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| Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | | | | | | | |
| AZ TX | Kyrsten Sinema Mark Kelly John Cornyn Ted Cruz | Paul Gosar (AZ 04) Jasmine Crockett (TX 30) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | EHC Bullhead City LP | \$10,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to build a micro-hospital and urgent care facility in Bullhead City, Mohave County, Arizona. The facility will increase the availability of the emergency room, urgent care, and hospital services in this rural community. The micro-hospital/urgent care facility will be leased to an operator that will staff and operate the facility. Forty jobs are expected to be created. |
| AZ TX | Kyrsten Sinema Mark Kelly John Cornyn, Ted Cruz | Elijah Crane (AZ 02) Jasmine Crockett (TX 30) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | EHC Prescott LP | \$10,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to build a micro-hospital and urgent care facility in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. The facility will increase the availability of the emergency room, urgent care, and hospital services in this rural community. The micro-hospital and urgent care facility will be leased to an operator that will staff and operate the facility. Forty jobs are expected to be created. |
| AZ | Kyrsten Sinema Mark Kelly | Paul Gosar (04) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Windsong Senior Living Propco LLC | \$25,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to refinance interim debt incurred by the borrower to construct an assisted living and memory care facility in Prescott Valley, Arizona. The new 106-room, 121-bed facility will help serve the long-term care needs of surrounding communities and help retain 42 jobs. |
| CA | Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler | Salud Carbajal (24) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Hotel Ava LLC | \$25,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to construct and develop a 105,195 square-foot, 115-room, four-story hotel located in the city of Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County, California. This lodging facility will bring tourists to the local area which will help local businesses financially. In addition, this project will create 151 local jobs and help economic development. |
| HI | Brian Schatz Mazie Hirono | Jill Tokuda (02) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Hawaii Sea Spirits LLC | \$10,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist a small organic cane sugar farm, the opportunity to expand its business in the distillery, retail and commercial/kitchen cafe business on 80 acres on the Island of Maui. The Hawaii Sea Spirits LLC was established in 2005 by the Smith Family. The farm receives roughly 40,000 visitors annually for tastings, tours and visits to the cafe. |

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| ID | Mike Crapo James Risch | Russ Fulcher (01) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Rotary Veterans Memorial Pavilion Inc | \$1,288,000 | | This Rural Development loan guarantee investment will be used to term-out the interim financing used to purchase, and remodel commercial real estate located in Moscow, Idaho in Latah County. Rotary Veterans Memorial Pavilion, Inc. dba Palouse Ice Rink, a non-profit corporation, will be purchasing the property which includes a large warehouse that will be remodeled to include a full-size ice rink, locker rooms, etc. 10 jobs will be created by this project. |
| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Nikki Budzinski (13) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Rochester Financial Group LLC | \$1,294,500 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to acquire an existing classic car dealership. Country Classic Cars is located in Staunton, Illinois. The seller is retiring and borrowers purchase of the business will allow it to remain in operation. This project is expected to create two jobs and save 8 jobs in the community. |
| MI | Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters | Elissa Slotkin (07) Haley Stevens (11) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Best Hospitality Group LLC | \$6,810,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to help Best Hospitality Group LLC purchase a hotel in Okemos. This will support local employment through both employees at the hotel and from the additional business guests will provide to the area. The portion covered by the USDA loan is \$6,810,000 while the borrower contribution to the project is \$2,385,000 bringing the total project cost to \$9,195,000. |
| MI | Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters | Elissa Slotkin (07) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Okemos CI Lodging LLC | \$4,705,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to help Okemos CI Lodging, LLC purchase a hotel in Meridian Township, Michigan. This will help the local economy through hotel employment and increased visitors to area businesses. The financial portion covered by the USDA loan is \$4,705,000 while the borrower contribution is \$1,365,000. |
| MI | Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters | Bill Huizenga (04) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Fortis Energy Services Inc | \$7,500,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Fortis Energy Services Inc. with debt restructuring, equipment purchases, and loan fees. Fortis Energy Services is an industry leader in oil and gas well servicing. This project will save 128 jobs. |

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| MI | Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters | Debbie Dingell (06) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Chelsea Hospitality Group LLC | \$4,900,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to refinance existing debt and to finance construction and renovation for a hotel flagship change. This project will save 14 jobs and provide hospitality services to an area with only one local competitor. The hotel flagship is switching to a Hampton Inn, which is intended to appeal to higher income clientele. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Richard Hudson (09) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Rosehill Propco LLC | \$6,400,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a loan guarantee to Genisys Credit Union, the lender to Rosehill Propco, LLC dba Gardens of Roseboro. The Gardens of Roseboro is a licensed assisted living facility, located in Rosehill, North Carolina, that offers private pay and Medicaid pay care services. The loan will be used to refinance debt, help buy out one of the owners, and provide working capital. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Donald Davis (01) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Halifax Propco Holdings LLC | \$6,770,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide alternative financing to existing debt (currently held by BB&T (now "Truist Bank") and third party mezzanine debt held by Locust Point). The subject facility commenced operations in July of 2018. Total project costs are \$6,770,000 of which \$6,308,135 will refinance existing debt, \$149,385 in working capital, \$162,480 will be used to cover USDA Guaranty Fees, \$70,000 loan fee and approximately \$80,000 to cover closing costs/fees. Per USDA requirements, the borrower must demonstrate at least 1.1x DSCR historically when most of the loan proceeds are being used to refinance debt. The assisted living facility provides daily living and health care assistance in compliance with state licensure and Certificate of Need requirements in Scotland Neck, NC. The facility provides long term assisted living to middle-market seniors in the North Carolina region along with respite care for short term stays. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Donald Davis (01) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Lake Gaston Propco Holdings LLC | \$9,781,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to refinance existing loan debt. The two debt loans being covered under this loan helped with the construction, start-up, and building improvements. This project is to support Lake Gaston's 42 unit assisted living facility located in Littleton, NC. |



