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## USDA Seeks Applications for Funding to Help Rural Towns Strengthen Housing and Economic Development

**WASHINGTON, July 8, 2025** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development invites applications for grants to provide strong rural communities the leadership and technical know-how to keep growing.

The funding is being made available through the <u>Rural Community Development Initiative</u> (RCDI) program for fiscal year (FY) 2025. This program awards grants to qualified intermediary organizations to deliver financial and technical assistance that helps recipients build capacity to carry out projects related to housing, community facilities, and community and economic development.

The deadline to submit electronic applications via Grants.gov is no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 7, 2025. Paper applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. local time on August 12, 2025.

The Trump-Vance Administration and Secretary Rollins prioritizes focus on homegrown solutions and encouraging self-reliance, entrepreneurship, and local partnerships.

This is about investing in people, not just projects. USDA is helping communities plan, prioritize, and implement initiatives that fit their unique needs.

For more information about the funding availability, visit the Federal Register.

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