



USDA Rural Development Programs

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Workshop**

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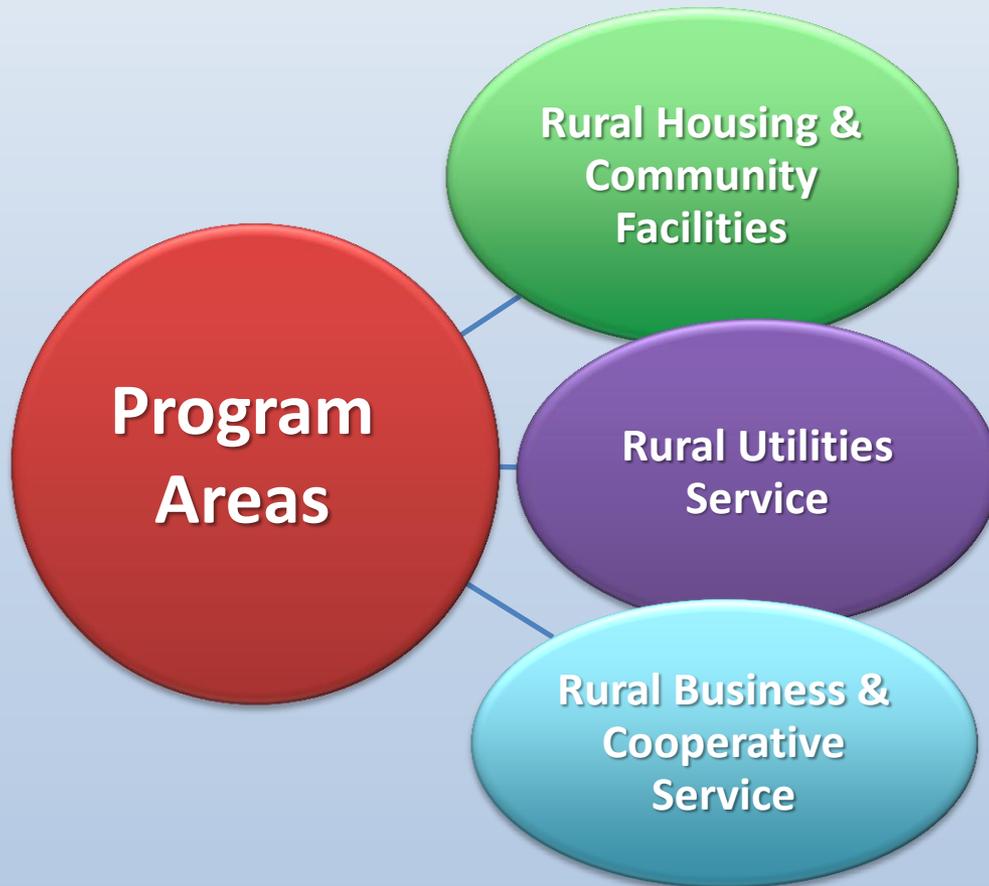


Departments within USDA





USDA's Rural Development Mission Area



- Homeownership Loans
- Home Repair Loans & Grants
- Mutual Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants
- Multi-Family Housing Loans
- Housing Preservation Grants
- Community Facility Loans & Grants

- Electric Program
- Water & Environmental Programs
- Telecommunications & Broadband Programs

- Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Rural Business Opportunity Grants
- Intermediary Relending Program
- Rural Energy for America Program
- Value Added Producer Grants
- Cooperative Development Assistance

Community Facilities

- Loans for construction or renovation of essential community facilities and/or purchase and installation of necessary equipment
 - Includes emergency services, health care, public buildings, shelters, etc.
 - Applicant must be a public body, nonprofit, or tribe
 - Project serves a rural community < 20,000
- Small grants as part of a financing package in low-income, high-need communities



Business Programs

Rural Business Development Grants

- Technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas.
 - Business with <50 employees and <\$1 million in gross revenues.
 - Rural public entities are eligible, including but not limited to towns, communities, state agencies, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, federally recognized tribes, and rural cooperatives.



Business Programs

Business & Industry Guarantee Loans

- Bolsters the existing private credit structure by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses, allowing private lenders to extend more credit than they would typically be able to.
 - Eligible applicants include lenders with the legal authority, sufficient experience, and financial strength to operate a successful lending program.
 - Lenders may request a guarantee for borrowers that include for-profit businesses, nonprofits, cooperatives, federally recognized tribes, public bodies, and individuals.



For more information...

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