



PROGRESS REPORT
2013

INVESTING IN A STRONGER RURAL ECONOMY



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KANSAS

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Committed to the Future of
Rural Communities



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Across rural Kansas, local residents, city and county leaders, non-profit organizations and business owners are investing millions of dollars in their communities. They are transforming life in our small towns and building a foundation for the future. USDA Rural Development is proud to be a public partner to those Kansans - matching their investment with the federal funds our agency receives each fiscal year.

In 2013, our agency committed more than \$400 million to help families purchase a new home, renovate and equip rural hospitals, construct critical infrastructure to provide clean water in rural communities, support small business owners who create new jobs and provide opportunities for the next generation who choose to live in rural Kansas.

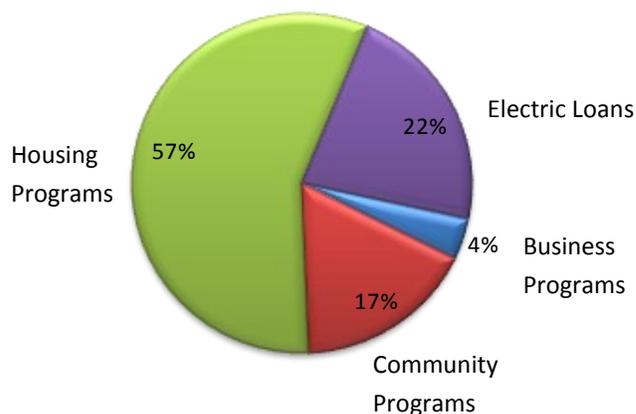
Our USDA Rural Development employees in every corner of the state work hand-in-hand with communities, businesses, hopeful homebuyers and others who have a stake in rural Kansas. Together we enhance the vitality of our state, we expand opportunity, we encourage innovation and we build for a strong future.



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USDA Rural Development Funding Activity - Kansas 2013

In 2013, USDA Rural Development Invested
\$413,168,522
in Rural Kansas



USDA Rural Development

Making an Impact in Rural Kansas Communities

- ◆ Assisted **75** businesses and created or saved more than **433** jobs in rural Kansas
- ◆ Provided financial assistance to **14** rural Kansas communities by providing nearly **\$24** million in financing
- ◆ More than **2,000** Kansans utilized USDA's Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program to purchase a home
- ◆ Partnered with **39** small businesses and agricultural producers in Kansas to install renewable energy or energy efficiency systems
- ◆ More than **16,500** rural Kansans benefitted from enhanced water and sewer system infrastructure
- ◆ Invested nearly **\$23 million** in Healthcare Projects for rural Kansans

BUSINESS & COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

Investing in Rural Businesses



Schmidt Custom Cabinets
Olpe, KS
USDA REDLG Recipient



Strengthening the rural economy is a main priority for USDA. Through a variety of job-creation programs USDA Rural Development partners with private and community-based organizations to create and preserve quality jobs in rural communities.

“USDA Rural Development supports regional economic development efforts to create and entrepreneurship support system in rural Kansas communities. The agency provides technical assistance to grow rural businesses and revitalize rural economies,” stated USDA Rural Development State Director Patty Clark.

USDA Rural Development’s Business and Industry (B&I) guaranteed loan program helps back the business of rural America by providing risk mitigation and incentives to lenders. In turn, businesses benefit from a loan guarantee achieving access to capital and better financing terms.

Rural Development also partners with rural electric and telephone cooperatives and community-development organizations in their efforts to improve the rural economy through loan and grant programs.

The agency also assists small businesses and producers through its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) that provides financial assistance to make energy-efficiency improvements to install renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, geothermal and solar.



PHOTO CAPTION: USDA Rural Development partnered with the Kansas Leadership Center and Kansas Farmers Union to host a Food Hub workshop in Lawrence. More than 100 individuals attended the workshop and listened to presentations on resources available to assist food hubs and best practices to starting and maintaining a food hub.

BUSINESS PROGRAMS	2013
Advanced Biofuel Payment	\$4,610,986
Business and Industry Loan Guarantee (B&I)	\$9,659,300
Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG)	\$229,000
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program (REAP)	\$435,370
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG)	\$2,887,020
Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$17,846,676

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Investing in Rural Communities



Pittsburg Farmers Market
Pittsburg, KS
USDA Community Facilities
Grant & Loan Recipient



USDA Rural Development improves the quality of life in rural America through a variety of loan, grant and guarantee programs that finance water and wastewater systems, assisted living facilities, health care facilities, fire and rescue programs and community building such as libraries, city halls and senior centers.

