with the State to form a utility district to oversee water service in Springville,



Eastern Henry County, Tennessee's new 150,000-gallon water tank is bringing safe, reliable water to Springville and Sandy Beach residents.

and worked with USDA and many other partners to secure affordable financing. Their efforts paid off with the assistance from USDA Rural Development. The public water system began service in February 2015.

The Delta Regional Authority, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and State of Tennessee also supported the project, which included installing a 150,000-gallon water tank and nearly 30 miles of water distribution lines.

### Tennessee Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$229,952,758	65	\$14,947,000	4	\$27,079,000	6	\$271,978,758	75
IRP	\$1,150,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,150,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$8,407,466	196	\$406,650	38	\$3,191,668	75	\$12,005,784	309
Business Grants	\$5,931,186	212	\$904,440	35	\$733,000	26	\$7,568,626	273
REDLG	\$17,186,392	32	\$10,610,360	8	\$4,483,334	4	\$32,280,086	44
VAPG	\$569,876	5	\$496,987	4	\$49,500	1	\$1,116,363	10
SFH Direct	\$177,943,925	1,698	\$19,502,569	173	\$20,515,368	186	\$217,961,862	2,057
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,926,450,593	24,925	\$817,727,165	6,700	\$931,690,869	7,256	\$4,675,868,627	38,881
SFH Repairs	\$9,301,206	1,954	\$1,730,137	342	\$1,656,601	325	\$12,687,944	2,621
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$1,006,400	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,006,400	2
MFH Direct	\$9,099,569	13	\$1,246,284	1	\$17,751,555	18	\$28,097,408	32
MFH Guaranteed	\$20,388,802	14	\$8,875,000	4	\$20,351,345	21	\$49,615,147	39
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$110,565,600	1,089	\$25,828,500	232	\$26,230,512	256	\$162,624,612	1,577
CF Direct	\$215,912,658	130	\$36,387,100	24	\$88,235,400	21	\$340,535,158	175
CF Guaranteed	\$1,450,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,450,000	2
CF Grants	\$8,105,618	230	\$636,400	27	\$654,700	23	\$9,396,718	280
WWD Direct	\$184,284,400	151	\$14,508,000	16	\$22,413,500	18	\$221,205,900	185
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$2,488,840	1	\$0	0	\$2,488,840	1
WWD Grants	\$71,493,766	151	\$9,923,600	24	\$12,315,500	21	\$93,732,866	196
Telecom	\$203,715,345	32	\$32,241,891	6	\$627,523	2	\$236,584,759	40
Electric	\$221,724,000	13	\$10,000,000	1	\$30,000,000	1	\$261,724,000	15
All Other Programs	\$17,738,280	67	\$1,686,540	7	\$1,771,917	57	\$21,196,737	131
<b>TENNESSEE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,442,377,840</b>	<b>30,983</b>	<b>\$1,010,147,463</b>	<b>7,647</b>	<b>\$1,209,751,293</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>\$6,662,276,595</b>	<b>46,947</b>

# TEXAS

## Community Programs

### USDA Helps Texas NonProfit Promote Better Nutrition

USDA Rural Development awarded an El Paso County, Texas, community organization a \$50,000 Community Facilities grant to help convert its cooking space into a commercial kitchen that will be used as a training center and to make meals for the local community.

Adults and Youth United Development Association, Inc. (AYUDA) is a nonprofit community organization working on behalf of low-income individuals and families in El Paso County, with a focus on the impoverished Colonias communities along the border between the United States and Mexico. A bilingual, grassroots provider, AYUDA is committed to delivering safe drinking water, affordable housing, education, a clean environment, and health and nutrition services to its clients.

AYUDA wanted to start a teaching program about healthy cooking and eating. Unfortunately, the organization's



A young boy draws a label for food he is helping to grow in AYUDA's community garden.

existing kitchen was inadequate. It was too small and didn't have appliances that could accommodate large-scale food preparation and cooking. Rural Development's assistance has provided the resources to build and equip a commercial kitchen and carry out its plan.

"Learning about diet and healthy eating will empower our community to be healthier," Olivia Figueroa, AYUDA Executive Director said. "Healthy eating is the base of a healthy community."

### Texas Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$314,209,078	76	\$51,088,500	8	\$35,000,000	2	\$400,297,578	86
IRP	\$4,255,000	8	\$400,000	1	\$1,000,000	1	\$5,655,000	10
Renewable Energy	\$32,184,515	238	\$6,540,251	40	\$2,764,521	56	\$41,489,287	334
Business Grants	\$7,822,310	53	\$911,000	7	\$871,000	5	\$9,604,310	65
REDLG	\$1,040,000	2	\$0	0	\$2,000,000	1	\$3,040,000	3
VAPG	\$1,585,980	11	\$361,143	3	\$1,149,061	11	\$3,096,184	25
SFH Direct	\$275,306,886	2,799	\$44,246,857	409	\$29,399,725	277	\$348,953,468	3,485
SFH Guaranteed	\$4,558,277,222	35,225	\$926,894,693	6,477	\$764,207,813	5,153	\$6,249,379,728	46,855
SFH Repairs	\$15,450,458	2,437	\$2,503,988	398	\$2,800,964	428	\$20,755,410	3,263
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$2,094,890	8	\$547,150	2	\$60,795	2	\$2,702,835	12
MFH Direct	\$1,973,573	7	\$0	0	\$3,012,774	2	\$4,986,347	9
MFH Guaranteed	\$28,260,757	17	\$17,663,555	7	\$14,619,868	9	\$60,544,180	33
Farm Labor Housing	\$19,911,905	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,911,905	11
Rental Assistance	\$205,235,560	2,267	\$47,648,780	533	\$47,881,964	526	\$300,766,304	3,326
CF Direct	\$148,094,478	104	\$26,048,500	10	\$45,055,500	13	\$219,198,478	127
CF Guaranteed	\$35,183,426	8	\$1,000,000	1	\$3,000,000	1	\$39,183,426	10
CF Grants	\$14,514,501	149	\$396,100	13	\$534,000	16	\$15,444,601	178
WWD Direct	\$262,905,930	136	\$7,788,000	7	\$132,825,068	41	\$403,518,998	184
WWD Guaranteed	\$2,910,784	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,910,784	3
WWD Grants	\$143,383,758	174	\$7,158,100	11	\$29,637,040	67	\$180,178,898	252
Telecom	\$288,476,164	54	\$37,999,056	7	\$13,450,000	1	\$339,925,220	62
Electric	\$1,970,272,000	43	\$63,159,000	4	\$0	0	\$2,033,431,000	47
All Other Programs	\$4,962,681	31	\$635,450	5	\$1,206,557	174	\$6,804,688	210
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,338,311,856</b>	<b>43,861</b>	<b>\$1,242,990,123</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>\$1,130,476,649</b>	<b>6,786</b>	<b>\$10,711,778,628</b>	<b>58,590</b>



# UTAH

## Business Programs

### Energy Efficiency Improvements Give Small Business New Lease on Life

A \$17,200 Renewable Energy for America Program grant for energy efficiency improvements will increase the productivity of an important small business in small, rural Roosevelt, Utah, and cut down on its energy costs.

