



Rural Development

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SUBJECT: Definition of “Rural” and “Rural Area” for Community Facilities  
Loans and Grants

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

This Administrative Notice (AN) is being issued to clarify the definition of “rural” and “rural area” for Community Facilities (CF) direct and guaranteed loans and grants.

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:**

This AN replaces RD AN No. 4781 (1942-A, 3570-B and 3575-A) dated November 19, 2014, which expired on September 30, 2015.

**IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

For Community Facilities direct loans, guaranteed loans, and grants, section 343(a)(13)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)) defines “rural” and “rural area” as a “city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 20,000 inhabitants.”

The boundaries for unincorporated areas in determining populations will be based on the Census Designated Place(s)(CDP). Data from the most recent decennial census of the United States will be used.

EXPIRATION DATE:  
April 30, 2018

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
Preceding RD Instructions  
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An essential community facility must be located within an eligible rural community as defined above. It may be adjacent to, or closely related to, a non-rural area if it is determined that the facility primarily serves and benefits rural residents.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Peiffer, Asset Risk Management Specialist, Community Facilities Programs, at [karla.peiffer@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:karla.peiffer@wdc.usda.gov).