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| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Wiley Nickel (13) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Johnston Propco LLC | \$8,800,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide alternative financing for a Select Bank & Trust Company note and a Locus Point Mezzanine loan both of which are demand notes. The Select Bank loan was used to fund the construction of the property and Locus Point financing was to cover additional improvements and working capital for the operations of the facility. The Select Bank note was originally in the name of Smithfield Property Holdings, LLC and later assumed by Johnston Propco, LLC. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Donald Davis (01) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Perquimans Propco Holdings LLC | \$12,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to refinance a Select Bank & Trust Company note and a Locus Point Mezzanine loan both of which are demand notes. Locus Point Capital is an asset management firm specializing in direct lending to the lower middle market seniors housing and care industry. The Select Bank loan (\$10MM) funded the construction of the subject property and Locus Point financing (\$1,476,155) was used to fund additional improvements and working capital for the operations of the facility. The refinancing of both notes will allow the borrower to place the demand notes on a fully amortized schedule resulting in improved cash flow. |
| NM | Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan | Teresa Leger Fernandez (03) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | JP Sagebrush LLC | \$1,300,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to refinance debt, and financing of fees to the owners of the historic Sagebrush Inn, in Taos, New Mexico. Known as, "The Inn" the historic hotel opened 91 years ago in 1931 and offered at that time 13 guestrooms that became known for its authentic Southwest décor. Today, "The Inn" is still known for its décor and now offers 156 guestrooms with wi-fi, swimming pool, spa tub, restaurant and laundry services. Over the years numerous celebrities have stayed at the Inn. Also, "The Inn" had several major movies shot in and around the property. Most notable were the movies Easy Rider and Twins. By refinancing the debt with a B&I guaranteed loan the hotel will continue in business and a 150 jobs will be saved. |



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| OK TX | James Lankford Markwayne Mullin (OK) John Cornyn Ted Cruz (TX) | Tom Cole (OK 04) Jasmine Crockett (TX 30) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | EHC Ardmore LLLP | \$10,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide financing to fund the construction of a micro-hospital in Ardmore, Oklahoma. EHC Ardmore LLLP will provide services in four categories: emergency care, trauma and injury care, and imaging and lab services. This project will help add 45 jobs and improve access to healthcare in the local community. |
| OK | James Lankford Markwayne Mullin | Josh Brecheen (02) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Berry & Berry Acquisition LLC | \$6,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide funds to refinance a current USDA loan and pay down an existing line of credit for Berry & Berry Acquisition LLC. The remaining funds will be used toward the closing costs and fees. Berry & Berry Acquisition LLC specializes in potted trees, shrubs, rose bushes, and perennial and woody ornamental plants. Major retailers, smaller retail nurseries, and building supply stores in 20 states sell their products. |
| OK | James Lankford Markwayne Mullin | Tom Cole (04) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Pontotoc Sands Company LLC | \$25,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to buyout Castlelake's 85 percent ownership interest in the company. The purchase price for the buyout is \$30 million, with the B&I Guaranteed loan financing \$25 million and the borrower contributing \$5 million cash equity. This investment will ensure 78 jobs are secured. |
| OR | Ron Wyden Jeff Merkley | Val Hoyle (04) Lori Chazez DeRemer (05) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Hallmark Inns & Resorts Inc | \$17,138,336 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist a hotel with renovation and refinancing. Hallmark Inns & Resorts owns three hotels along the northern Oregon coast, including the 73-room Whaler Hotel in Newport. This project will consist of two notes for the Whaler property. The first \$7,861,664 note will primarily be used to refinance three notes associated with purchasing the property. The second note of \$17,138,336 will primarily be used to completely renovate the existing building and construct a new addition. The new building will be attached to the north end of the existing hotel and will add 26 rooms and include the hotel's new lobby and lounge area. The construction will include 100 additional parking spaces, some of which will be in an underground parking garage. This project will create 44 new jobs and save 20 current jobs, in this distressed community. |

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| SC | Lindsey Graham Tim Scott | Russell Fry (07) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Georgetown Propco LLC | \$4,500,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Georgetown Propco LLC renovate and provide energy efficiency improvements to a recently purchased assisted living facility. The renovations will include safety improvements for the residents with installation of a privacy fence, handrails with corner guards, and keyless locks, as well as new flooring and patching and painting throughout. The Landings at Georgetown has recently opened in Georgetown, South Carolina and these improvements will save 40 jobs in the local area. |
| TN DE | Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty (TN) Tom Carper, Chris Coons (DE) | Diana Harshbarger (TN 01) Lisa Blunt Rochester (DE At Large) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Pinecrest Smoky Mountain Holdings LLC | \$7,850,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide Pinecrest Smoky Mountain Holdings LLC funds for the renovation of 35 long term residential units to short term vacation units in Sevierville, Tennessee. Pinecrest Smoky Mountain Holdings LLC, a short term vacation rental owner and operator, will create 16 jobs and will benefit the local community by providing additional accommodations for the increasing growth of tourism. |



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| TX | John Cornyn Ted Cruz | Henry Cuellar (28) Joaquin Castro (20) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Express Pressure Pumping LLC | \$25,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to help Express Pressure Pumping LLC obtain a loan to purchase fracking equipment, refinance debt, and obtain working capital. Express Pressure Pumping LLC is a start-up company that provides hydraulic fracturing fleets and related services. This investment will allow Express Pressure Pumping LLC to provide services to onshore oil and natural gas exploration and production companies in the United States. |
| UT | Mike Lee Mitt Romney | Vacant (02) Burgess Owens (04) | Business and Industry Loan Guarantee | Ares Strategic Mining Inc | \$4,420,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase property, buildings and equipment needed to process mined fluorspar. The site chosen has a building and enough property to set up the processing facility and is located just east of the town of Delta. |
| Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program | | | | | | | |
| CO | Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper | Ken Buck (04) Jason Crow (06) Diana DeGette (01) | Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee | CoBank | \$450,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to make investments in utility infrastructure loans or refinance bonds or notes issued for utility infrastructure funding purposes. CoBank is one of four banks of the Farm Credit System that was created by the U.S. Congress to fill a need for long-term agricultural credit. CoBank is cooperatively owned by its U.S. customer-owners, including agricultural cooperatives, rural energy, companies, and financial institutions that serve rural America. |
| VA | Mark Warner Tim Kaine | Gerald Connolly (11) Jennifer Wexton (10) | Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee | NRUCFC | \$450,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to finance rural electric and telecommunications projects nationwide. NRUCFC is a member owned, nonprofit cooperative organized to supplement the loan programs for electric cooperatives. NRUCFC makes loans to rural electric members to acquire, construct, and operate electric distribution, generation, transmission and related facilities, and finances rural telecommunications members and their affiliates. |
| Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan | | | | | | | |



