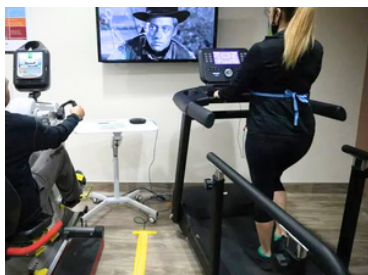


# Rural Health Success Stories



## WEST

Cochise County, Arizona-based Benson Hospital used its \$377,494 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant to improve its Telehealth Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. Cardiologists and exercise physiologists in Tucson connect with Benson patients and nurses using telemedicine equipment, monitoring vital signs and progress with a high-definition camera. Read the whole success story at this link: [tinyurl.com/RUS-AZ-DLT](https://tinyurl.com/RUS-AZ-DLT).



## EAST

Durham, Maine-based Replenova Farm used a \$7,866 in Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant to power the farm and market with solar panels. The 23 kW system powers the entire business, including the electric commercial kitchen and retail store. The project has already paid for itself. You can read the full story at this link: [tinyurl.com/RBCS-ME-REAP](https://tinyurl.com/RBCS-ME-REAP).



## SOUTH

With a \$32 million direct loan from USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program, DeSoto Regional Health hospital in Mansfield, Louisiana, added a 16-bed medical-surgical unit, a 9-bed emergency department, and a 30,000-square-foot medical office housing a rural health clinic, sleep lab and administrative offices. You can learn more at this link: [tinyurl.com/RHS-LA-CF](https://tinyurl.com/RHS-LA-CF).



## MIDWEST

Headquartered in Herreid, South Dakota, Valley Communications used a \$1.2 million ReConnect grant to expand high-speed internet service to an underserved area more than 250 miles away from its primary service area. The expanded service brings with it access to distance learning and telehealth. You will find the whole success story at this link: [tinyurl.com/RUS-SD-RC](https://tinyurl.com/RUS-SD-RC)