

**Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Rural Business Opportunity Grants  
for Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones and Native American Tribes**

September 12, 2014

<b>Rural Business Enterprise Grants</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
NY	Sullivan County	\$200,000	To establish a revolving loan fund for small businesses. The project will create 15 jobs.
NY	Tioga County Rural Economic Area Partnership, LDC	\$189,808	To purchase essential equipment for area businesses. The project will create nine jobs.
ND	Artspace Projects, Inc.	\$90,000	To provide technical assistance to Native American entrepreneurs.
ND	REAP Investment Fund, Inc.	\$60,000	To provide technical assistance that will help establish a childcare cooperative in the zone.
ND	Bowman County Jobs Development, Inc.	\$50,000	To conduct a feasibility study to determine whether ABLE, Inc. can launch a retail business in downtown Bowman.
ND	Prairie West Development Foundation	\$41,849	To purchase and lease equipment for a business in Beach, N.D. The project will create three jobs.
VT	Northern Community Investment Corporation	\$250,000	To provide technical assistance and professional consulting services to 21 small and emerging businesses. The project will create or save up to 50 jobs.
VT	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	\$129,998	To establish a partnership between two entities and develop a mutual business plan. The project will create 56 jobs and save 168 jobs.
VT	Burke Area Chamber of Commerce	\$69,000	To increase awareness of the Burke area as a recreational destination. The project will create or save 26 jobs.
VT	Saint Johnsbury Work, Inc.	\$76,160	To retain executive personnel to implement a downtown revitalization program. The project will create 16 jobs and save nine jobs.
VT	Vermont Farm-to-School	\$102,010	To help agricultural businesses expand their online presence and to promote consumption of local foods. The project will create or save three jobs.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,258,825</b>	

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ID	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	\$29,950	To create an economic development plan for use of the Tribes' water resources.
ID	Coeur D'Alene Tribe	\$68,450	To expand broadband access for Tribal businesses and residents.
MN	White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	\$50,000	To explore plans for development of sustainable agricultural businesses in Mahnomen County.
NE	Village of Walthill	\$45,000	To develop master plans to support the needs of existing businesses and attract new ones to the community.

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NV	Indian Dispute Resolution Services	\$97,797	To help several Tribes in western Nevada create microenterprise development programs for Tribal small business owners.
NY*	Tioga County Rural Economic Area Partnership, LDC	\$55,346	To make plans and determine the feasibility of establishing an open access fiber optic network.
ND	Rural Economic Area Partnership Investment Fund, Inc.	\$85,000	To determine the feasibility of establishing a car ferry across Lake Sakakawea to increase local commerce.
ND*	Dickinson State University Strom Center	\$74,204	To provide technical assistance and training to rural entrepreneurs on the use of social media technologies for marketing.
ND*	Dickinson State University Strom Center	\$65,000	To conduct a feasibility study on development of an innovation gym-fabrication lab.
ND*	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa	\$99,970	To provide technical assistance and training to rural entrepreneurs and create a business incubator.
OK	Choctaw Nation	\$100,000	To determine the feasibility of a Tribally owned slaughterhouse in Sawyer, Okla.
SD	First Peoples Fund	\$98,000	To provide business development assistance to Native American artists.
TN	United South and Eastern Tribes	\$63,440	To create a comprehensive economic development plan for 26 Tribes in the southern and eastern U.S.
UT	Utah State University	\$99,931	To develop a small enterprise and economic development program for small business owners and entrepreneurs.
VT*	Center for an Agricultural Economy	\$71,921	To update CAE's regional food system plan to increase use of local and value-added agricultural products. The project will help nine area businesses and create or save 50 jobs.
VT*	Northern Forest Center, Inc.	\$100,000	To increase awareness of the region as a tourist and recreation destination. The project will help about 68 area businesses.
VT*	Northern Community Investment Corporation	\$100,000	To provide technical assistance to businesses to transition from fossil fuel heating to more efficient wood pellet heating. The project will help 20 small businesses, five farms and create or save 13 jobs.
VT*	Northern Community Investment Corporation	\$100,000	To make a business plan, feasibility study and determine priorities involved in expanding broadband services for rural communities. The project will help 11 small businesses, one farm and create or save 49 jobs.
VT*	Vermont Council on Rural Development	\$100,000	To bring community business leaders together to identify their towns' strengths and challenges, and determine action items and priorities for economic development.
VT*	Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets	\$97,433	To conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost-effectiveness of generating renewable

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			natural gas from on-farm activities. The project will help five businesses and create or save 16 jobs.
WA	The Nature Conservancy	\$74,600	To provide business development services to several Tribes and rural residents.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,676,042</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (ALL CATEGORIES):</b>			<b>\$2,934,867</b>

*\* Denotes a project that was funded by the USDA Rural Development State Office through its State Office allocation.*