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| PA VA | Bob Casey John Fetterman (PA), Mark Warner Tim Kaine (VA) | Brendan Boyle (PA 02) Gerald Connolly (VA 11) | Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan | MDVA Milk Producers Coop Association Inc | \$40,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to help purchase and equip the HP Hood milk processing facility in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The facility will help the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association (MDVA) increase from 10,000,000 to 25,000,000 gallons annually. The product mix includes white milk, flavored milk, eggnog, creams, lactose-free milk, and high-protein milk. MDVA is a farmer-owned cooperative with five dairy-processing plants. Founded in 1920, MDVA has more than 900 dairy farms in 11 states. |
| Rural Cooperative Development Grant | | | | | | | |
| AK | Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan | Mary Peltola (At Large) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | University of Alaska Anchorage | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to improve economic conditions in rural Alaska by encouraging establishment of new cooperatives and offering technical assistance to strengthen existing cooperatives. This project will create new jobs and retain existing jobs in rural areas. Five cooperative groups will be assisted. |
| CA | Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler | Nancy Pelosi (11) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Democracy at Work Institute | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to new or expanding rural cooperative businesses across the county. The primary goals are to improve conditions for rural communities by retaining small businesses and jobs through cooperative conversions, supporting growth of new and existing enterprises, and reinforcing best practices. |
| CO | Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper | Diana DeGette (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Rocky Mt Farmers Union | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development Investment will be used to assist Rocky Mountain Farmer's Union Center (RMFU) in providing technical, financial and educational assistance to new and existing cooperative businesses and projects in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. RMFU's focus will be on cooperative solutions for climate-related resiliency; diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives; collaborative, cooperative regional economic ventures; worker owned and governed economic enterprises; and cooperative education, communication and training |



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| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Eric Sorensen (17) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Western Illinois University Board of Trustees | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the operations of the Illinois Cooperative Development Center (ICDC), which is housed within the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. While the ICDG will provide an array of technical assistance to rural cooperatives across Illinois, this project will focus on assistance to the Illinois communities of Sheffield, Farmer City, Cairo, and Hopkins Park, with a special emphasis on local groceries and food deserts. |
| IN | Todd Young Mike Braun | Andre Carson (07) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | ICDC Inc | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance, education, and access to information and resources to assist individuals and entities in the startup, expansion, and operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperative or mutually owned businesses. Indiana Cooperative Development Center, Inc., located in Marion County, Indiana, has provided services to cooperatives since 2003. This project assists 12 businesses and 47 cooperatives, resulting in eight jobs created and 11 jobs saved. ICDC's goal is to develop cooperatives and mutually owned businesses to improve economic conditions and the quality of life in Indiana's rural counties. |
| KS | Jerry Moran Roger Marshall | Tracey Mann (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | KS State University | | \$198,399 | This Rural Development's investment will provide technical assistance to Kansas State University for their project "Building a Rural Cooperative Landscape in Kansas." The project focuses on new and existing rural grocery stores that are transitioning to mutually-owned business models, including the cooperative model in rural communities. The Rural Grocery Initiative will work with partners across Kansas to enhance and deliver cooperative development services. The primary objective of the Center will be to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. It is anticipated that 74 businesses will be assisted and 10 jobs created as result of the project and four jobs saved. |
| KY | Mitch McConnell Rand Paul | Brett Guthrie (02) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Kentucky Center for Ag & Rural Development | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to improve economic conditions of rural Kentucky by promoting new cooperatives and continuing to improve existing cooperatives and agribusinesses. The project will serve all of rural Kentucky and result in 55 jobs being created and saving 193 jobs. |



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| MA | Elizabeth Warren Ed Markey | Jim McGovern (02) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Cooperative Development Institute Inc | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance and training to small business and individuals seeking to form a cooperative so as to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. CDI, Inc. will assist in leveraging resources to create economic wealth with measurable impacts by increasing and retaining access to affordable housing, jobs and improving essential infrastructure and creating community services. |
| MN | Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith | Angie Craig (02) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Cooperative Development Services Inc | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide business development, technical assistance, coordination of local and state rural development activities, due diligence assessments, technical and economic feasibility analysis, cooperative development strategies, professional referrals, and strategic networking opportunities as well as assist in capitalization efforts for business development activities in Minnesota. |
| MN | Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith | Betty McCollum (04) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Food Co-Op Initiative | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development RCDG grant will be used to support and improve economic conditions in rural communities around Montgomery, Minnesota. The Food Coop Initiative provides technical assistance to rural food cooperatives in rural Minnesota. |
| MN | Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith | Michelle Fischbach (07) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Agricultural UtilizResearch | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide business development, technical assistance, coordination of local and state rural development activities, due diligence assessments, technical and economic feasibility analysis, cooperative development strategies, professional referrals, and strategic networking opportunities as well as assist in capitalization efforts for business development activities in Minnesota. |

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| MN | Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith | Betty McCollum (04) Dean Phillips (03) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Northcountry Coop Foundation | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide business development, technical assistance, coordination of local and state rural development activities, due diligence assessments, technical and economic feasibility analysis, cooperative development strategies, professional referrals, and strategic networking opportunities as well as assist in capitalization efforts for business development activities in Minnesota. |
| MT | Jon Tester Steve Daines | Matt Rosendale (02) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Montana Cooperative Development Center | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used by the Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) in Great Falls, Montana, to fund the Center's operational costs. The MCDC provides technical assistance to rural cooperatives and mutually owned businesses to all 56 of Montana's counties and eight sovereign Tribal nations. Through a network of economic developers, they serve as entry points to identify cooperative projects with the goal of improving conditions by supporting rural cooperatives and small businesses. Funding operational costs through this grant will save six jobs and benefit 12 individuals. |
| MT | Jon Tester Steve Daines | Ryan Zinke (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Lake County Community Development Corp | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used by the Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC) in Ronan, Montana, to provide development and operational expansion of rural cooperatives. LCCDC provides technical assistance to rural cooperatives and mutually owned businesses across Sanders, Mineral and Lake Counties in southwestern Montana, and also provides economic development services to the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe. This funding will assist 10 cooperatives in their efforts to improve economic conditions in southwestern Montana and will save more than 100 jobs. |

