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AL	7	Federation of Southern Cooperatives	\$200,000	To provide cooperative development support and technical assistance to farmers in the Alabama Black Belt. Cooperative development work will focus on bringing economic opportunity and self-help initiatives to some of the poorest rural communities in America.
AK	1	University of Alaska Anchorage	\$200,000	To support the University of Alaska-Anchorage Cooperative Development Center. The center provides technical assistance in rural Alaska to organize, manage and develop cooperatives as businesses. This center is the only organization in Alaska solely dedicated to assisting and promoting co-ops as a business model.
CA	3	California Center for Cooperative Development	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance and cooperative development support to growers in Yolo, San Luis Obispo, Lake and Mendocino counties. One project will help farmers operate a Food Hub cooperatively. The Center will assist in converting a grocery store to a food cooperative in Courtland, and assist in the development of worker cooperatives in Yolo County, particularly Knights Landing, Yolo, Zamora, and Dunnigan.
CA	13	Democracy at Work Institute	\$200,000	To continue the Institute's work as the only national technical assistance resource for worker cooperatives. It will focus on three areas: Appalachia and the South (including Western North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia); California's Central Coast and Coachella Valley; and the rural Northeast, including upstate New York, Western Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine. Projects include training, early-stage support for cooperative conversions of businesses and support for developing new cooperatives.
CO	1	Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation	\$200,000	To provide cooperative development and other services throughout its service area of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Project goals will include: business development, land access for beginning farmer cooperatives and cooperative education, outreach and training.



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HI	2	The Kohala Center, Inc.	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to The Kohala Center's Rural & Cooperative Business Development Services (TKC-RCDBD), which services the State of Hawaii. The Business Development Services division provides cooperative & business education, strategic and business planning, feasibility assessment, market analysis, capitalization strategies, grant writing and loan package preparation, direct micro-loans. The project is expected to assist at least 50 cooperatives and collective enterprises and create and/or save 20 jobs.
IL	18	Western Illinois University Board of Trustees	\$200,000	To help cooperatives start and succeed by providing train-the-trainer activities to increase the ability of business assistance providers .
IN	7	Indiana Cooperative Development Center, Inc.	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance and education to help start, expand and operate rural business, particularly cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses.
KY	2	Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to agricultural and rural businesses, and provide educational opportunities addressing cooperative challenges and issues. The Center will facilitate new business development, develop collaborative support networks within KY and outside the state, and promote rural and agriculture business needs.
MA	1	Cooperative Development Institute, Inc.	\$200,000	To work with rural communities in New England and New York through cooperative business development, including creating co-ops and mutually owned businesses. Technical assistance will support food-based cooperatives, housing cooperatives, worker owned cooperatives and other targeted enterprises.
MI	8	Michigan State University	\$200,000	To provide educational and business development services for rural cooperatives. The Michigan Cooperative Development Program will train counselors, recruit potential cooperatives, and work with key partners to develop programs and promotion materials to recruit clients. Program staff plan to recruit 25 cooperatives, and conduct training for 20 to 40 executive managers and board members. These services are expected to create 8-12 jobs and retain 30-40 existing jobs.
MN	7	Agricultural Utilization Research Institute AURI	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to cooperatives and mutually owned business in the areas of local foods marketing and distribution, co-product utilization, bio-based product development, feed processing, food processing and sustainable crop development.



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MN	5	Latino Economic Development	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to help co-ops expand their production capacity and integrate cooperatives into a comprehensive production and distribution system; and provide technical assistance on cooperative developments with minority and immigrant farmer groups.
MN	5	Northcountry Cooperative Foundation	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance and training for housing, food and worker cooperatives, and community outreach and youth engagement programs.
MN	2	Food Co-op Initiative	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to the boards and steering committees of rural startup food co-ops and co-op developers.
MS	2	Mississippi Association of Cooperatives	\$200,000	To provide basic cooperative educational workshops and presentations throughout rural Mississippi; deliver technical assistance to cooperatives; and establish linkages with national and regional development partners to advance the use of the cooperative model.
MT	At Large	Lake County Community Development Corporation	\$199,840	To provide technical assistance on cooperative development, with an emphasis on food deserts, food hubs and value-added products. This project is expected to create 90 jobs and save 85 existing jobs.
MT	At Large	Montana Cooperative Development Center	\$200,000	To alleviate rural poverty in the Northern Rockies (Montana, Idaho and Tribal Reservations in Montana) through cooperative development. The Center will provide communications support; facilitate a feasibility study on more efficient distribution of products to small, rural grocery stores; help communities with action plans to build new housing co-ops; and introduce worker cooperatives to Montana workforce development initiatives.
ND	1	North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses in rural areas in North Dakota. Projects to be assisted include grocery stores, community-owned child care facilities in Hazen and Beulah; and local foods initiatives and cooperative housing efforts in Wahpeton.
OH	1,2,3 (OH) 1,2,3 (WV)	The Ohio State University	\$199,984	To assist new and emerging cooperatives in rural Ohio and West Virginia. Projects include those in food systems, energy, forestry and wood products, transportation and export.



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OR	1,2,4	Community and Shelter Assistance Corporations	\$200,000	To provide education and technical assistance to manufactured housing cooperatives. In collaboration with the Northwest Cooperative Development Center in Washington, the rural manufactured housing cooperatives in Oregon will have the opportunity to participate in a Cooperative Leadership Workshop to encourage a peer support network.
PA	19	Keystone Development Center, INC	\$200,000	To build and sustain regional food systems, provide technical assistance to environmentally sustainable cooperatives, and support worker cooperatives and business conversions to employee ownership. Funds will also be used to provide education and outreach with partner organizations within Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
SD	1	Value Added Ag Development Center	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance and resources to cooperative/mutually owned businesses in rural areas of South Dakota. The Center will deliver customized technical assistance with a “hands on” approach to create value-added concepts in networking, feasibility and marketing assessment, business development planning, financial assessments, research and education.
TX	15	UT-Rio Grande Valley	\$199,393	To create cooperatives or business enterprises, provide technical assistance and promote the benefits of cooperatives through advocacy and training.
VA	3	Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation & Rural Sustainability	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance on cooperative education.
WA	3,6,10 (WA) 2 (ID)	Northwest Cooperative Development Center	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to cooperatives, individuals and groups in 15 counties of Washington, Oregon and Idaho for 19 projects in high unemployment and poverty counties. Projects will focus on outreach, sustainability, environmental stewardship, partnerships, feasibility assessment and business development.
WA	1,2,7,8,9	Northwest Agriculture Business Center	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance to local food system operations and agricultural producers in a six-county region of Northwest Washington.



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WI	2	CDS, Inc.	\$200,000	To provide technical assistance for cooperative development in rural Minnesota and Wisconsin in the areas of value-added/sustainable agriculture and forestry and community development. Services include business development, project organization, marketing, feasibility analysis, business planning, and finance/accounting. The project will assist more than 70 co-ops, creating five jobs.
WI	2	The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	\$199,999	To provide assistance to cooperatives throughout rural areas in the Upper Midwest. Project initiatives include food systems, senior housing and broadband. More than 200 cooperatives/groups will be assisted through this project, which will create and/or saving more than 50 jobs.
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,799,216</b>	