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USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Rural Transportation Systems Opening the Door to Economic Opportunities for People Living in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small today announced that USDA is accepting applications to enhance the operation of rural transportation systems. These investments in rural transportation build opportunity and prosperity for the people who live in rural communities by connecting them to economic resources they may not otherwise be able to access.

The grants are part of the [Rural Business Development Grant](#) program. Eligible applicants are qualified national organizations seeking to provide rural communities with training and technical assistance to improve passenger transportation services and facilities. USDA does not provide funding directly to individuals under this program.

USDA is offering [priority points](#) to projects that advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, advance equity and combat climate change. These extra points will increase the likelihood of funding for projects seeking to address these critical challenges in rural America.

Applications will be scored, reviewed, and selected on a competitive basis. Applications must be submitted to the applicant's [nearest USDA office](#) by April 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. local time. Additional information is available on page 2406 of the Jan 14, 2022, [Federal Register](#).

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