Helping to ensure that all rural Americans have access to quality health care continues to be an important area of emphasis for USDA Rural Development. Whether the project is a new medical clinic, hospital, fire station, fire truck, emergency equipment, community building, assisted living facility, library, child care center, or rural water, telephone, electric or broadband projects, USDA Rural Development is ready to assist.

“USDA offers critical financing to rural Kansas communities to improve essential services to rural Kansas residents,” stated Clark. “With federal financing assistance, these communities are improving the quality of life for their residents, and creating communities that are built to last.”

Community-improvement efforts are important to the sustainability of rural America, and USDA Rural Development is ready to help communities across Kansas develop these critical resources.



PHOTO CAPTION: The City of Bronson received grant and loan financing from USDA Rural Development to construct a new water tower, and replace 1,100 linear feet of water lines.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	2013
Community Facilities Loans, Grants and Guarantees	\$23,704,880
Economic Impact Initiative	\$90,320
Electric Loans	\$89,095,000
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	\$290,000
Solid Waste Management Grant	\$40,000
Water and Environmental Loans, Grants and Guarantees	\$46,617,600
TOTAL	\$159,837,800

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Investing in Rural Housing



Interfaith Housing
Dodge City, KS
USDA Farm Labor Housing
Grant Recipient



Since 1949, USDA has been helping residents in rural areas purchase homes. In 2013, USDA Rural Development in Kansas assisted 2,136 individuals in rural Kansas communities purchase homes.

USDA Rural Development has two low-interest, no-down-payment loan programs to help eligible families living in rural communities and areas purchase new or existing homes. Loans, and some grants, are also available to help families make needed repairs to their homes. Eligible homes must be located in a rural area and/or community of generally less than 20,000.

"Homeownership should be an achievable dream and in many cases, USDA housing programs provide the only way for rural residents to buy a home," said U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Working with our partners in the lending community and with state and local housing authorities, we are continuing to make safe, affordable housing available to creditworthy applicants across the nation."

USDA Rural Development also provides financing for 312 apartment complexes in rural Kansas. These complexes provide rural residents with access to more than 6,174 apartments. With 3,960 units of rental assistance. Rent in the apartments is based on income, and rental assistance may be available depending on the income of the tenant.



PHOTO CAPTION: Hope Field Gardens Apartments are located in Pittsburg, Kansas, and provide 36 apartments for elderly individuals. USDA Rural Development provided a \$1.0 million direct rental housing loan for the project.

HOUSING PROGRAMS	2013
Direct Single Family Housing Loans	\$9,601,105
Guaranteed Single Family Housing Loans	\$216,158,027
Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Loans and Grants	\$567,255
Housing Preservation Grant	\$50,000
Rental Assistance	\$6,677,268
Multi-Family Voucher Assistance Program	\$288,168
Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants	\$677,000
Farm Labor Housing	\$1,465,223
TOTAL	\$235,484,046

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Success Stories

Kansas Winery Receives a Value-Added Producer Grant

Wine Barn, LLC received a \$25,000 USDA Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG). The VAPG program helps agricultural producers and small businesses increase their income by expanding marketing opportunities, creating new products or developing new uses for existing products. USDA funding will assist Wine Barn to ramp up production of its wine by more than 40 percent in the next two years, as well as overhauling the company's website.

Wine Barn is a family-owned business that has been operating since 2009. While the winery opened in 2009, the vineyard was planted in 2000. It takes five to seven years for grape vines to mature. Today, the winery produces 20 different wines from the nine varietal grapes that are grown on its property and some Kansas-grown grapes that are purchased.

Wine Barn's winery and vineyard are located on 16 acres in Wyandotte County, Kan., with a pond, wine-tasting building, and live jazz music and private events throughout the year.



Family Finds Safe, Affordable Housing in Dodge City



USDA provided Interfaith Housing Services with \$2.5 million grant and \$500,000 loan from USDA Rural Development to build nine duplexes in Dodge City. Dodge City's agricultural businesses have continued to grow, but the city lacks adequate housing. Funding for the project was provided through the Agency's Farm Labor Housing Program. The program provides financing to organizations that develop affordable housing for the agricultural workforce in rural communities.