Chad Mortensen is the third-generation owner and operator of Marion's Variety shop and restaurant in small, rural Roosevelt, Utah. His great aunt Marion started the business in 1933 after emigrating from Denmark.

He used USDA Rural Development funds to add insulation, upgrade kitchen equipment, and replace the front windows. However, he maintained the original look of the storefront, knowing his customers would prefer it: "I wanted to keep the front stationary," he said. "Out here people have a hard time with change. If you change too much, too fast, they don't come back." The improvements will help Marion's Variety last over time.



Chad Mortensen, owner of Marion's Variety, used a USDA Renewable Energy for America Program grant for energy efficiency improvements to his business.

"It's sound, it's secure," Mortensen said of the restaurant modernization. "It's just going to be more efficient for me to work in and, energy-wise, it's going to help out with future bills." With USDA's help, Marion's Variety can continue providing Roosevelt patrons with the services they've come back for since 1933.

### Utah Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$64,982,881	33	\$17,670,000	11	\$22,638,930	7	\$105,291,811	51
IRP	\$356,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$356,000	2
Renewable Energy	\$2,788,464	42	\$177,624	8	\$921,021	10	\$3,887,109	60
Business Grants	\$1,879,052	33	\$374,675	6	\$134,000	4	\$2,387,727	43
REDLG	\$3,942,000	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,942,000	5
VAPG	\$1,680,799	10	\$75,000	1	\$250,000	1	\$2,005,799	12
SFH Direct	\$237,034,277	1,475	\$37,758,907	213	\$25,560,807	148	\$300,353,991	1,836
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,807,704,439	10,923	\$398,450,399	2,214	\$422,648,031	2,240	\$2,628,802,869	15,377
SFH Repairs	\$1,632,968	282	\$203,103	34	\$159,919	28	\$1,995,990	344
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$13,352,149	22	\$1,657,260	2	\$3,465,890	8	\$18,475,299	32
MFH Direct	\$2,665,446	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,665,446	7
MFH Guaranteed	\$750,000	1	\$0	0	\$940,000	1	\$1,690,000	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,000,000	1
Rental Assistance	\$34,478,880	270	\$7,923,600	65	\$8,127,360	59	\$50,529,840	394
CF Direct	\$82,580,500	27	\$70,000	1	\$7,242,100	3	\$89,892,600	31
CF Guaranteed	\$71,929,202	15	\$2,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$73,929,202	16
CF Grants	\$2,374,971	38	\$184,900	4	\$83,900	2	\$2,643,771	44
WWD Direct	\$30,291,800	22	\$6,258,000	5	\$4,672,000	1	\$41,221,800	28
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$25,698,678	27	\$8,819,475	4	\$4,663,000	6	\$39,181,153	37
Telecom	\$14,009,615	13	\$8,164,300	2	\$339,480	2	\$22,513,395	17
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$300,000	6	\$50,000	1	\$55,016	3	\$405,016	10
<b>UTAH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,401,432,121</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>\$489,837,243</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>\$501,901,454</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>\$3,393,170,818</b>	<b>18,349</b>



# VERMONT

## Community and Business Programs

### The Show Must Go On

Investments of more than \$113,000 by USDA Rural Development have enabled a historic theater in Rutland, Vermont, continue as a valued cultural institution.

The Paramount Theatre has been the cultural epicenter of this rural community for more than 100 years, offering a broad range of performers, entertainers, and events for area residents. However, in recent years, high energy bills and aging technology have jeopardized the theater's ability to continue.

USDA Rural Development provided the theater with more than \$60,000 in Community Facilities loan and grant assistance to install a modern heating system and a solar panel array to reduce its energy costs. The agency also provided the Paramount with a \$12,500 Rural Business Development Grant to buy an online ticketing system and make other much-needed equipment upgrades. Over the last 5 years, Rural Development has invested \$113,500 for improvements at the Paramount Theater.



Solar panels on the roof of the Paramount Theater. The improvements have energized downtown Rutland, bringing more patrons to the Paramount and neighborhood small businesses.

The improvements are helping the theater connect with more patrons and are drawing more people downtown. Thousands of community members — many without television at home — have gathered there to watch sporting events for free. Others have visited the theater for live performances and social events. The energy generated by the theater's renaissance is even boosting activity at other nearby businesses in downtown Rutland.

### Vermont Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$32,121,880	12	\$1,435,000	1	\$0	0	\$33,556,880	13
IRP	\$5,368,000	9	\$3,000,000	3	\$2,000,000	2	\$10,368,000	14
Renewable Energy	\$10,308,457	220	\$132,981	33	\$1,558,924	46	\$12,000,362	299
Business Grants	\$6,971,555	94	\$1,426,532	16	\$1,392,717	19	\$9,790,804	129
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$1,213,299	14	\$244,913	1	\$969,909	9	\$2,428,121	24
SFH Direct	\$59,373,034	423	\$7,378,370	50	\$9,685,263	64	\$76,436,667	537
SFH Guaranteed	\$408,899,756	2,527	\$88,884,298	546	\$80,614,463	510	\$578,398,517	3,583
SFH Repairs	\$2,186,950	424	\$382,804	63	\$300,429	48	\$2,870,183	535
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$13,961,537	18	\$3,074,744	5	\$2,786,707	3	\$19,822,988	26
MFH Guaranteed	\$300,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$300,000	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$464,035	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$464,035	5
Rental Assistance	\$34,883,707	262	\$9,408,240	68	\$7,338,552	55	\$51,630,499	385
CF Direct	\$17,573,450	41	\$772,900	4	\$3,897,700	12	\$22,244,050	57
CF Guaranteed	\$8,340,700	7	\$162,126	1	\$65,000	1	\$8,567,826	9
CF Grants	\$2,880,719	104	\$266,900	13	\$501,400	23	\$3,649,019	140
WWD Direct	\$42,707,200	35	\$3,951,000	4	\$9,309,000	8	\$55,967,200	47
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$42,148,329	42	\$5,594,300	11	\$6,443,830	17	\$54,186,459	70
Telecom	\$124,296,006	12	\$498,856	1	\$0	0	\$124,794,862	13
Electric	\$15,300,000	2	\$0	0	\$53,141,000	2	\$68,441,000	4
All Other Programs	\$2,411,146	22	\$250,000	4	\$400,000	5	\$3,061,146	31
<b>VERMONT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$831,709,760</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>\$126,863,964</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>\$180,404,894</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>\$1,138,978,618</b>	<b>5,922</b>

# VIRGINIA

## Utilities Programs

### Broadband in the Mountains

A Community Connect Grant of \$2.1 million from USDA Rural Development is making modern, high-speed telecom service possible in a mountainous Virginia area where costs were too high for private-sector investors.

