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Rural Development



USDA Rural Development

WISCONSIN 2015 PROGRESS REPORT

Mission:

To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans.

Vision:

A rural America that is a healthy, safe, and prosperous place to live and work.





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 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.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture

Strengthening Rural America, Town by Town

Our employees work hard each day to support the needs of the 46 million rural Americans who provide the food, fiber, fuel and durable goods the rest of the nation, and the world, depend upon. In Fiscal Year 2015, USDA Rural Development invested more than \$29.7 billion nationwide in loans, loan guarantees, and grants for a diverse range of worthwhile projects in rural communities. Each of these investments in rural communities is an investment in our country's future. More importantly, however, each investment has a direct and lasting impact on the quality of life of the rural people living and working in the American heartland. USDA Rural Development is a lending agency that cares deeply about the rural people and communities we serve. I am proud of the difference we make in the lives of rural Americans, and delighted to share our successes with you.

Lisa Mensah
Rural Development Under Secretary



Protecting Our Heritage, Growing Our Future

Using 2015 as a mile marker, the people of rural Wisconsin, in partnership with USDA are preserving and growing an economy that sustains our heritage, has created new opportunities, and is essential to the prosperity of our neighboring urban communities. The investments we are making, ensure our future and keep us competitive in the global marketplace.

Our employees live and work in the communities they serve. They are dedicated and committed to the mission of the agency because supporting and strengthening rural communities is what they value. It is a privilege to work with them and be part of the history and accomplishments of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "the peoples' Department" as referenced by President Lincoln over one hundred and fifty years ago.

Stan Gruszynski
Wisconsin State Director

Rural Business and Cooperative Programs

Helping community leaders identify ways to improve economic opportunities in rural America is a leading emphasis here at USDA Rural Development.

Through a variety of loan guarantee, direct loan, and grant programs, we partner with private and community-based organizations to create and preserve quality jobs, improve existing businesses, and boost economic development in rural areas to move America forward.

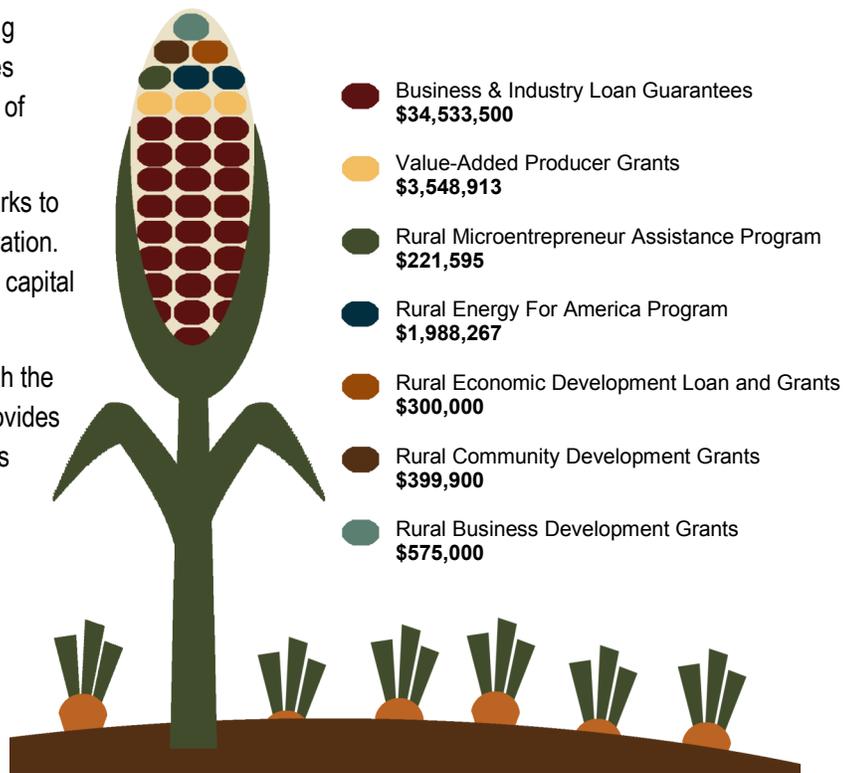
Our Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantee program helps back the businesses of rural America by providing protection and incentives to lenders. In turn, businesses benefiting from a loan guarantee have a better chance of receiving the financing and terms they need to thrive.

The Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program works to stimulate the farm economy and support farming innovation. Grants may be used for planning activities, or working capital to market value-added agricultural products.

We also assist small businesses and producers through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). REAP provides financial assistance for energy-efficiency improvements to reduce energy costs, or for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, solar, and geothermal.

FY 2015 Results

In Fiscal Year 2015, USDA Rural Development invested nearly \$41.58 million in Wisconsin's rural businesses, supporting 109 projects that helped to create or save more than 1,200 jobs. Business and Cooperative Programs serve Wisconsin communities by creating new businesses, growing production, maintaining jobs, improving rural energy development, creating professional business plans, and increasing revenue for rural business ventures.



Rural Community Programs

A community is only as strong as what it has to offer its residents. Our Rural Community Programs offer financing to facilitate the development of a wide variety of essential community facilities, including water and sewer projects.

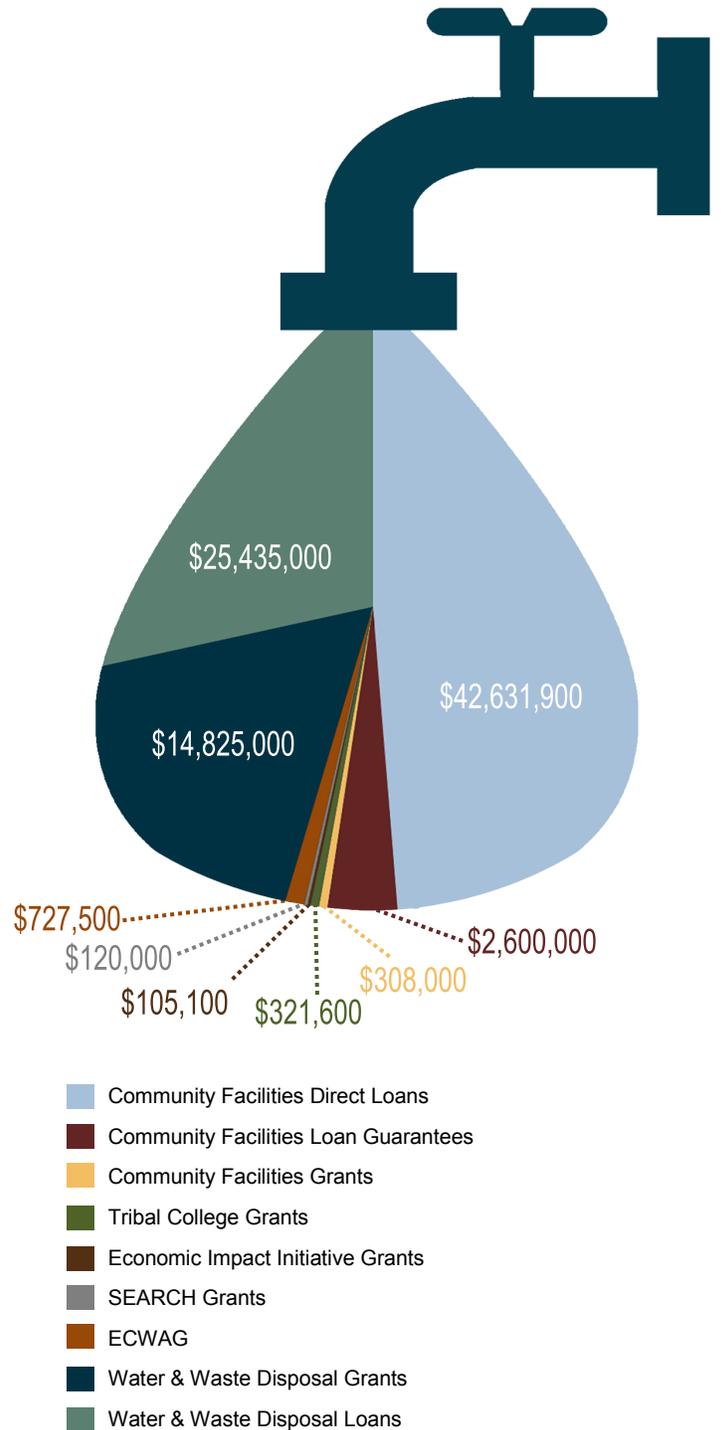
The Community Facilities (CF) Program we offer provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for projects to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. This may include hospitals, nursing homes, fire protection, public safety, libraries, schools, and municipal or county buildings; as well as many other community-based initiatives.