Interfaith Housing's facility in Dodge City offers 18 new, modern two-, three- and four-bedroom townhomes. Each unit contains a range, refrigerator, dishwasher and single-car garage.

Marc Bradshaw's family of five recently moved into one of Interfaith Housing's duplexes. Bradshaw works on farming operation outside of Dodge City, which raises cattle, wheat and milo.

"It's a blessing being able to find a nice home like this here in Dodge City, and the price is very reasonable," said Bradshaw. "My three daughters enjoy having their own room, and the extra space that the house offers."



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USDA Celebrates Earth Day at a Water Treatment Facility



USDA Rural Development provided PWWSD No. 18 in Holton with an Earth Day Award on April 24, 2013. In July 2012, PWWSD No. 18 received a \$1.621 million loan from USDA Rural Development to update the district's filtration system at the water treatment plant. The old filtration system was expensive to maintain and unreliable.

USDA funding assisted the district in installing a new filtration system that allows the plant to produce the quantity and quality of water needed. The new filtration system will allow the district to meet the current and future needs of the more than 3,000 Jackson County customers it serves.

"USDA Rural Development provides critical financing for rural Kansas communities looking to improve their water and wastewater infrastructure," said Clark. "Federal funds are being invested in rural Kansas communities so they have reliable, clean and abundant water at affordable rates for current and future generations."

USDA Provides Technical Assistance to Develop Businesses Along the Kansas River

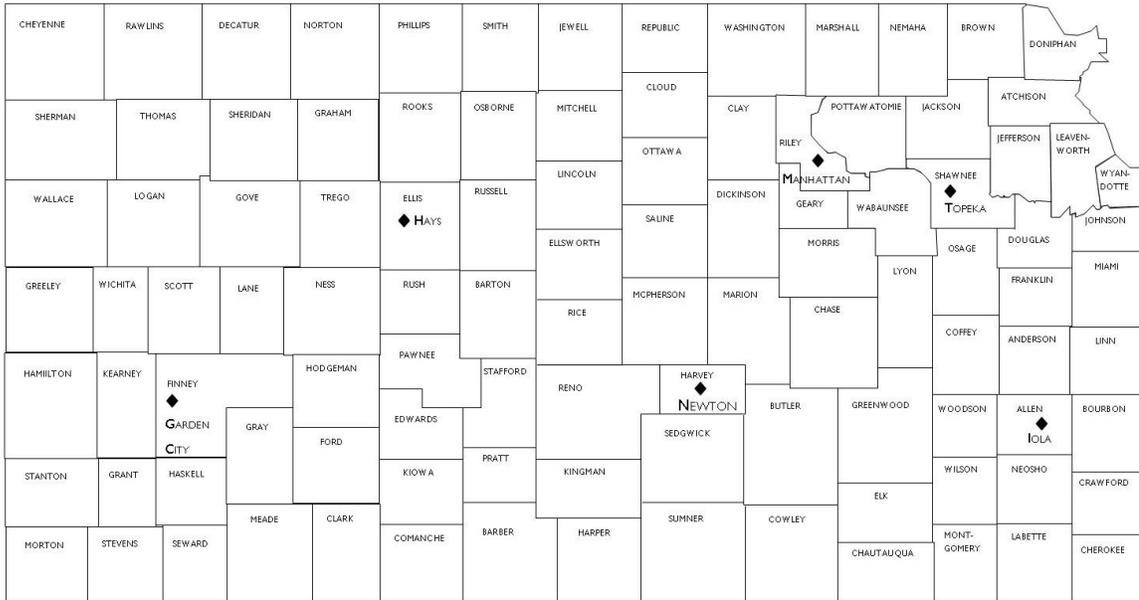
The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism received a \$170,750 Rural Business Enterprise Grant to support small businesses in targeted rural communities in Kansas. A key component of the grant will focus on supporting eco-tourism business clusters along the Kansas River and in the Flint Hills region. Community and business coaching will be utilized to increase business development activity in the regions.

On September 27, nearly 100 individuals filled kayaks and canoes in Wamego on a 10-mile journey down the Kansas River to Belvue. The trip helped promote the river, and highlighted the new boat ramp in Belvue.

Linda Craghead, Assistant Secretary for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism said, "Outdoor tourism is one of the state's fastest growing tourism segments in the state. The Department in cooperation with several partners including USDA, will help provide technical assistance to businesses looking to develop along the Kansas River and Flint Hills region."



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