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| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Valerie Foushee (04) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Carolina Common Enterprises | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help the technical assistance with the Carolina Common Enterprise work plan. The CCE work plan includes five major activities: Cooperative Development Technical Assistance is the heart of their work. This requires responding to referrals and request for assistance, continuing projects already engaged, and considering cooperation projects to meet local economic needs. They will expand efforts to preserve rural jobs through work co-op conversions. Cooperative Housing and Land focuses specifically on converting manufacturing home communities and the other forms of rural workforce housing. They will also begin exploring cooperative investment and/or ownership of rural town commercial buildings. Cooperative Education and Outreach continues to develop and promulgate Zero to coop. online training and seek more public events and other opportunities to raise awareness of the cooperative model. CCE also supports the annual Cooperative Leadership Camp. Cooperative Legal Services if is a necessary service offered to provide incorporations and other legal counsel to the cooperative clients. Center Development activities keep the team trained and optimize their organizational capacity. With their return to in person conferences and professional development events, their staff will be able to catch up on the best practices in collegial connections. |
| ND | John Hoeven Kevin Cramer | Kelly Armstrong (At Large) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | ND Association of Rural Electric Coop | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to cooperatives and mutually owned businesses to service rural areas in North Dakota. The support offered from this investment will help improve the quality of life and economic conditions of rural areas throughout the state of North Dakota. |
| NE | Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts | Mike Flood (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Board of Regents University of Nebraska | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to local food systems, healthcare providers and lead to economic and cooperative development in rural communities. 6 cooperatives will be created, 21 businesses and 15 cooperatives will be assisted. 15 jobs will be created and 20 jobs retained. |



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| OH | Sherrod Brown J.D. Vance | Joyce Beatty (03) Mike Carey (15) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | The Ohio State University | | \$195,448 | This Rural Development investment will be used to integrate teaching, research, and extension programs. These Ohio State University programs will create and extend knowledge of emerging and existing cooperatives in Ohio, West Virginia, and beyond. The training offered through this project is expected to provide training courses to over 150 stakeholders in various fields. |
| OR | Ron Wyden Jeff Merkley | Andrea Salinas (06) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation provide technical assistance to rural Oregonians through their Manufactured Housing Cooperative Development Center, which is a part of the ROC USA network. The Center focuses on the creation and ongoing technical support of non-profit manufactured housing cooperatives in vulnerable communities that are facing closure or health and safety concerns from dilapidated infrastructure. They help residents of manufactured housing communities establish a non-profit cooperative to purchase and operate their communities. By preserving their housing, residents help stabilize the surrounding community as well. |
| PA | Bob Casey John Fetterman | Lloyd Smucker (11) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Keystone Development Center Inc | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to support Keystone Development Center's (KDC) mission to improve the economic condition and quality of life of rural communities through cooperative development in rural Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland. These funds support continued development efforts of new cooperative approaches in its region. Farmers, rural residents, rural organizations, food-processing firms and consumers will be positively impacted through the cooperative development efforts of KDC in 2023-2024. KDC will host the Cooperative Academy and support the development of at least 17 cooperative projects. |



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| SC | Lindsey Graham Tim Scott | Jeff Duncan (03) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Clemson University | | \$199,697 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to rural Cooperatives and mutually owned businesses through the South Carolina for Cooperative and Enterprise Development. It is anticipated that ten existing Cooperatives and thirty-seven small agricultural businesses will receive technical assistance as a result of this funding. In addition, it is anticipated that Clemson Extension will be able to save two jobs and create one full time job as a result of this project. |
| SD | John Thune Mike Rounds | Dusty Johnson (At Large) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Value Added Ag Dev Center Inc | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance by Development Center for coops, private entities, and entrepreneurs to startup or grow business development. It is anticipated that 11 jobs will be created and 3 saved. |
| TX | John Cornyn Ted Cruz | Monica De La Cruz (15) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley | | \$199,633 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to 41 counties in South Texas. The technical assistance will include three fundamental activities: grow food system and supply chain opportunities, revitalize rural main street, and build a robust, mutually-supportive cooperative ecosystem. The university will provide \$67,928 in matching funds. |
| VA | Mark Warner Tim Kaine | Jennifer McClellan (04) Rob Wittman (1) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | VA Foundation for Ag Innovation & RS | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help finance Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability (VA FAIRS) planning and technical assistance services to position cooperatives and mutually owned businesses for success. Funds will also be used to create educational resources, offer networking opportunities, and increase center service capacity to provide solutions for every type and size of operation. Grant and matching funds will enable VA FAIRS to continue improving rural Virginia quality of life by developing and advancing the agricultural, economic and social interests its diverse clients. |

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| WA CA MN DC WI MD | Patty Murray Maria Cantwell (WA), Alex Padilla Laphonze Butler (CA), Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith (MN), Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin (WI), Ben Cardin Chris Van Hollen (MD) | Derek Kilmer (WA 06) Rick Larsen (WA 02) Cathy McMorris Rodgers (05) Dan Newhouse (WA 04) Marilyn Strickland (WA 10), Mike Thompson (CA 04), Pete Stauber (MN 08), Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC), Mike Gallagher (WI -8), Glenn Grothman (WI 06), Derrick Van Orden (WI 03), Andy Harris (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Cooperative Development Foundation | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development Investment will be used to provide technical assistance to further the development and execution of a national strategy for rural home care cooperative development. Cooperative Development Foundation is a 79-year-old nonprofit headquartered in Washington, D.C. It specifically targets the home care/elder care population because there is a dire need in rural areas for elder care that is affordable. Additionally, many seniors prefer to stay in their own homes for comfort and cost-effectiveness rather than move to a group home. The grant will be used for research, outreach, and conferences, and to build and expand the capacity of home care owners to successfully manage their enterprises. |
| WA | Patty Murray Maria Cantwell | Rick Larsen (02) Suzan DelBene (01) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Northwest Agriculture Business Center | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will help fund technical assistance services to existing and developing cooperatives located in Grays Harbor, Island, King, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties. The applicant is Northwest Agriculture Business Center a non-profit business development producer located in Mount Vernon, WA. Technical services are anticipated to support research, planning, development, and training for the purpose of rural cooperative development by way of economic viability via acquisition of loan and grant funds. At least 30 small and emerging cooperatives will be assisted and the project is expected to create or save at least 34 jobs. |

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| WA | Patty Murray Maria Cantwell | Marilyn Strickland (10) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | Northwest Cooperative Development Center | | \$200,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used by Northwest Cooperative Development Center to provide technical assistance to ensure cooperatives, and those starting them, are knowledgeable about the cooperative model, make sound business decisions, and have operational and strategic support. These activities include conducting cost analyses, structuring legal and accounting systems, delivering training and coaching, facilitating outreach and marketing, drafting business and strategic plans, preserving units of cooperative housing, convening cooperators and stakeholders, and hosting academies and workshops. Three jobs will be created and 57 jobs saved, as well as 57 businesses and Cooperatives will be assisted, as a result of this project. |
| WI | Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin | Mark Pocan (02) | Rural Cooperative Development Grant | UW Madison Board of Regents | | \$199,985 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to start-up cooperatives, as well as established cooperatives, in the areas of food systems, forestry, manufacturing, child care, and veterinary services. The funding, combined with the Center's \$70,782 contribution, will help reach 58 groups and cooperatives. |
| Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program | | | | | | | |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Zach Nunn (03) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative Inc | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will help Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. replenish a revolving loan fund. This project will provide the Monroe County Hospital in Albia with financing to expand the existing facility. This project will construct an addition to house a magnetic resonance imaging machine and renovate spaces in the radiology department and the acute-care wing. The project will create one new job, spur economic development, and promote the health and safety of residents in this rural Monroe County community. |

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| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Randy Feenstra (04) | Rural Economic Development Grant | North West Rural Electric Cooperative | | \$208,000 | This Rural Development investment will help North West Rural Electric Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to the city of Hawarden for vehicles and equipment. This project will purchase a fire truck, a ladder truck, and response equipment for the city's fire department. The project will spur rural economic development, improve fire and rescue operations, and promote the safety of residents in this rural Sioux County community. |
| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Eric Burlison (07) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Carthage Water & Electric Plant | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a Revolving Loan Fund. The initial recipient of the loan funds will be Carthage Economic Development Corporation to purchase 248 acres for the development of an industrial park. This project is expected to create 500 new jobs in rural Jasper County, Missouri. |
| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Jason Smith (08) | Rural Economic Development Grant | SEMO Electric Cooperative | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist SEMO Electric Cooperative help Bell City R-II School District renovate an existing structure on campus into a vocational agriculture classroom and learning space. Initiatives -Distressed area. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Dan Bishop (08) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund. The first loan will be made to Northside Volunteer Fire Department, in Richmond County. The loan will be used for the purchase of an all-wheel drive mini pumper tanker fire truck and related equipment. The new equipment will replace an aging pumper purchased used years ago. The department responds to approximately 230 calls annually. Pee Dee EMC will provide a \$60,000 match toward the total project cost of \$360,000. |



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| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Chuck Edwards (11) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Haywood EMC | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund. The first loan from the new revolving loan funds will be made to Cruso Fire & Rescue, Inc., in Haywood County. The loan will finance the purchase of a fire truck and related equipment to replace a 22-year-old truck. The department responds to approximately 250 calls per year. Haywood EMC will provide a \$116,665 RED Loan and a \$60,000 match toward the total project cost of \$500,000. The fire department will contribute \$23,335. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Don Davis (01) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Edgecombe-Martin County EMC | | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment fund will be used to by Edgecombe-Martin EMC, a rural utility program borrower, to provide economic development. The initial project will provide funding to the Town of Nashville, to assist in the construction of a second 9714 SF fire station. The new station will provide quicker service for the southeastern portion of the fire district and a facility for a new ladder truck. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Virginia Foxx (05) | Rural Economic Development Grant | Surry-Yadkin EMC | | \$280,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide Surry-Yadkin EMC, a rural utility program borrower, economic development. The grant will capitalize a revolving loan fund, the initial project will provide funding to the Town of Elkin, to purchase a Hook Lift Truck for leaf collection and as a dump truck during off-season. The new truck will replace the 30-year-old leaf truck the Town has been using to vacuum leaves in the fall. The new truck will provide a multi-function vehicle and reduce the leaf removal process by approximately 2 months. |
| AL | Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt | Jerry Carl (01) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Southern Pine Electric Coop | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase equipment to upgrade the existing Owens Lumber Company facility located in the city of Brewton in Escambia County, Alabama. This investment will allow Southern Pine Electric Cooperative to assist this rural small business with a 0 percent interest loan. More than 38,000 residents in the service area will benefit from this investment. |

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| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Zach Nunn (03) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative Inc | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to fund a pass-through loan from Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. to Sedes Group LLC to purchase and install equipment for a startup business. This project will help provide a material flow system; an extruder; a cutter and feeder; a dryer/cooler; and a separator at a facility in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa. Sedes Group LLC is a Limited Liability Company which plans to develop animal feed and human-grade consumption products using organic and non-GMO soybeans. Once completed, the project is expected to increase employment opportunities for residents of this rural area and promote economic development. |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Ashley Hinson (02) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to help Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to PlantBased Innovations, LLC. This project will enable the food-manufacturing business to expand operations by purchasing equipment to create new product lines at the facility in Fredericksburg, Iowa. Once completed, this project is expected to create new employment opportunities and to promote economic development in Butler County. |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Ashley Hinson (02) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative | \$1,804,000 | | This Rural Development investment will help Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to Community Nursing Home, Inc., doing business as Clarksville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, for facility renovations in Clarksville. This project will provide a new roof, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, a parking area, and sidewalks for the facility. Once completed, this project will improve medical services, spur economic development, and promote the safety of residents of this rural Butler County community. |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Randy Feenstra (04) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative | \$1,520,000 | | This Rural Development investment will help Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to Wernimont Welding, LLC for expansion in Carroll. This project will construct a new welding shop and purchase additional equipment. This project will create three new jobs and promote economic development in rural Carroll County. |