In today's digital age, broadband Internet access seems like it's just about everywhere on everybody's personal electronics and smart phones. However, in rural Edwards Ridge and Dickenson County, Virginia, the Appalachian Mountains are a physical barrier that has prevented the delivery of broadband service to the area. Installation costs are so expensive per square-mile that large broadband suppliers wouldn't invest, and Scott County Telephone Cooperative, the local communications utility, didn't have the resources to build a broadband network on its own.

Some residents around Edwards Ridge commute to Clintwood, Coeburn, or Wise, Virginia, where they have broadband access at work, but they are eager to have it in their own homes and local hangouts.



USDA is helping a local telephone cooperative utility company bring high-speed broadband service to rural Appalachian Virginia.

USDA Rural Development's grant is enabling the creation of a broadband IP Ethernet network that will serve about 580 homes and businesses in Edwards Ridge and the surrounding region.

The Scott County Telephone Cooperative broadband project is expected to boost local economic development. It will allow workers to telecommute and also encourage businesses and healthcare providers to consider relocating to Edwards Ridge, creating more employment opportunities for people in a rural area where unemployment is high. Additionally, broadband will increase education options for Dickenson County school students.

### Virginia Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$116,391,869	46	\$29,376,620	10	\$16,801,707	7	\$162,570,196	63
IRP	\$1,207,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,207,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$4,932,669	144	\$2,043,797	31	\$2,212,222	40	\$9,188,688	215
Business Grants	\$4,029,354	51	\$639,813	7	\$607,000	10	\$5,276,167	68
REDLG	\$905,000	3	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,905,000	4
VAPG	\$4,444,374	29	\$1,625,000	9	\$3,969,140	30	\$10,038,514	68
SFH Direct	\$128,177,444	929	\$9,474,700	65	\$13,792,327	109	\$151,444,471	1,103
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,487,143,295	16,472	\$619,749,642	3,863	\$626,215,261	3,858	\$3,733,108,198	24,193
SFH Repairs	\$6,364,858	1,061	\$525,800	75	\$1,115,908	169	\$8,006,566	1,305
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$9,407,289	16	\$846,007	1	\$941,238	1	\$11,194,534	18
MFH Guaranteed	\$2,526,300	1	\$2,222,564	1	\$0	0	\$4,748,864	2
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$2,000,000	2	\$4,250,000	3	\$6,250,000	5
Rental Assistance	\$110,216,880	928	\$27,845,640	217	\$29,084,460	211	\$167,146,980	1,356
CF Direct	\$205,078,277	134	\$8,233,957	21	\$10,560,900	16	\$223,873,134	171
CF Guaranteed	\$326,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$326,000	1
CF Grants	\$13,241,338	363	\$1,675,443	51	\$774,500	21	\$15,691,281	435
WWD Direct	\$258,247,280	103	\$7,858,000	5	\$24,034,000	12	\$290,139,280	120
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$93,884,288	78	\$6,213,250	21	\$11,482,700	20	\$111,580,238	119
Telecom	\$100,099,620	25	\$3,753,330	3	\$3,373,158	2	\$107,226,108	30
Electric	\$2,836,861,000	24	\$404,315,000	4	\$254,238,000	2	\$3,495,414,000	30
All Other Programs	\$7,155,794	33	\$482,859	4	\$603,850	23	\$8,242,503	60
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,390,639,929</b>	<b>20,444</b>	<b>\$1,129,881,422</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>\$1,004,056,372</b>	<b>4,534</b>	<b>\$8,524,577,722</b>	<b>29,369</b>

# WASHINGTON

## Utilities Programs

### Broadband Workshop Benefits Northwest Washington Tribes

Today, access to broadband is no longer a luxury, but an essential part of life. It stimulates economic growth, spurs job creation, and provides access to education, social opportunities, and healthcare, including emergency care by first responders. Unfortunately, broadband access in rural areas lags far behind that of urban areas. According to data from the National Broadband Map, only 55 percent of rural communities — and 32 percent of tribal lands — have broadband access at 25 Mbps (megabits per second), compared to 94 percent in urban places.

In Washington State, the Olympic Peninsula is low in population, topographically challenging, and geographically remote, which is why Native American tribes in the northwest corner have some of the worst broadband service in the State. USDA Rural Development staff wanted to help tribes and rural residents in Jefferson and Clallam counties change this status quo of poor or even non-existent broadband.

In January 2015, USDA Rural Development hosted a 2-day workshop for tribal and rural community leaders. Experts from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Telecommunications



A beaten copper face at a Makah Tribe beach shelter created by a local artist. USDA is reaching out to the Makah Tribe and others to help bring broadband service to northwest Washington State.

Programs at USDA headquarters attended to offer guidance. The major focus was training participants how to apply for USDA assistance, with a concentration on better broadband access, community economic development, and successful broadband deployment, especially for tribal lands in northwest Washington. USDA officials also visited with tribal leaders and toured tribal lands of the Quinault Indian Nation, Quileute Nation, Makah Tribe, and Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

“This workshop and the discussion about tribes forming a combined broadband operation planted some seeds about what can be done out here,” Kenneth Kuchno, Director of RUS Broadband Programs, said. “Their best bet at success will be to do it together.”

