

Native Community Development Financial Institution Relending Demonstration Program

What does this program do?

The Native Community Development Financial Institution (Native CDFI) Relending Demonstration Program is designed to improve homeownership opportunities for Native American Tribes, Alaska Native Communities, and Native Hawaiian Communities in rural areas.

The program provides mortgage lending capital to Native CDFIs through a 33-year loan at 1-percent interest, with a three-year payment deferral at loan onset. These demonstration program loans are then passed through to eligible mortgage loan recipients living on Tribal Lands.

Who can apply for this program?

Entities certified as Native Community Development Financial Institutions by the U.S. Treasury Secretary can apply.

What is an eligible area?

Eligible areas include:

- Tribal lands as defined in the Notice of Funding Announcement published in the Federal Register and available on the Native CDFI Relending Demonstration Program webpage at this link: tinyurl.com/mr43rdfa.
- Land as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 USC 1606(a) – available at this link: tinyurl.com/2mfwtffx - PDF)
- Hawaiian Homelands as defined in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 USC 4221 – available at this link: tinyurl.com/yj9hbfm6 - PDF)
- Areas designated by the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior as being near – or next to – reservations where financial assistance and social service programs are provided. Information is available at this link: tinyurl.com/mrxjzc6b.

How can funds be used?

Native CDFI Relending Demonstration Program funds must be used to provide direct loans to recipients to buy, build, rehabilitate, improve, or relocate a primary residence on eligible land. The borrower must use the dwelling as their permanent residence.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Yes. Please check the program website at tinyurl.com/NativeCommDev for application deadline information.

What are some of the loan terms?

- Individual loans have terms of 33 years at 1-percent, fixed interest.
- USDA Rural Development will defer principal and interest payments for the first three years of the loan.
- Relending Demonstration loan funds must be provided to individual loan recipients within three years of the loan closing date.

How do we get started?

Application documents are available at this link: tinyurl.com/mr43rdfa. You can also request paper application packages from USDA Rural Development by sending an email to SFHDIRECTPROGRAM@usda.gov.

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What governs this program?

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026 ([Congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/7148](https://www.congress.gov/bills/119/congress/house-bill/7148))
- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended: 7 CFR, Part 3550 ([tinyurl.com/CFR73550](https://www.tinyurl.com/CFR73550))
- HB-1-3550 - Single Family Housing Direct Program Field Office Handbook ([RD.usda.gov/resources/directives/handbooks](https://rd.usda.gov/resources/directives/handbooks))



This QR code leads to the USDA RD Native CDFI Relending Demonstration Program webpage.

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local USDA Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: [tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices](https://www.tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices). You will find additional RD program resources at rd.usda.gov.

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