

## Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

This program provides financial backing for rural businesses, including healthcare operations.

Funds can be used for several healthcare projects, including: business conversion or development; purchase and development of land; purchase of equipment, machinery, supplies, or inventory; or refinancing when new jobs are added. Eligible borrowers include businesses, nonprofits and cooperatives, Federally Recognized Tribes, public bodies, and individuals. Applicants work with private-sector lenders. USDA Rural Development provides a guarantee for the loan.

The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project is located in an eligible rural area.

## Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

This program provides financing to eligible Rural Utilities Service electric or telecommunications borrowers to promote rural community healthcare projects.

USDA Rural Development provides funds to local utilities, which are passed through to entities for projects that can support healthcare facilities and services in rural areas.

## For More Information

Information on all USDA Rural Development programs is available online or from the office serving your area.



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## Assistance for Rural Healthcare



[www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)

1 (800) 670-6553 (toll free)

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Does your community need more healthcare options? We offer financial assistance to improve rural healthcare facilities, equipment, and services.

Assistance under these programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.

## Community Facilities Loans & Grants

We offer flexible, inexpensive funding available to improve your rural community. We can help you build large projects like hospitals and clinics, and small ones like healthcare equipment, to make your community a better place to live. We provide direct loans and grants and work with private lenders to offer loan guarantees. Our guarantee makes it possible for the lender to provide a more affordable financing option.

Community Facilities assistance is available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes to build, expand, or improve facilities and services for healthcare, education, public safety, and public services.

We encourage you to contact your local USDA Rural Development office to discuss a potential project and to apply.

Community Facilities programs are available to assist areas with populations up to 20,000.

## Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

Applicants can purchase equipment to expand access to quality healthcare and education services in rural areas. Grants fund equipment and technical assistance to install and use technology that brings healthcare providers and patients together. For example, this program can link medical service providers and teachers in one area to patients and students in another. Most healthcare and education providers are eligible to apply, including State and local governments, Federally Recognized Tribes, nonprofits, and businesses.