Similarly, safe and clean water and proper treatment of wastewater is extremely important not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America and the environment. We can help to provide small towns, cooperatives, and non-profits with affordable financing necessary to develop or improve water and wastewater infrastructure through our Water and Waste Disposal Programs. Loan guarantees, loans, grants, and technical assistance are available to eligible applicants to help assure the viability of their communities and protect natural resources.

FY 2015 Results

During Fiscal Year 2015, USDA Rural Development invested nearly \$46 million in rural Wisconsin through community facilities loans and grants. The 21 awards, including funding for schools, hospitals and fire safety equipment, benefit the residents of 18 rural Wisconsin communities and surrounding areas.

USDA Rural Development also invested \$53 million during fiscal year 2015 into more than 30 infrastructure projects to provide reliable and clean drinking water and improve wastewater treatment systems.



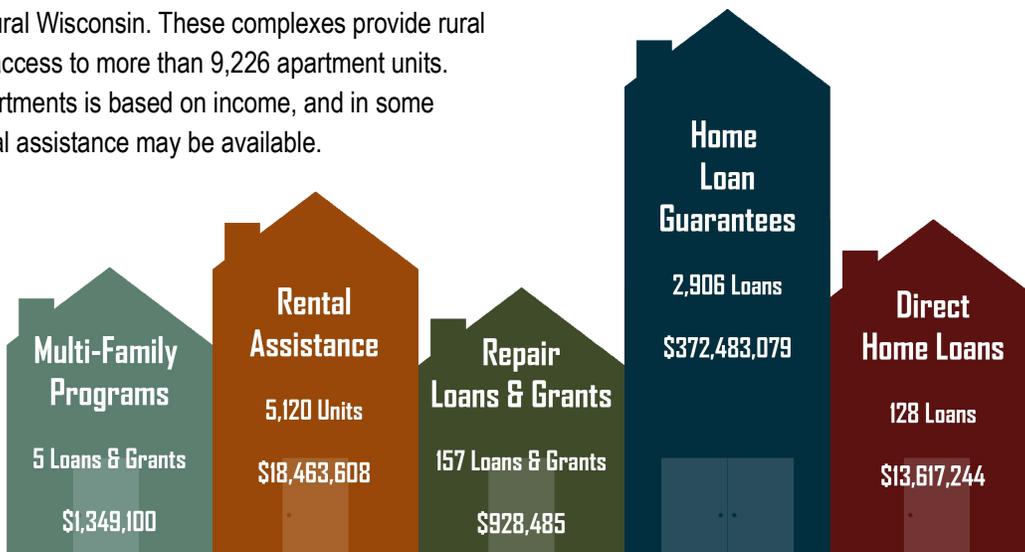
Rural Housing Programs

It has been said that owning a home is the American Dream. But, achieving the dream does not just benefit the homeowner; it benefits the community. At USDA Rural Development, we are committed to ensuring homeownership opportunities are available for eligible families and individuals, and that rural residents are provided with healthy and safe homes. Fulfilling this commitment is accomplished through our Direct and Home Loan Guarantee Programs, and Housing Repair Program. We offer two low-interest, no-down-payment loan programs to help eligible families living in rural communities and surrounding areas to purchase new or existing homes. Loans, and some grants, are also available to help families make needed repairs to their homes.

We also provide financing for more than 405 apartment complexes in rural Wisconsin. These complexes provide rural residents with access to more than 9,226 apartment units. Rent in the apartments is based on income, and in some instances, rental assistance may be available.

FY 2015 Results

USDA Rural Development improved rural housing in Wisconsin with \$407.4 million in loans and grants. Funds were used to build, repair, rehabilitate, and purchase homes and apartments for lower-income families or the elderly in rural Wisconsin. In Fiscal Year 2015, the agency obligated 128 direct loans and 2,906 guaranteed loans to finance homes for rural Wisconsin families.