### Washington Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$129,667,321	51	\$16,242,150	7	\$20,534,550	6	\$166,444,021	64
IRP	\$3,744,000	7	\$1,750,000	2	\$0	0	\$5,494,000	9
Renewable Energy	\$13,702,863	192	\$656,485	56	\$1,664,984	97	\$16,024,332	345
Business Grants	\$3,945,582	61	\$478,673	6	\$431,853	8	\$4,856,108	75
REDLG	\$280,000	2	\$1,050,000	2	\$0	0	\$1,330,000	4
VAPG	\$3,391,268	22	\$1,128,600	8	\$1,460,240	17	\$5,980,108	47
SFH Direct	\$259,335,062	1,454	\$20,979,854	135	\$27,854,196	164	\$308,169,112	1,753
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,928,471,772	15,539	\$581,833,322	3,040	\$537,446,456	2,729	\$4,047,751,550	21,308
SFH Repairs	\$3,223,966	461	\$270,192	41	\$302,317	45	\$3,796,475	547
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$15,982,826	19	\$3,864,026	3	\$2,583,426	8	\$22,430,278	30
MFH Direct	\$7,991,435	14	\$0	0	\$2,513,070	3	\$10,504,505	17
MFH Guaranteed	\$12,361,428	8	\$0	0	\$7,557,939	7	\$19,919,367	15
Farm Labor Housing	\$19,010,310	15	\$5,000,000	4	\$322,750	1	\$24,333,060	20
Rental Assistance	\$112,986,545	1,016	\$26,769,156	203	\$28,216,318	253	\$167,972,019	1,472
CF Direct	\$104,817,400	57	\$5,366,800	8	\$3,795,100	10	\$113,979,300	75
CF Guaranteed	\$25,535,100	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$25,535,100	9
CF Grants	\$4,160,211	88	\$353,102	12	\$446,500	10	\$4,959,813	110
WWD Direct	\$195,711,664	77	\$15,589,900	13	\$16,174,000	15	\$227,475,564	105
WWD Guaranteed	\$19,400,000	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,400,000	6
WWD Grants	\$44,042,085	40	\$4,547,000	5	\$5,773,700	8	\$54,362,785	53
Telecom	\$122,527,367	24	\$26,857,841	8	\$377,258	1	\$149,762,466	33
Electric	\$203,660,000	9	\$0	0	\$23,616,000	2	\$227,276,000	11
All Other Programs	\$6,725,289	31	\$644,494	5	\$1,612,516	196	\$8,982,299	232
<b>WASHINGTON TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,240,673,494</b>	<b>19,202</b>	<b>\$713,381,595</b>	<b>3,558</b>	<b>\$682,683,173</b>	<b>3,580</b>	<b>\$5,636,738,262</b>	<b>26,340</b>



# WEST VIRGINIA

## Business Programs

### USDA Lends a Helping Hand to the Heart and Hand House

Through the *StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative*, Rural Development is working with USDA and local partners to ensure that coordinated Federal support is directed to persistent-poverty, high-need areas. In West Virginia, USDA's Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service agencies are working together through *StrikeForce* to strengthen local and regional food systems.

The Heart and Hand House in Philippi, West Virginia, is a nonprofit, faith-based organization that serves low-income clients in Barbour County through a food pantry, a community garden, and a market place where local producers can sell their produce, meat, eggs, and baked goods.

USDA Rural Development provided the Heart and Hand House with a \$50,000 business grant in FY 2015 to upgrade the market's heating and cooling system, make building improvements, and buy equipment. The agency awarded Heart and Hand House with a \$23,700 Community Facilities



Fresh local produce for sale at the Heart and Hand House market in Philippi, WV. USDA is supporting the market and producers that supply goods there through USDA's *StrikeForce* initiative.

grant in 2014 to start equipment improvements, replace the floor, and buy a new sign.

"While the garden market is fairly new, we already have about 160 local producers selling through it," said garden market Executive Director Brenda Hunt. "In 2014, gross sales exceeded \$67,000 and nearly \$54,000 was returned to local growers."

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency are providing financial, technical, and business management assistance to about 20 of the producers that sell goods at the Heart and Hand House market to help support and improve their farm operations.

### West Virginia Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$114,469,850	39	\$14,065,165	2	\$12,051,000	2	\$140,586,015	43
IRP	\$2,031,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,031,000	4
Renewable Energy	\$2,204,050	50	\$221,586	10	\$854,476	24	\$3,280,112	84
Business Grants	\$3,111,630	32	\$384,000	8	\$356,000	9	\$3,851,630	49
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$94,000	2	\$0	0	\$49,993	1	\$143,993	3
SFH Direct	\$85,092,943	839	\$5,455,282	57	\$7,274,953	69	\$97,823,178	965
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,051,310,473	8,395	\$242,954,210	1,838	\$231,305,343	1,734	\$1,525,570,026	11,967
SFH Repairs	\$5,583,190	1,138	\$622,400	134	\$549,967	107	\$6,755,557	1,379
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$107,568	1	\$0	0	\$300,000	1	\$407,568	2
MFH Direct	\$7,865,958	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$7,865,958	1
MFH Guaranteed	\$6,278,500	7	\$2,115,000	2	\$1,610,000	2	\$10,003,500	11
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$54,528,660	758	\$13,122,000	170	\$16,103,880	183	\$83,754,540	1,111
CF Direct	\$157,233,720	68	\$17,650,980	8	\$11,507,570	11	\$186,392,270	87
CF Guaranteed	\$14,175,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,175,000	4
CF Grants	\$4,004,701	125	\$303,400	21	\$484,262	18	\$4,792,363	164
WWD Direct	\$186,218,600	95	\$23,366,000	10	\$48,470,000	16	\$258,054,600	121
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$102,176,126	104	\$11,608,740	16	\$11,435,600	15	\$125,220,466	135
Telecom	\$45,031,524	11	\$3,270,323	8	\$0	0	\$48,301,847	19
Electric	\$3,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,000,000	1
All Other Programs	\$11,650,482	28	\$665,338	3	\$3,037,806	38	\$15,353,625	69
<b>WEST VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,856,167,975</b>	<b>11,702</b>	<b>\$335,804,424</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>\$345,390,850</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>\$2,537,363,248</b>	<b>16,219</b>



# WISCONSIN

## Utilities Programs

### Safe, Clean Drinking Water for Wisconsin's Bad River Tribe

Nearly \$2.5 million in water loan and grant assistance from USDA Rural Development is bringing clean, safe drinking water to a Native American group in eastern Wisconsin.

The health and safety of tribal members in two communities on the reservation of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwa Indians were at risk because of hazardous conditions with the public water systems. In Diaperville, Wisconsin, radium was detected in the water supply. That, and other infrastructure weaknesses in the system, forced Diaperville locals to resort to bottled water for all their water needs. Nearby, in New Odanah, the aging water system could not produce enough water to meet demand, posing a potential fire hazard and creating other urgent issues.

Rural Development's assistance is enabling the tribe to improve and expand its drinking water treatment facilities. The tribe committed more than \$220,000 for the project.



USDA Rural Development officials joined Bad River tribal leaders on Earth Day 2015 to celebrate improved water service on the reservation.

Wisconsin USDA Rural Development officials joined tribal leaders to announce the award in April 2015 as part of USDA's celebration of Earth Day.

The tribe will use the USDA Rural Development funds to make water distribution system upgrades that will allow the one system to supply clean, safe, and abundant water in Diaperville, New Odanah, and other tribal communities. The Bad River Tribe will have a modern, efficient, and affordable water utility system, free of health or safety hazards, to provide water for families and children living on the reservation.