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| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Randy Feenstra (04) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative | \$830,700 | | This Rural Development investment will help Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to Matt Meister Trucking Inc., an interstate freight hauling carrier. This project will construct a facility for the business in Breda. The project will create six new jobs and promote economic development in this rural Carroll County community. |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Ashley Hinson (02) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Corn Belt Power Cooperative | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will help Corn Belt Power Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to PlantBased Innovations LLC. This project will enable the food-manufacturing business to expand operations by purchasing equipment to create product lines at the facility in Fredericksburg, Iowa. Once completed, this project is expected to create 125 jobs and promote economic development in this rural community in Chickasaw County. |
| IA | Charles Grassley Joni Ernst | Randy Feenstra (04) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Heartland Power Cooperative | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will help Heartland Power Cooperative fund a pass-through loan to A to Z Drying, Inc. This project will purchase and install drying equipment at the facility in Osage. The project will create 16 new jobs and promote economic development in Winnebago County. |
| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Mike Bost (12) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Wayne-White Counties Electric Coop Inc | \$29,600 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a loan to Wayne-White Electric Cooperative who will relend the funds to the Greathouse Grazing Acres LLC. Funds will be relend to the business to expand their local food company. They will be using the funds to renovate an existing structure and purchase equipment and inventory. The project will help create 1 job and retain 3. This market will be available for Albion city residents for proximity but will also pull other area customers due to the quality of locally produced products. They want to be known for selling the highest quality products available at a reasonable price. This will greatly benefit our very rural area as there is not another grocery store/market for several miles. |

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| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Mike Bost (12) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Norris Electric Cooperative | \$700,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a loan to Norris Electric Cooperative who will relend the funds to the Wabash Independent Networks, Inc.(WIN). The loan funds will be used to build a new broadband construction warehouse needed to continue growth of rural Internet broadband to rural Illinois residents and businesses. The construction of the warehouse and new formal customer business office is combined into one location. The new warehouse section will house cable trenching/plowing/boring machines; backhoes; SucVac machines for exposing existing utilities; drop wire plows, construction trucks/trailers and customer service vehicles. (everything used to deploy and maintain fiber optic Internet in rural Illinois). The project will facilitate the necessary staff to continue to deploy and maintain new broadband services to rural Illinois. Since 2015, our local staff has increased in size from 11 to 46. Currently, 9 employees sit in the Salem office and the new facility will help retain all of those jobs. |
| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Mary Miller (15) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc | \$1,900,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a loan to Southwestern Electric Cooperative who will relend the funds to the MJM Electric Cooperative. MJM will be upgrading all 9,500 meters in their service territory. The meters being replaced are from 2012 and are outdated. The new metering system will be an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which will provide greater data for the member-owners and will improve reporting time for service-related issues. |
| IL | Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth | Mike Bost (12) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Wayne-White Counties Electric Coop Inc | \$93,600 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a loan to Wayne-White Electric Cooperative who will relend the funds to the Union Drainage District. Funds will be relent to the District to replace their old, inefficient drainage water pump and diesel motor. These pumps help protect over 9,000 acres of farmland from the flood waters, making it vital for the local agriculture economy. The current pump and motors are beyond repair and the purchase of new will help save the District money in annual maintenance and benefit the landowners by protecting their cropland. |



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| KS | Jerry Moran Roger Marshall | Jake LaTurner (02) | Rural Economic Development Loan | 4 Rivers | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will provide loan funds to Secure Semiconductor Manufacturing, LLC for furnishings, equipment, supplies, working capital, and other costs related to their new semiconductor manufacturing plant being constructed north of Burlington. The project is estimated to create 30 jobs and will be part of a high tech cluster bringing 1,200 jobs to Kansas. |
| KS | Jerry Moran Roger Marshall | Tracey Mann (01) | Rural Economic Development Loan | DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative Inc | \$446,800 | | This Rural Development investment will help for remodel and rehabilitate the Arbor House Event Locale & Stable, LLC event center in Bennington. The project is estimated to create six jobs. |
| KS | Jerry Moran Roger Marshall | Tracey Mann (01) | Rural Economic Development Loan | S&T Telephone Coop Assn | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will provide loan funds for WWS, Inc. to construct an 81 room hotel in Colby. The project will result in the creation of 30 jobs. |
| KS | Jerry Moran Roger Marshall | Tracey Mann (01) | Rural Economic Development Loan | S&T Telephone Coop Assn | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will provide loan funds for Wooden, Inc. to construct a 93 room hotel in Colby. The project will result in the creation of 30 jobs. |

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| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Sam Graves (06) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative | \$120,000 | \$300,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative help Monroe City R-1 School District with improvements to the Palmyra area Lions Club ball fields. This project is located in Monroe City, Missouri. The current condition of the facility is in poor condition, whether it be inadequate draining field, parking lot safety hazards, or not being handicap accessible. The proposed project includes the removal of the existing improvements and reconstruction. The new complex will include an irrigation system, backstops, and public address/sound system. The new complex will serve not only the Monroe School district, but also will provide a community facility for the surrounding areas in terms of community events. |
| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Sam Graves (06) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Lewis County Rural Electric Coop Assn | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist CLSW Fab & Storage, LLC expand their existing cold storage facility in Canton, Missouri. CLSW Fab & Storage LLC, a real estate holding entity which leases facilities to Grassland Beef LLC dba U.S. Wellness Meats. The expanded facility will include additional cold storage for frozen and chilled foods and a large production room for meat tempering. The expansion will be primary used for temper frozen trim meat for shipment to other processing plants in the Midwest region. This project is expected to create 10 jobs. |
| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Blaine Luetkemeyer (03) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Three Rivers Electric Coop | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Three Rivers Electric Cooperative help Quaker Window Products Company expand their manufacturing facility 105,000 square feet. The expansion will all the business to move all luxury door lines into the new facility and allow for more space for future wood window series. Quaker estimates sales growth of 20 percent in 2024 due to this expansion. Medically underserved area. |