Rural Utilities Programs - Nationally Delivered

Planning for, developing, and maintaining a community's physical infrastructure is essential to serve its residents and for future economic growth. In order for rural areas to succeed, citizens and businesses need to have access to modern electricity, telecommunication, and broadband services. Our Rural Utilities Programs help support the availability of these services. Public entities and non-profit organizations can receive loans, loan guarantees, and grants to build, repair, and improve these public systems.

We also offer Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants to expand access to quality health care and education services in rural areas. These grants fund equipment and technical assistance to install and use technology that can link teachers or physicians in one location to students or patients in another.

FY 2015 Results

USDA Rural Development invested more than \$40.8 million during Fiscal Year 2015 through 10 infrastructure projects to provide reliable electric power, telecommunications, and distance technology services in 83 rural communities in Wisconsin.

Assisted 14 Rural Hospitals and Clinics

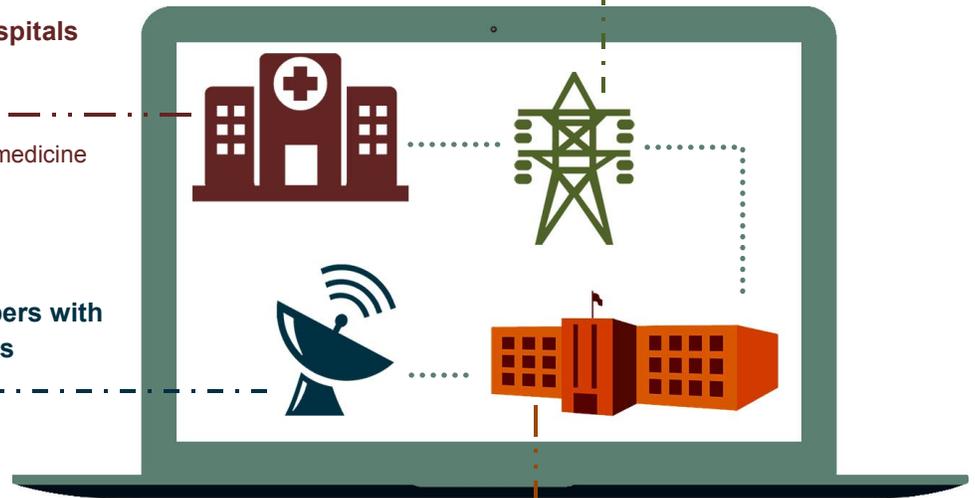
Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants for Telemedicine:
\$ 524,544