### Wisconsin Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$379,529,372	99	\$33,702,500	6	\$34,533,500	8	\$447,765,372	113
IRP	\$842,296	3	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$1,842,296	4
Renewable Energy	\$11,453,131	514	\$426,117	110	\$2,045,829	134	\$13,925,077	758
Business Grants	\$5,849,508	69	\$900,992	9	\$575,000	10	\$7,325,500	88
REDLG	\$4,728,000	10	\$992,000	3	\$300,000	1	\$6,020,000	14
VAPG	\$10,128,783	45	\$342,562	4	\$3,548,913	23	\$14,020,258	72
SFH Direct	\$109,929,732	977	\$16,100,374	139	\$13,617,245	128	\$139,647,351	1,244
SFH Guaranteed	\$2,104,490,762	17,267	\$414,611,488	3,290	\$372,483,079	2,906	\$2,891,585,329	23,463
SFH Repairs	\$5,831,617	1,102	\$947,587	167	\$928,486	157	\$7,707,690	1,426
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$920,551	3	\$0	0	\$608,449	2	\$1,529,000	5
MFH Direct	\$15,021,390	30	\$1,165,492	4	\$446,631	6	\$16,633,513	40
MFH Guaranteed	\$832,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$832,000	1
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,135,820	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,135,820	6
Rental Assistance	\$75,313,424	1,430	\$16,873,432	272	\$18,584,566	303	\$110,771,422	2,005
CF Direct	\$115,065,175	48	\$41,600,000	5	\$42,631,900	7	\$199,297,075	60
CF Guaranteed	\$20,330,900	9	\$2,215,000	1	\$2,600,000	1	\$25,145,900	11
CF Grants	\$6,902,364	112	\$795,095	15	\$734,700	13	\$8,432,159	140
WWD Direct	\$145,431,850	81	\$22,915,630	10	\$25,435,000	18	\$193,782,480	109
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$65,207,668	94	\$9,504,130	18	\$15,672,500	27	\$90,384,298	139
Telecom	\$336,116,904	69	\$805,778	3	\$9,332,686	7	\$346,255,368	79
Electric	\$485,212,000	15	\$4,800,000	1	\$31,500,000	3	\$521,512,000	19
All Other Programs	\$8,999,807	45	\$1,058,342	6	\$1,883,400	355	\$11,941,549	406
<b>WISCONSIN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,909,273,054</b>	<b>22,029</b>	<b>\$570,756,519</b>	<b>4,064</b>	<b>\$577,461,882</b>	<b>4,109</b>	<b>\$5,057,491,455</b>	<b>30,202</b>

# WYOMING

## Community Programs

### Collaboration Results in New Fire Hall and Training Facility

A USDA Rural Development loan will help Sweetwater County, Wyoming, modernize and expand its firefighting facilities to keep up with a growing population and better protect the safety of local families and businesses.

A \$5.2 million Community Facilities loan will help Sweetwater County Fire District #1 construct a fire hall. Funds will also be used to build a training facility for use by the local community college, emergency responders, and firefighters from other surrounding fire departments.

A partnership between USDA specialists and local and other Federal agency leaders helped this project become a reality. Members of two separate fire districts collaborated and formed a board to help raise local financing for the



Artist's rendering of the planned emergency responder training facility funded through a USDA Community Facilities loan. Image used with permission, courtesy of Hangar 41, LLC, Denver, CO.

total cost of construction. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management provided 10 acres of land for the project.

Construction of the new, improved fire hall and training facility is expected to be complete in 2016. Together, the two new facilities will help improve fire protection services for residents of Sweetwater County as the area continues to grow.

### Wyoming Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$30,319,969	24	\$25,256,900	6	\$5,745,500	3	\$61,322,369	33
IRP	\$177,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$177,000	1
Renewable Energy	\$382,565	17	\$66,791	3	\$239,183	6	\$688,539	26
Business Grants	\$748,869	19	\$114,000	3	\$119,000	4	\$981,869	26
REDLG	\$1,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,000,000	1
VAPG	\$52,492	2	\$0	0	\$30,000	1	\$82,492	3
SFH Direct	\$35,074,882	256	\$3,437,642	23	\$7,098,913	43	\$45,611,437	322
SFH Guaranteed	\$1,161,817,629	6,561	\$245,181,671	1,355	\$235,186,639	1,258	\$1,642,185,939	9,174
SFH Repairs	\$515,476	90	\$25,103	7	\$44,400	6	\$584,979	103
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$7,630,070	17	\$553,188	1	\$0	0	\$8,183,257	18
MFH Guaranteed	\$1,011,017	1	\$2,034,580	1	\$637,419	1	\$3,683,016	3
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$21,276,428	194	\$4,879,368	38	\$4,099,320	37	\$30,255,116	269
CF Direct	\$15,711,400	8	\$1,000,000	1	\$5,200,000	1	\$21,911,400	10
CF Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Grants	\$607,906	15	\$75,600	3	\$74,700	3	\$758,206	21
WWD Direct	\$3,378,500	8	\$1,295,000	2	\$93,000	1	\$4,766,500	11
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$4,378,958	11	\$5,612,000	3	\$819,000	6	\$10,809,958	20
Telecom	\$54,066,957	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$54,066,957	10
Electric	\$249,540,000	12	\$4,110,000	1	\$0	0	\$253,650,000	13
All Other Programs	\$835,328	10	\$50,000	1	\$130,388	14	\$1,015,716	25
<b>WYOMING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,588,525,446</b>	<b>7,257</b>	<b>\$293,691,843</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>\$259,517,462</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>\$2,141,734,750</b>	<b>10,089</b>

## Virgin Islands Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$34,950,000	7	\$0	0	\$1,300,000	1	\$36,250,000	8
IRP	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Renewable Energy	\$307,310	14	\$125,000	3	\$55,102	3	\$487,412	20
Business Grants	\$0	0	\$50,000	1	\$0	0	\$50,000	1
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
SFH Direct	\$8,093,138	65	\$2,193,737	20	\$2,444,860	20	\$12,731,735	105
SFH Guaranteed	\$4,128,655	32	\$488,673	4	\$1,585,602	9	\$6,202,930	45
SFH Repairs	\$282,227	41	\$22,141	4	\$63,485	10	\$367,853	55
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$24,486,444	82	\$5,582,832	17	\$4,480,560	15	\$34,549,836	114
CF Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Grants	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$272,100	2	\$0	0	\$251,000	2	\$523,100	4
Telecom	\$0	0	\$750,000	1	\$0	0	\$750,000	1
Electric	\$13,000,000	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$13,000,000	1
All Other Programs	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$128,796	6	\$128,796	6
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,519,874</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>\$9,212,383</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$10,309,405</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$105,041,662</b>	<b>360</b>

