

USDA Rural Development Rural Health What We Do

USDA Rural Development (RD) improves health in rural America and creates thriving communities through a variety of programs, resources, and projects.

By addressing the non-medical factors that affect health outcomes, we help solve the health care needs unique to people who live in rural and Tribal communities.

USDA RD partners with rural America to improve and modernize infrastructure that supports electric transmission and delivery, transportation, and high-speed internet. We also promote business growth, health care, education, rural housing, and other community essentials.



Telehealth and High-Speed Internet (FY24 \$433 million)

These programs help improve access to medical specialists and reduce the need for transportation to distant health care facilities.



Economic Stability (FY24 \$3.67 billion)

USDA Rural Development funds opportunities and technical resources to support business growth.



Housing and Healthy Neighborhoods (FY24 \$9.15 billion)

These funds support rural single and multifamily housing, including environmentally friendly greenspace loans and grants.



Modern Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (FY24 \$1.6 billion)

This funding brings clean, safe drinking water to millions of rural Americans, improving rural health by helping reduce water source contamination.



Electric, Transportation and Community Infrastructure (FY24 \$11.2 billion)

This funding connects rural innovators with the resources necessary to rebuild foundational infrastructure, helping drive economic growth.



Emergency Medical Services (FY24 \$364 million)

In addition to bricks and mortar projects, Community Facilities loans and grants support the purchase of equipment to modernize health care facilities and provide services such as labwork and emergency transportation.



Mental Health and Substance Use (FY24 \$59.6 million)

USDA RD funded \$46.2 million in projects to support mental health and substance use disorder assistance while also collaborating with other USDA agencies to incorporate behavioral health education and resources into programs such as the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Rural Health and Safety Education grants (FY24: \$3.8 million) and Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FY24: \$9.6 million).