Provided 695 rural subscribers with fiber-to-the-premises access

Telecommunications Loans:
\$ 7,613,000

Electric Loans:
\$31,500,000

Improved 293 miles of line to rural customers in 16 Wisconsin counties

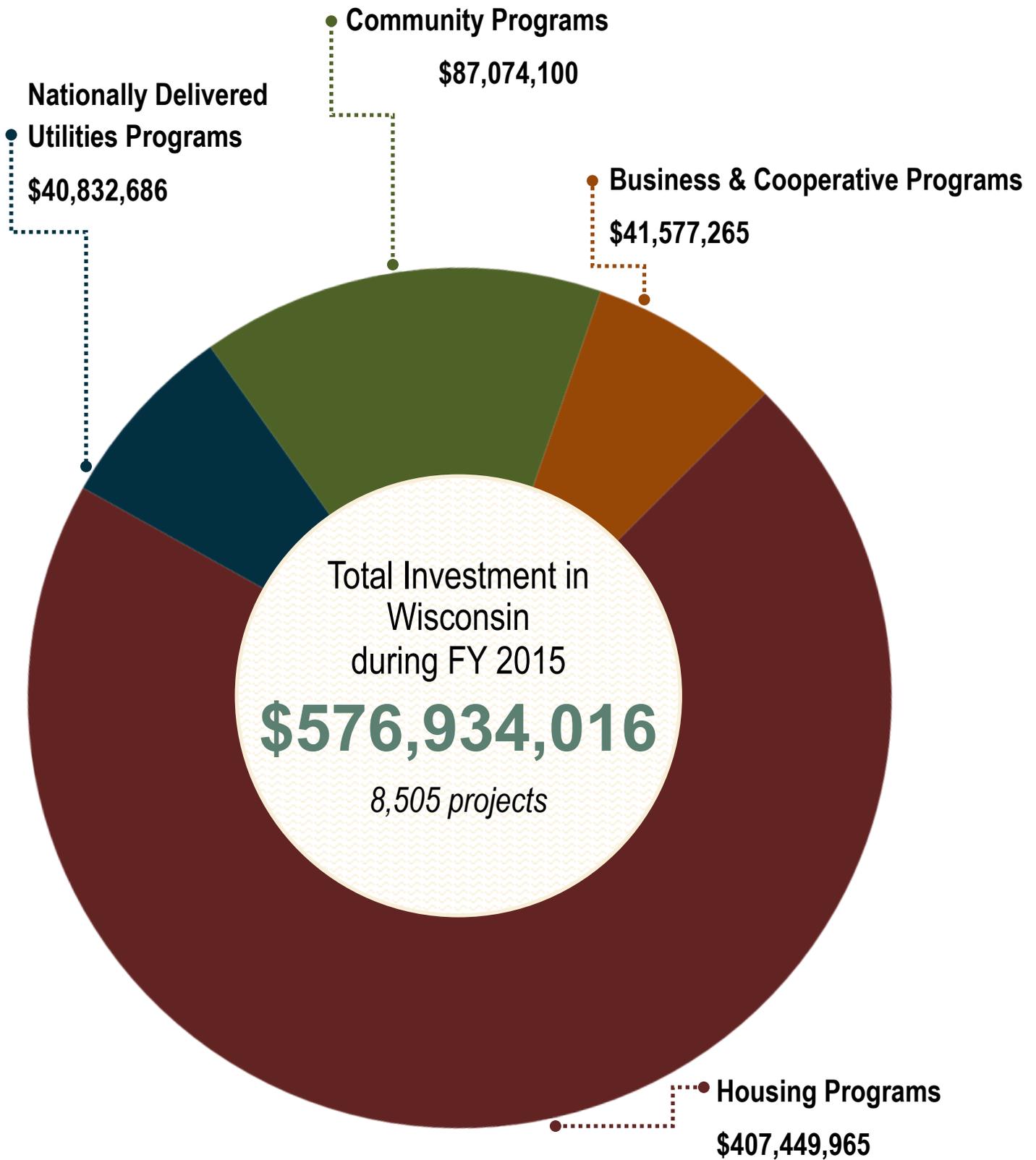


Assisted 52 Rural Schools

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants for Distance Learning:
\$ 1,195,142



Wisconsin FY 2015 Investment Summary



Wisconsin Investments FY 2015

<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Projects</i>
Home Loan Guarantees	\$ 372,483,079	2,906
Direct Home Loans	\$ 13,617,244	128
Home Repair Loans & Grants	\$ 928,485	157
Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants	\$ 608,449	2
Housing Preservation Grants	\$ 45,762	2
MFH Preservation Revitalization Program	\$ 446,338	2
Preservation Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 857,000	1
Rental Assistance	\$ 18,463,608	5,120
Business & Industry Loan Guarantees	\$ 34,533,500	8
Rural Business Development Grants	\$ 575,000	10
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	\$ 399,990	2
Rural Economic Development Loans	\$ 300,000	1
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Grants	\$ 221,595	6
Value-Added Producer Grants	\$ 3,548,913	23
Renewable Energy for America Program Grants	\$ 1,998,267	61
Community Facilities Direct Loans	\$ 42,631,900	7
Community Facilities Loan Guarantees	\$ 2,600,000	1
Community Facilities Grants	\$ 308,000	8
Tribal College Grants	\$ 321,600	2
Economic Impact Initiative Grants	\$ 105,100	3
Water & Waste Disposal Loans	\$ 25,435,000	18
Water & Waste Disposal Grants	\$ 14,825,000	20
SEARCH Grants	\$ 120,000	4
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)	\$ 727,500	3
Electric Loans	\$ 31,500,000	3
Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants	\$ 1,719,686	6
Telecommunications	\$ 7,613,000	1
TOTAL:	\$ 576,934,016	8,505

