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USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Rural Transportation Systems and Connect People to More Economic Opportunities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6, 2025 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that USDA is seeking applicants to provide technical assistance to enhance rural transportation systems that will connect people to more economic resources in their communities.

The grants are part of the [Rural Business Development Grant](#) program. Eligible applicants should be qualified, experienced national organizations seeking to provide rural communities with training and technical assistance to improve passenger transportation services and facilities.

Organizations receiving funding typically support Tribal, local and regional governments; public transit agencies; and related nonprofit and for-profit organizations in rural areas.

USDA expects to make approximately \$750,000 in grants available in fiscal year 2025.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects.
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

Applications must be submitted to the [nearest USDA office](#) by April 7 at 4:30 p.m. local time.

Additional information is available beginning on page 584 of the Jan. 6, 2025 [Federal Register](#).

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