## Western Pacific Rural Development Programs FY 2009-FY 2015 Yearly Totals

	2009 - 2013		2014		2015		Total	
	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD	AMOUNT	AWARD
B&I	\$27,372,500	8	\$500,000	1	\$2,700,000	1	\$30,572,500	10
IRP	\$1,150,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,150,000	3
Renewable Energy	\$674,024	9	\$88,320	3	\$338,317	4	\$1,100,661	16
Business Grants	\$685,272	14	\$100,000	2	\$64,000	1	\$849,272	17
REDLG	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
VAPG	\$300,000	1	\$9,340	1	\$3,200	1	\$312,540	3
SFH Direct	\$28,151,782	193	\$9,091,050	51	\$8,746,290	48	\$45,989,122	292
SFH Guaranteed	\$44,325,238	247	\$8,569,149	51	\$7,895,974	41	\$60,790,361	339
SFH Repairs	\$2,893,290	348	\$837,429	105	\$878,346	118	\$4,609,065	571
SFH Self-Help Grants	\$781,870	5	\$0	0	\$846,473	3	\$1,628,343	8
MFH Direct	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
MFH Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Farm Labor Housing	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rental Assistance	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
CF Direct	\$31,230,000	7	\$26,700,000	4	\$0	0	\$57,930,000	11
CF Guaranteed	\$37,900,000	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$37,900,000	3
CF Grants	\$1,463,151	26	\$100,000	3	\$93,900	5	\$1,657,051	34
WWD Direct	\$88,536,000	12	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$88,536,000	12
WWD Guaranteed	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
WWD Grants	\$15,019,300	2	\$0	0	\$25,000	1	\$15,044,300	3
Telecom	\$122,832,667	7	\$0	0	\$493,240	1	\$123,325,907	8
Electric	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
All Other Programs	\$8,598,699	6	\$0	0	\$1,189,200	2	\$9,787,899	8
<b>WESTERN PACIFIC TOTAL</b>	<b>\$411,913,793</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>\$45,995,288</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>\$23,273,939</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>\$481,183,020</b>	<b>1,338</b>



## Summary of USDA Rural Development Major Programs

# Rural Housing Service

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
<b>Single-Family Housing Direct Loans (including Self-Help Loans)</b>	Safe, well-built, affordable homes for very-low- and low-income rural Americans.	Families and individuals.	Buy, build, improve, repair, or rehabilitate a rural home as the applicant's permanent residence.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Direct loan.	Up to 100% of market value or cost. Loan term of 33/38 years. Applicant may be eligible for payment assistance (subsidy) on the loan.
<b>Single-Family Housing Loan Guarantees</b>	To assist low- to moderate income applicants/household in buying their homes by guaranteeing loans made by private lenders.	Families and individuals.	Purchase new or existing homes and refinance existing Rural Development guaranteed or direct loans.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Loan guarantee.	30-year, fixed. The interest rate is negotiated between lender and borrower. Loans up to 100% of market value plus the amount of the up-front guarantee fee being financed.
<b>Single-Family Repair Loans and Grants</b>	To help very low-income applicants remove health and safety hazards or repair their homes.	Families and individuals who currently own their home.	Repair/replace roof, winterizing, purchase or repair heating system, structural repair, water/sewage connect fees, etc.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Direct loan and grant.	Loans up to \$20,000 up to 20 years at 1%. Grants available to very low-income applicants 62 years or older unable to pay 1% loan.
<b>Self-Help Technical Assistance Housing Grants</b>	Assist lower income families in building their own homes.	Nonprofits and public bodies.	Technical assistance to help small groups of families to build each other's homes.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Grant.	Grant agreement.
<b>Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans</b>	Safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for very-low-income individuals and families.	Individuals, trusts, associations, limited partnerships, for-profit and nonprofit entities, tribes, public bodies.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Direct loan.	Up to 100% of total development cost (nonprofits); 97% (for-profits); 95% (for-profits with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits). 30-year term with up to 50-year amortization.
<b>Rural Rental Housing Loan Guarantees</b>	Provides loan guarantees on loans to build or preserve affordable housing for very-low- to moderate-income tenants.	For profit and nonprofit lenders.	Build or rehabilitate affordable rental housing.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Loan guarantee.	At least 25-year term with fixed interest rate. Loan guarantees up to 90% of the principal.
<b>Housing Preservation Grants</b>	Repair and rehabilitate housing owned or occupied by very low- and low-income rural families.	Public bodies and nonprofit organizations.	Operation of a program which finances repair and rehabilitation activities for single-family and small rental properties.	Rural areas with populations of up to 35,000.	Grant.	Grant agreement.
<b>Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants</b>	Safe, well-built affordable rental housing for farmworkers.	Individuals, public and private nonprofit organizations.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing.	Not applicable.	Direct loan and grant.	Up to 102% of total development cost. Up to 33 years to repay at 1% interest.
<b>Community Facilities Loans and Grants</b>	Improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities.	Public bodies, nonprofits, and federally recognized tribes.	Construct, enlarge or otherwise improve essential community facilities, such as public safety, fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, other healthcare facilities, etc. This may include furnishings, fixtures and other required equipment.	City, town, or unincorporated area of not more than 20,000 in population. Facilities must primarily serve rural residents.	Direct loan, loan guarantee, or grant.	Up to 100% of market value. Term is for useful life of the facility or equipment, the State statute, or 40 years. Maximum grant 75% of project cost. Grant eligibility based on income, population, and need.
<b>Rural Community Development Initiative</b>	To facilitate housing, community facility, and community and economic development projects.	Private nonprofit or public organizations, philanthropic foundations, low-income communities.	Technical assistance grants of \$50,000 to \$300,000 to develop the capacity and ability of the awardees to carry out needed projects.	City, town, or unincorporated area of not more than 50,000 in population.	Grant.	Matching funds required for grant.

For Direct Loans and Grants, apply to Rural Development. For Loan Guarantees, apply to participating intermediaries such as approved banks, mortgage companies, etc.