Rural Housing and Community Facilities Programs

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Single-Family Housing Direct Loans (including Self-Help Loans)	Safe, well-built, affordable homes for 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.
Single-Family Housing Loan Guarantees	To assist 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.
Single-Family Repair Loans and Grants	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.
Self-Help Technical Assistance Housing Grants	Assist lower-income families in building their own homes.	Non-profits 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.
Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans	Safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for very-low-income individuals and families.	Individuals, trusts, associations, limited partnerships, for-profit and non-profit 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 (non-profits); 97% (for-profits); 95% (for-profits with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits). 30-year term with up to 50-year amortization.
Rural Rental Housing Loan Guarantees	Provides loan guarantees on loans to build or preserve affordable housing for very-low to moderate-income tenants.	For profit and non-profit 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.
Housing Preservation Grants	Repair and rehabilitate housing owned or occupied by very low- and low-income rural families.	Public bodies and non-profit 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.
Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants	Safe, well-built affordable rental housing for farmworkers.	Individuals, public and private non-profit 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.
Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities.	Public bodies, non-profits, and Federally recognized Indian Tribes.	Construct, enlarge or otherwise improve essential community facilities, such as public safety, fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, other health care 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.
Rural Community Development Initiative	To facilitate housing, community facility and community and economic development projects.	Private non-profit 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 and Cooperative Programs

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	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.
Rural Business Development Grants	Assist the startup or expansion of small and emerging private businesses and/or non-profits 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, non-profit entities, and Federally recognized Indian 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 rural in character except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas.	Grant.	Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.
Intermediary Relending Program Loans	Establish revolving funds for business facilities and community development projects.	Public bodies, non-profit 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.
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program	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.
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	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 non-profit businesses and public bodies. Loans are 0% for 10 years.
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	Establish/operate centers for cooperative development.	Non-profits 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.

Rural Business and Cooperative Programs (continued)

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan / Grant	Terms / Conditions
Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants (formerly the Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program)	Provides funds to eligible cooperatives or an association of cooperatives to provide technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged producers in rural areas.	Cooperatives and associations of cooperatives whose membership and board of directors is comprised of at least 75% socially disadvantaged agricultural producers.	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.
Value-Added Producer Grants	Help independent agricultural producers enter into activities that add value to their crops.	Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, producer groups, 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.
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Loan Guarantees and Grants	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.
REAP Audit/ Development Grants	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.
Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program Loan Guarantees (formerly the Biorefinery Assistance Program)	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.
Repowering Assistance Program	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.
Advanced Biofuel Payment Program	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 Programs

	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Provide infrastructure for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian Tribes and non-profit 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.
Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees	Provide infrastructure for rural areas.	Public entities, Indian Tribes and non-profit 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.
Solid Waste Management Grants	Provide technical assistance and/or training to those who operate and maintain active landfills.	Public bodies, private non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, 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.
Technical Assistance/ Training/Circuit Rider	Provide technical assistance and training.	Public, private, and non-profit 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.
Rural Broadband Direct Loans and Loan Guarantee	Deployment of broadband service to eligible rural communities. Note: The 2014 Farm Bill revises program provisions. New rules are expected to be 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 rules, when available, for population limits.	Refer to the new rules, when available, for loan details.	Refer to the new rules, when available, for loan terms and conditions.
Electric and Telecommunications Loans	Assist rural communities in obtaining affordable, high-quality electric and telecommunications services.	Non-profit 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 cities with population under 5,000.	Direct loan or loan guarantee.	Interest rates are established in accordance with 7CFR 1714. Contact RUS at www.rd.usda.gov or 1 (800) 670-6553.
Distance Learning and Telemedicine	Development and deployment of advanced telecommunication services throughout rural America to improve education and health care.	Incorporated entities, including municipalities, for-profit, and non-profit corporations that operate rural schools, libraries, health care clinics and other educational or health care 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.
Community Connect Grants	Provide public access to broadband in otherwise unserved communities.	Public bodies, Tribes, cooperatives, non-profits, 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 two 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.

