



Rural Development:

*Building
Communities from
the ground up*



Rural Development

- Only Agency dedicated to Rural America
- USDA to Chair White House Rural Council



Building Communities



Rural Development Programs

- **Housing programs** – funding for rural citizens to buy, build or renovate decent housing, rental opportunities.
- **Business programs** - funds for the growth and establishment of local businesses and cooperatives.
- **Community facilities programs** - funding and technical assistance for schools, health clinics, libraries, assisted living, and emergency response facilities
- **Utilities programs** - helping rural communities to improve water, energy, broadband, electric, and telecommunications services




Community Facilities



Community Facilities Program

- Funded under Rural Housing Service Program
- Non-profits, public bodies, and Indian Tribes in unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 20,000 can apply
- Types of projects include clinics, shelters, public buildings, day care centers, fire stations, and fire trucks



Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

Funding for the development and deployment of advanced telemedicine and distance learning systems in rural areas.



Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

Funding can be used for *initial capital and hardware costs* to enhance telecommunication capabilities for either public education or medical purposes.



Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

Eligible Applicants:

- Rural schools, colleges, and universities
- Non-profit organizations
- Hospitals and health care clinics
- Libraries
- Indian tribes, consortiums or partnerships
- Other incorporated organizations and related organizations which operate rural educational or health care facilities



Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

- To promote specific community or business development projects that will improve the economic condition of rural areas
- Electric and telephone cooperatives which were financed by Rural Utilities Service may apply
- Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with population less than 50,000



Rural Business Programs

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