# Rural Business-Cooperative Service

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
<b>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</b>	Create jobs/stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses.	Lenders/Businesses.	Real estate, buildings, equipment, supplies, working capital, and some debt refinancing.	All areas except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Loan guarantee.	Lender and borrower negotiate terms. Up to 30 years for real estate, 15 years for machinery and equipment, and 7 years for working capital.
<b>Rural Business Development Grants</b>	Assist the startup or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural communities. Note: This program combines the former Rural Business Enterprise Grant and Rural Business Opportunity Grant programs and was created through the 2014 Farm Bill.	Public bodies, government entities, nonprofit entities, and federally recognized tribes.	Acquire or develop land, buildings, plants and equipment; build or improve access roads, parking areas, utility extensions, and water and waste disposal facilities; provide technical assistance; establish revolving loan funds; and to support rural distance learning programs that provide educational or job training.	All areas except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Grant.	Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.
<b>Intermediary Relending Program Loans</b>	Establish revolving funds for business facilities and community development projects.	Public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Native American tribes, and cooperatives.	Community development projects, establishment or expansion of businesses, creation or saving of rural jobs.	Rural areas and incorporated places with populations of less than 50,000.	Direct loan.	The intermediary makes loans to businesses from its revolving loan fund on terms consistent with security offered. Intermediary pays 1% for 30 years.
<b>Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program</b>	Establish revolving funds to target assistance to small rural enterprises.	Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs).	Loans, technical, and capacity-building assistance to businesses with 10 or fewer employees and sole proprietorships.	All areas except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Loans, grants.	Rural microenterprises apply directly to the intermediary.
<b>Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants</b>	Finance economic development and job creation in rural areas.	Rural Utilities Service-financed electric and telephone utilities.	Business startups or expansion projects that create rural jobs.	Rural areas with priority to places with populations of 2,500 or less.	Direct loan or grant to establish revolving loan fund.	Intermediary makes loans to for-profit or nonprofit businesses and public bodies. Loans are 0% for 10 years.
<b>Rural Cooperative Development Grants</b>	Establish/operate centers for cooperative development.	Nonprofits and institutions of higher education.	Establish centers to provide technical assistance, training, applied research, and collection and interpretation of data, for the purpose of cooperative development.	All areas except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Grant.	Minimum 25% fund match (5% for 1994 Institutions). Grants awarded competitively.
<b>Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants (formerly the Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program)</b>	Provides funds to eligible cooperatives, co-op associations, or co-op development centers to provide technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas.	Cooperatives and co-op development centers that serve socially disadvantaged groups where a majority of the board of directors or governing board is comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups.	Technical assistance.	All areas, except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Grant.	Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. There is no matching requirement.
<b>Value-Added Producer Grants</b>	Help independent agricultural producers enter into activities that add value to their crops.	Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.	Feasibility studies, business plans, working capital.	All areas.	Grant.	Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds cannot be used to build facilities or purchase equipment. Funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Uses</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Loan/Grant</b>	<b>Terms/Conditions</b>
<b>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Loan Guarantees and Grants</b>	Provide assistance for energy efficiency improvements or purchase of a renewable energy system for operations.	Rural small businesses and agricultural producers.	Energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy systems, land acquisition, and working capital.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000. (Population limits do not apply to agricultural producers)	Loan guarantee and/or grant.	Grants up to 25% of project costs not to exceed \$250,000 for energy efficiency projects and \$500,000 for renewable energy. Loan guarantees up to 75% of project cost not to exceed \$25 million.
<b>REAP Audit/Development Grants</b>	Provide grant to entity to pass through to a small business or agricultural producer for 75% of the cost of an energy audit or renewable energy development assistance.	State, tribal, or local government institutions of higher education; rural electric cooperatives; or public power entities.	\$100,000 grant to entities, smaller ones to small business and agricultural producers for 75% of energy audit or renewable energy development assistance.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant.	\$100,000 to entities and up to 75% of the cost of energy audit for renewable energy development assistance.
<b>Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program Loan Guarantees (formerly the Biorefinery Assistance Program)</b>	Provide loan guarantees for the development and construction of commercial-scale biorefineries or to retrofit facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels.	Individuals, Indian tribes, State or local governments, corporations, farm cooperatives, associations of agricultural producers, national laboratories, higher learning institutions, rural electric co-ops, public power entities, consortiums of any of the entities.	Loan guarantees to develop and construct commercial-scale biorefineries or retrofit facilities to use eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels.	No restrictions.	Loan.	90% (maximum) guarantee on loans up to \$125 million; 80% (maximum) guarantee on loans less than \$150 million; 70% (maximum) guarantee on loans of \$150 million but less than \$200 million; 60% (maximum) guarantee on loans of \$200 million up to \$250 million.
<b>Repowering Assistance Program</b>	Provide payments to biorefineries to replace fossil fuels with biomass.	Biorefineries.	Grant to biorefineries, including ethanol and biodiesel plants that use electricity generated from natural gas and coal and require this for the fermentation process.	No restrictions.	Grant.	As funds are available. Complete applications submitted to National Office for review.
<b>Advanced Biofuel Payment Program</b>	Provide payments to producers of advanced biofuels.	Eligible producers of advanced biofuels.	Grant to producers of advanced biofuels (non-commercial-based).	No restrictions.	Grant.	As funds are available. Complete applications submitted to National Office for review. Grant awards determined by National Office.

**For Direct Loans and Grants, apply to Rural Development. For Loan Guarantees, apply to participating intermediaries such as eligible banks etc. For Revolving Funds (RMAP, IRP, and REDLG), intermediaries apply to Rural Development, others to the intermediaries.**



# Rural Utilities Service

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
<b>Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants</b>	Provide infrastructure for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations.	Build, repair and improve public water systems and waste collection and treatment systems.	Rural areas and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Direct loan and grant.	Repayment period is a maximum of 40 years. Grant funds may be available.
<b>Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees</b>	Provide infrastructure for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations.	Construct, repair, and improve water supply and distribution systems and waste collection and treatment systems.	Rural areas and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Loan guarantee.	Eligible lenders obtain up to a 90% guarantee on loans they make and service.
<b>Solid Waste Management Grants</b>	Provide technical assistance and/or training to those who operate and maintain active landfills.	Public bodies, private nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and academic institutions.	Technical assistance and training to improve landfill conditions and protect against threats to nearby water resources.	Rural areas and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Grant.	Applications accepted year-round. Complete applications submitted to National Office for review.
<b>Technical Assistance/ Training/Circuit Rider</b>	Provide technical assistance and training.	Public, private, and nonprofit organizations.	Provide technical assistance and training to assist with management of water and waste projects.	Rural areas and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Grant.	As funds are available. Complete applications submitted to National Office for review.
<b>Rural Broadband Direct Loans and Loan Guarantee</b>	Deployment of broadband service to eligible rural communities. Note: The 2014 Farm Bill revises program provisions. An interim rule was published in FY 2015.	Entities seeking to provide broadband services in rural areas.	Finance the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment to provide broadband service in eligible rural communities.	Refer to the new rule for population limits.	Refer to the new rule for loan details.	Refer to the new rules, when available, for loan terms and conditions.
<b>Electric and Telecommunications Loans</b>	Assist rural communities in obtaining affordable, high-quality electric and telecommunications services.	Nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities.	Generation, transmission facilities and distribution of electric power, including alternative, renewable, conservation and energy efficiency programs. Enhance 911 emergency service, digital switching equipment, and fiber optic cable, along with traditional main system telecommunications service.	Electric: areas served by an existing rural electric borrower, or rural areas other than a city or town of more than 20,000. Telecommunications: areas or cities with population under 5,000.	Direct loan or loan guarantee.	Interest rates are established in accordance with 7CFR 1714. Contact RUS at <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov">www.rd.usda.gov</a> or 1 (800) 670-6553.
<b>Distance Learning and Telemedicine</b>	Development and deployment of advanced telecommunication services throughout rural America to improve education and healthcare.	Incorporated entities, including municipalities, for-profit, and nonprofit corporations that operate rural schools, libraries, healthcare clinics, and other educational or healthcare facilities.	To provide end-user equipment and programming that delivers distance learning and telemedicine services into eligible areas.	Rural areas outside incorporated or unincorporated cities with populations up to 20,000.	Grant.	Awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. A minimum of 15% in matching funds is required.
<b>Community Connect Grants</b>	Provide public access to broadband in otherwise unserved communities.	Public bodies, tribes, cooperatives, nonprofits, limited dividend or mutual associations; corporations, and other legally organized entities.	To build broadband infrastructure and establish a community center that offers free public access to broadband for 2 years.	A single community outside incorporated or unincorporated cities with population over 20,000 which does not have broadband.	Grant.	Minimum: \$50,000; Maximum: \$1 million. Amounts are published in Notices of Funding Availability and may vary.