Rural Development Program Purposes

	Land & Bldgs.	Mach. & Equip.	Working Capital	Infrastructure	Tech. Asst./Train.
Rural Housing and Community Facilities Programs					
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					♦
Rural Business and Cooperative Programs					
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					
Rural Utilities Programs					
Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loans, Loan Guar., 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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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

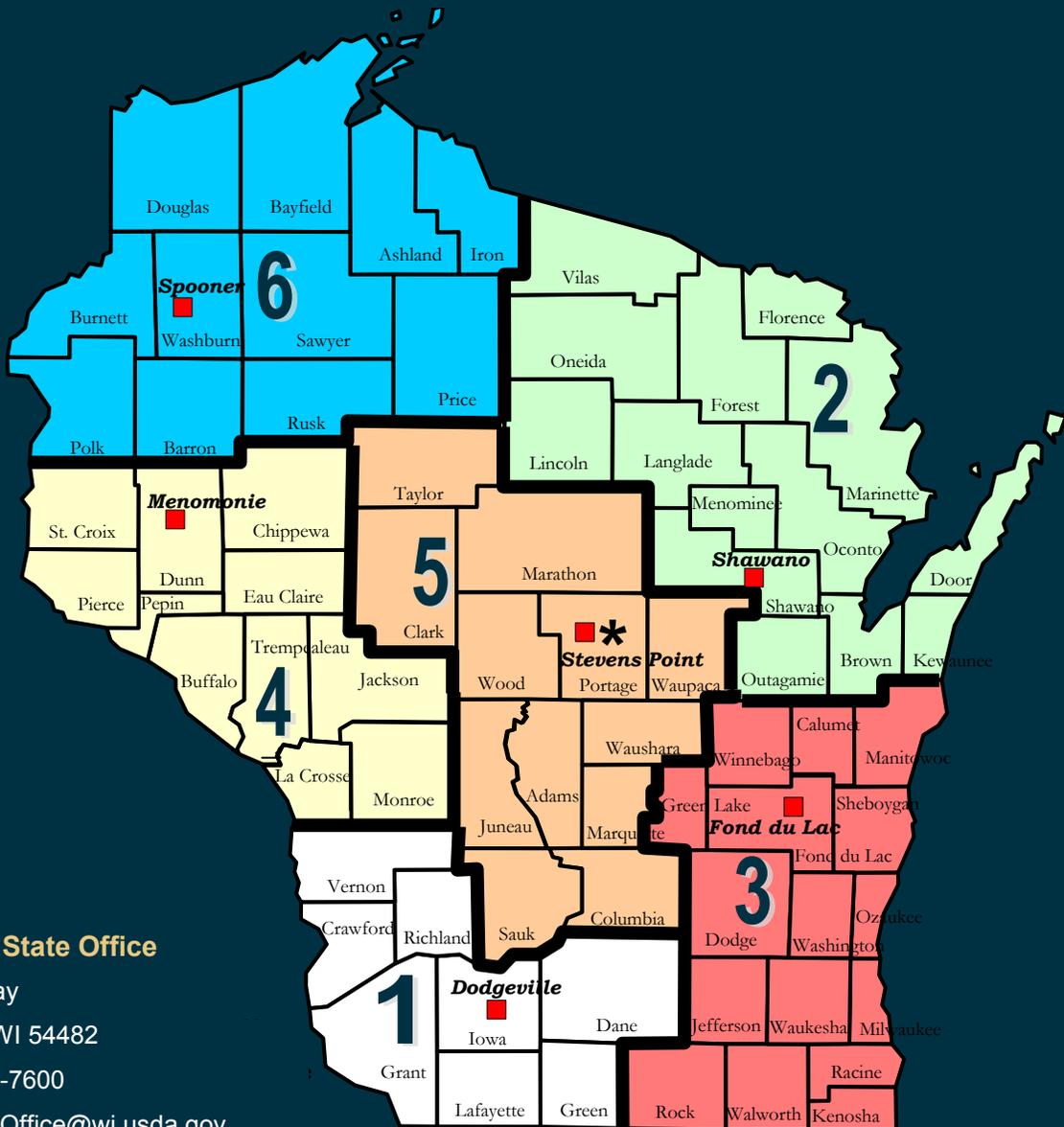
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Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities.