

# USDA Rural Development Rural Health What We Do

\*All data is from Fiscal Year 2023

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

By addressing the social determinants of health, 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 Broadband (FY23 \$1.98 billion)

These programs enhance access to medical specialists and reduces the need for transportation to a health care facility for those who cannot afford to get there.



## Economic Stability (FY23 \$3.01 billion)

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



## Housing and Healthy Neighborhoods (FY23 \$10.26 billion)

These funds support single and multifamily housing, along with green-space loans and grants for rural people and communities.



### Modern Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (FY23 \$882 million)

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 (FY23 \$5.28 billion)

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



### Emergency Medical Service Deserts (FY23 \$328.3 million)

Community Facilities Grant and Loan programs support purchase of equipment to modernize health care facilities and provide associated services, such as lab work and emergency transportation.



### Mental Health and Substance Use (FY23 \$12.97 million)

USDA Rural Development collaborates with other USDA agencies to incorporate behavioral health education and resources into programs such as the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA), Rural Health and Safety Education grants (FY23 \$3.39 million) and Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FY23 \$9.59 million).

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