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USDA to Host Jan. 8 Webinar on Resources to Improve Rural Economies and Enhance Local Arts and Community Centers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3, 2025 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today is inviting rural leaders to join a webinar on **Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. ET**, to learn about resources to invest in local arts and community centers, which are key to enhancing economic growth and quality of life in rural areas.

To register, visit [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

USDA Rural Development offers programs and services to build, expand and improve community-based businesses, including movie theaters and performing arts venues.

Program staff will discuss how funding can upgrade equipment, install renewable energy systems, finance expansions and more.

Staff will preview a new resource guide that will help people better navigate these programs. USDA expects to make the guide publicly available in the coming weeks.

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