

# Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP)

## What does this program do?

**The Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) helps lower energy bills for people in rural America and reduces barriers to investment in energy efficiency projects. RESP provides loans to utilities, municipalities and others who then lend those funds to people and businesses in rural America for cost-effective, energy efficiency projects. Authorized by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill, RESP helps to build a cleaner, more sustainable domestic energy sector now and for future generations.**



Rural Energy Savings  
Program Website

## Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Utilities
- Nonprofits
- Municipalities
- Energy efficiency service providers

## How can funds be used?

Funds can be used to reduce energy costs or implement energy-saving measures, like:

- Window replacement
- Implementation of solar systems
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) replacement

## How do I learn more?

For more information, go to our website, available at this link, [tinyurl.com/RUSSavings](https://tinyurl.com/RUSSavings) or call us at (202) 720-9545.

## How do we get started?

Applications for the RESP program are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, those interested should submit a letter of intent to [RESP@usda.gov](mailto:RESP@usda.gov).

For a sample letter of intent, go to the RESP webpage, available at this link: [tinyurl.com/RUSSavings](https://tinyurl.com/RUSSavings). Click on the "To Apply" tab.

## What governs this program?

These loans are made available under the authority of section 6407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U. S.C. 8107a) (Section 6407, available at this link: [tinyurl.com/FSRIA8107a](https://tinyurl.com/FSRIA8107a)).

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**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://tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices). You will find additional RD program resources at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov). Information about other USDA programs and services is available at this link: [ask.usda.gov](https://ask.usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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