**Electric and Telecom Programs: Contact the Rural Utilities Service Administrator; Water Programs: Contact the Rural Development State Office. CFR refers to Code of Federal Regulations.**

# Summary of Funding Purposes

	Land & Bldgs.	Mach. & Equip.	Working Capital	Infrastructure	Tech. Asst./Train.
<b>Rural Housing and Community Facilities Programs</b>					
Single Family Housing Direct Loans (including Self-Help Loans)	♦				
Single Family Housing Loan Guarantees	♦				
Single Family Housing Repair Loans/Grants	♦				
Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants					♦
Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans	♦			♦	
Rural Rental Housing Loan Guarantees	♦			♦	
Housing Preservation Grants	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Farm Labor Housing Loans/Grants	♦			♦	
Community Facilities Direct Loans, Loan Guarantees, Grants*	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Rural Community Development Initiative					♦
<b>Rural Business and Cooperative Programs</b>					
Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Rural Business Development Grants	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Intermediary Relending Program Loans	♦	♦	♦		
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Rural Cooperative Development Grants				♦	♦
Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants					♦
Value-Added Producer Grant			♦	♦	♦
Rural Energy for America Program Loan Guarantees/Grants	♦	♦		♦	♦
Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program Loan Guarantees					
Repowering Assistance Program					
Advanced Biofuel Payment Program					
<b>Rural Utilities Programs</b>					
Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loans, Loan Guarantees and Grants	♦	♦		♦	
Solid Waste Management Grants					♦
Technical Asst./Training/Circuit Rider					♦
Rural Broadband Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees	♦			♦	
Electric and Telecommunications Direct Loans/Loan Guarantees	♦	♦		♦	
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans/Grants		♦		♦	
Community Connect Grants	♦	♦	♦	♦	

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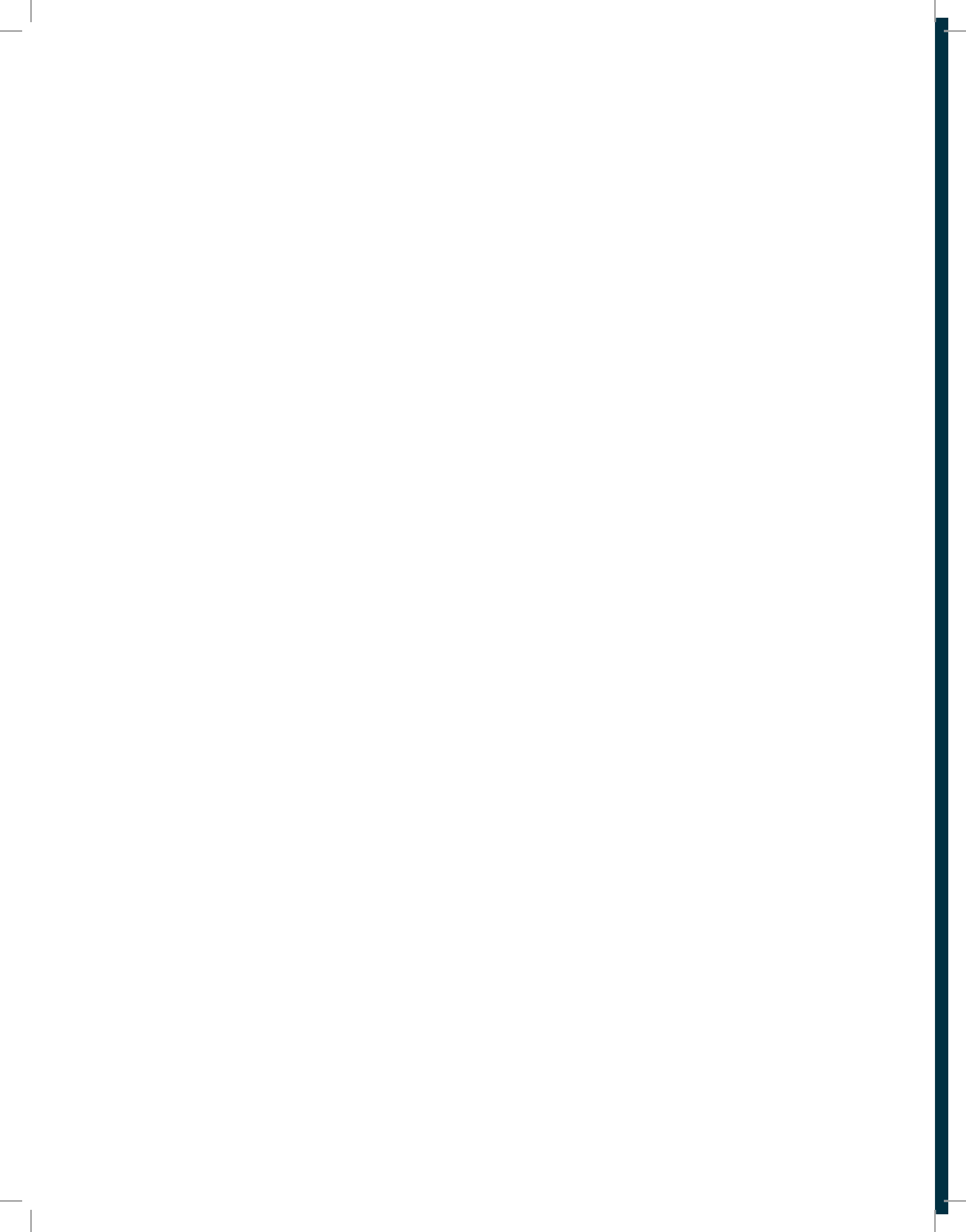
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