

Rural Health Success Stories



◆ NORTH

Funds from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (information at this link: tinyurl.com/2n3exps4) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - available at this link: tinyurl.com/5basfe9x) are being used to develop a versatile space to provide nutrition education, and to help distribute healthy and traditional foods to Tribal members using a grocery store model. Read the whole success story at this link: tinyurl.com/yckfn9c2.



◆ EAST

USDA Rural Development invested \$99.4 million in Community Facilities program funds toward a critical expansion project of a century-old rural hospital; the largest single USDA RD investment ever in New Jersey. An additional \$1 million Emergency Rural Health Care Grant will equip rooms to meet critical care standards for treating highly contagious or critically ill patients. Read the whole success story at this link: tinyurl.com/4fc5k7ys.



◆ SOUTH

In 2023, USDA Rural Development's ReConnect Program (information at this link: tinyurl.com/36hfy6x4) provided a nearly \$8.2 million grant to finance a project to provide broadband service in rural South Carolina. Home Telephone Company matched this funding to extend the fiber optic cable over 153 square miles, connecting 3,780 homes, 19 educational facilities, and eight critical community facilities. Read the whole success story at this link: tinyurl.com/5fm7szk5.



◆ WEST

Funds from the Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (also known as the 2501 Program) allowed the Kohala Center, a community-based nonprofit organization in Waimea, Hawaii Island, to build a more *'āina-based economy by helping agricultural producers and practitioners increase food production, expand distribution channels, create jobs, and stabilize energy costs. Read the whole success story at this link: tinyurl.com/y9sp77vf.