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| MO | Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt | Sam Graves (06) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist CLSW Fab & Storage, LLC expand their existing cold storage facility in Canton, Missouri. CLSW Fab & Storage LLC, a real estate holding entity which leases facilities to Grassland Beef LLC d/b/a U.S. Wellness Meats. The expanded facility will include additional cold storage for frozen and chilled foods and a large production room for meat tempering. The expansion will be primarily used for temper frozen trim meat for shipment to other processing plants in the Midwest region. This project is expected to create 10 jobs. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Dan Bishop (08) Patrick McHenry (10) | Rural Economic Development Loan | EnergyUnited EMC | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development Investment will be used to provide loan funds to EnergyUnited EMC, a rural utilities program borrower, to provide economic development in their community. Loan funds will be loaned to Samet Corporation to run water lines to the NC I85 Industrial Center in Lexington, Davidson County, NC. The new water lines will serve new industrial, manufacturing, and distribution users planned for the industrial park. |
| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Chuck Edwards (11) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Haywood EMC | \$116,665 | | This Rural Development investment will provide a loan to Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, which will in turn be loaned to Cruso Fire & Rescue, Inc. located in Haywood County. The loan will finance the purchase of a fire truck and related equipment to replace a 22-year-old truck. The department responds to approximately 250 calls annually. Haywood EMC will also provide a \$300,000 loan. The fire department will contribute \$23,335. |
| ND | John Hoeven Kevin Cramer | Kelly Armstrong (At Large) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Nodak Electric Coop | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the Devils Lake Park Board with renovation of an existing commercial property in Devils Lake, ND. The proposed outcome of this project will consist of a family entertainment center to benefit the community and increase the Devils Lake Park Board staff by 11 employees. |



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| ND | John Hoeven Kevin Cramer | Kelly Armstrong (At Large) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Capital Electric Coop | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Two Track Malting, LLC in the expansion of a manufacturing facility near Menoken, ND. The new 13,000 sq ft facility will enable the recent growth witnessed in its malting manufacturing facility and initially add 2-4 employees. |
| TN | Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty | Diana Harshbarger (01) | Rural Economic Development Loan | City of Johnson City | \$2,000,000 | | This Rural Development investment will be used to fund the Johnson City Energy Authority to deliver loan assistance to the Appalachian Producers Cooperative to construct a 15,000 square foot meat processing facility. Appalachian Producers Cooperative, a farmer-owned cooperative, will provide USDA inspected and certified meat processing services to the surrounding region. |
| TX | John Cornyn Ted Cruz | Monica De La Cruz (15) Vicente Gonzalez (34) | Rural Economic Development Loan | Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc | \$500,000 | | This Rural Development Investment will be used to expand current operations of US Citrus, LLC, an innovative citrus company specializing in Persian Limes. The loan funds will install a tissue culture laboratory and greenhouse at 30232 FM 493 Hargill, Hidalgo County Texas, in order to begin cultivation of ginger, turmeric, and bamboo for retail sales and commercial use, and purchase material and equipment. The project is expected to create 25 jobs. The business owner will contribute \$135,000 toward equipment and greenhouse completion. Hidalgo County, Texas is a distressed county, experiencing persistent poverty and is located in a United States Treasury IRS Opportunity Zone. |
| Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | | | | | | | |
| AL | Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt | Barry Moore (02) Mike Rogers (03) Terri Sewell (07) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Alabama State Association of Cooperative | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance, training, and hands on support to socially disadvantaged residents through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers of the Alabama Black Belt in Greene, Marengo, and Sumter counties. The Association will use the investment to improve new business ventures and provide new income to underrepresented family-sized farmers. More than 300 rural residents will benefit from this investment. |



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| AZ | Kyrsten Sinema Mark Kelly | Eli Crane (02) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Dine Community Development Corporation | | \$105,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help Dine Community Development Corporation to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for a potential reservation-based housing cooperative. The goal of the project is remove barriers and provide other housing options to Navajo families. |
| WI CA MN WA | Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin (WI), Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler (CA), Patty Murray Maria Cantwell (WA), Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith (MN) | Mike Gallagher (WI 08), Glenn Grothman (WI 06), Derrick Van Orden (WI 03), Mike Thompson (CA 04), Pete Stauber (MN 08), Derek Kimer (WA 06), Rick Larsen (WA 02), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA 05), Dan Newhouse (WA 04), Marilyn Strickland (WA 10) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Cooperative Development Foundation | | \$174,946 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to women owned and particularly Native American owned home care cooperatives in rural areas. The goal of the technical assistance is to help home care co-ops remain profitable, expand operations, and serve more rural residents in need, despite significant industry challenges. In addition, CDF is proposing to continue a partnership begun in 2020 with Native American agriculturalists to enhance the practice of Native-owed food production, marketing and distribution. The rural areas to be served are located in Wisconsin, Washington, Minnesota, and California. |
| CA | Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler | Nancy Pelosi (11) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Democracy at Work Institute | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide training, business planning, and direct technical assistance for socially disadvantaged groups working to develop worker and producer coops, including work with organizing groups led by Native Alaskans, Native Americans, and Latinos. This project will help create one job and save one rural job in California. In addition, the organization estimates assisting at least 16 rural businesses. |



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| MS | Roger Wicker Cindy Hyde-Smith | Trent Kelly (01) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to facilitate strategic planning for socially disadvantaged producers and groups in northeast Mississippi. This project will assist small socially-disadvantage groups in farm business plans, leadership development, and strategic planning outreach activities that will enhance agricultural enterprises for 75 producers from six counties located in rural northeast Mississippi. This project will serve as a model for other organizations in the region. |
| MS | Roger Wicker Cindy Hyde-Smith | Bennie Thompson (02) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Tri County Agricultural Cooperative | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide outreach and technical assistance to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged farmers/ranchers to own and operate farms and ranches and to participate in agricultural programs. These activities will be offered and provided in local communities throughout the target region of the Mississippi delta. The workshops and training sessions, including field-days will be recorded in multimedia to facilitate future learning. The proposed project involves the selection of approximately three agricultural cooperatives and seven groups, and will focus on developing diversified farms, structured plans, the use of production and management strategies, and business management decisions to support strategies that enhance long-term viability of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. |
| MT | Jon Tester Steve Daines | Matt Rosendale (02) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Montana Cooperative Development Center | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used by the Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) to support programming and feasibility work that will help Indigenous communities build cooperative business models and women's equity programs. MCDC, a non-profit cooperative development organization, will also work with partners to build efficiencies and best practices that extend beyond Montana borders and share these practices with other Indigenous communities. |



