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USDA and EDA Update Resources in Joint Guide to Boost Economic Development in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON, May 3, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that USDA and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) updated resources in [the joint guide](#) originally [released in 2022](#) to help rural communities build strategies to boost local economic development.

Both agencies made several key updates to ensure communities can access new webpages and resources.

Today's announcement reinforces USDA's commitment to strengthening partnerships that ensure rural Americans have the most up-to-date resources to compete in a modern economy and to create economic growth that lasts for generations to come.

The resource guide outlines programs and services that can be used to advance community and economic development in rural communities through four focus areas:

- Planning and technical assistance
- Infrastructure and broadband expansion
- Entrepreneurship and business assistance
- Workforce development and livability

To access the guide, visit [USDA - EDA Joint Resource Guide \(English\)](#).

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