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| NC | Thom Tillis Ted Budd | Valerie Foushee (04) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Carolina Common Enterprise | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help with the technical assistance of the Carolina Common Enterprise work plan. This project aims to advance the interest in co-ops towards creating community economic self-sufficiency in Halifax and Warren Counties. This project will organize a cooperative study of circles, a proven method of co-op development since the Rochdale Pioneers of 19th century England. The process will be developed into a replicable model that can be applied to other socially disadvantaged communities and implemented by other Cooperative Development Centers. |
| NE | Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts | Mike Flood (01) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | UNL Board of Regents | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups. Cooperative models will be explored with Hispanic, Native American and female populations to expand growing vegetables, home health cooperatives and childcare cooperatives. Funding will assist eight groups and one cooperative will be formed. |
| NH | Jeanne Shaheen Maggie Hassan | Chris Pappas (01) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Cooperatives for a Better World | | \$56,155 | This Rural Development investment will be used to design and operate a cooperative startup development program with an emphasis on supporting the needs of entrepreneurs from socially disadvantaged groups and rural areas. This project is expected to support the early-stage development of at least five new cooperatives. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers. |

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| OK | James Lankford Markwayne Mullin | Josh Brecheen (02) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Cherokee Nation | | \$140,608 | This Rural Development investment will be used to fund technical assistance to socially disadvantaged cooperatives within the Cherokee Nation. These cooperatives will receive technical assistance and training for organizational and management structure, community tourism, market research, business planning and organizational/project feasibility, as well as entrepreneurial and leadership skills development. Ten cooperatives have been identified to receive assistance with plans to reach at least 35 cooperatives total. |
| PA | Bob Casey John Fetterman | Lloyd Smucker (11) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Keystone Development Center Inc | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance for the business development of cooperatives in rural areas for three socially disadvantaged groups. Keystone Development Center (KDC) will work in collaboration with a grass-fed lamb producer cooperative led by female ranchers in rural Maryland, an all-women owned dance studio cooperative in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and the Rappahannock Tribe in Virginia to establish a producer cooperative that will create wellness products and organic produce on Tribal-owned land. KDC's key focus areas are to build knowledge and skills in technical areas, business management, cooperative governance and invest in the development of strong leadership skills. |
| PR | | Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Fondo de Inversion Y Desarrollo Coop | | \$75,300 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance to four Hispanic cooperatives situated in rural areas of Puerto Rico through conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans that will determine the potential and demand for expansion, as well as the viability of construction infrastructures. |
| TN | Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty | Mark Green (07) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Southeast Center for Cooperative Development | | \$174,994 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide funds for training and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas. The Southeast Center for Cooperative Development will administer the project with a focus on the formation of co-op business models in west Tennessee. |

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| TX | John Cornyn Ted Cruz | Joaquin Castro (20) Greg Casar (35) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | The University of Texas at San Antonio | | \$74,430 | This Rural Development investment will be used to hire Retail Strategies to provide three rural communities as a resource to empower the community leadership on best practices for retail business attraction and retention. The program will provide six hours of education focusing on retail trends, analytics, real estate analysis for retail and restaurant attraction. Additionally, Retail Strategies will provide each participating community with electronic and customized data analytics designed to provide proven strategies and tools to attract retail businesses into the community. The University of Texas at San Antonio s Institute for Economic Development will provide technical assistance to participating communities. While the plan will not immediately create new jobs, the benefit to each community participating will be long term as businesses move into the area. |
| WA | Patty Murray Maria Cantwell | Marilyn Strickland (10) | Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant | Northwest Cooperative Development Center | | \$175,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to advise and educate members of socially-disadvantaged groups, specifically involving cooperatives and cooperative business model development. Technical assistance will include co-op business model education Funds will be used to ensure technical assistance is accompanied by interpreters or translations, when needed, to fully involve members of the co-ops. This project will assist 13 Cooperatives and assist 13 Socially Disadvantaged Groups. |
| Value-Added Producer Grant | | | | | | | |
| AK | Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan | Mary Peltola (At Large) | Value-Added Producer Grant | Alaska Beauty Peony Cooperative | | \$250,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Alaska Beauty Peony Cooperative process peony flowers into dried peony tea in southcentral Alaska. The business plans to expand their market by selling online, in farmers markets, via the Alaska Food Hub, and through wholesale gift shows throughout Alaska. |
| CA | Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler | Doug LaMalfa (01) | Value Added Producer Grant | Sunsweet Growers Inc | | \$250,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used to pay for value added processing and supplies of prune juice at Sunsweet Growers. As a result, the recipient is anticipating an increase in revenue and customer base. |



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| ID | Mike Crapo James Risch | Mike Simpson (02) | Value-Added Producer Grant | Snake River Seed Cooperative Inc | | \$49,967 | This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital funds to expand processing and marketing of the applicant's regionally produced garden seeds. Value is added to the seeds by isolation distances necessary to produce pure seed, and by a producer agreement to adhere to sustainable and/or organic production practices. This project is expected to create one job in Boise, Idaho. |
| MT | Jon Tester Steve Daines | Ryan Zinke (01) | Value-Added Producer Grant | Western Montana Growers Cooperative | | \$246,447 | This Rural Development investment will be used by the Western Montana Growers Cooperative in Missoula, Montana to expand the customer base and enhance profitability. This independent, 35- producer owned cooperative aggregates locally sourced produce, meats, dairy, eggs, and honey within a 400-mile radius of Missoula. The grant will provide working capital funds for distribution to new customers within the market and the business is projected to gain 50 new wholesale customers and increase revenue by \$2,300,000 through the grant period. |
| OR | Ron Wyden Jeff Merkley | Suzanne Bonamici (01) | Value-Added Producer Grant | Tillamook County Creamery Association | | \$250,000 | This Rural Development investment will be used for working capital to expand the sales of their milk to cheese products through the use of online sales through marketing and advertising, in addition to producing and delivering product due to the higher demand resulting from advertising. This will yield an increase demand and price stability for their owners and improve profitability for their farmer-owners. |
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