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Brownsfields 101 Funding Resources

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Agency Goals

- 1. Increase economic opportunity in rural America
- 2. Improve the quality of life for all rural Americans

Lead Federal Agency Serving Rural America



USDA Rural Development

Over 40 Programs Delivered

- Utilities / Infrastructure
- Business
- Housing (Single-family & Multi-family)



USDA Rural Development Community Development Programs Community Development

- What are your community's needs?
- What capital projects is your community contemplating?
- What capital projects should they be contemplating?



USDA Rural Development Community Development Programs

Community Development

- How might the projects be developed?
- Have we prioritized our needs?



USDA Rural Development Community Development Programs

Community Development What does the list include?

Heath Care Child Care

Water Quality Fire and Rescue

Storm Shelter / Siren Community Transportation

Business Park



USDA Rural Development Community Development Programs

- Where might we find financial help?
 - Community Contributions
 - USDA Rural Development
 - Other financial partners



USDA Rural Development Community Development Programs

- USDA Rural Development has numerous programs to help address community projects:
 - Water & Environmental Programs (WEP)
 - Essential Community Facilities (CF)
 - Housing development
 - Business development



Community Development Programs

- Water & Environmental Program
- Distance Learning & Telemedicine
- Rural Electric Loan
- Community Facility



Water & Environmental Program (WEP)



Water & Waste Disposal Program

Purpose:

 Develop and upgrade rural water distribution and waste water facilities

Eligible Areas:

Rural Communities with a population of less than 10,000



Community Facility Program (CF)



Community Facility Program

- Program Purpose:
 - Enhance / improve essential community services and/or facilities
 - Public Service
 - Public Safety
 - Health Care
- Eligible Areas:
 - Rural areas with a population of less than 20,000



Community Facility Program

Eligible Categories

- Fire Trucks and Equipment.
- Rescue and Ambulance Vehicles & Equipment.
- Police Vehicles.



Rural fire truck, north central Kansas

Fire department truck and equipment, southeast Kansas





Community Facility Program

Eligible Categories

- Hospitals/Admin. Buildings
- Physicians Clinics
- Out-Patient Care
- Migrant Health Centers
- County Health
 Department Facilities

Local Hospital



Trego County



Community Facility Program Eligible Categories



Rural fire station, north central Kansas

Ambulance,
 Fire, Police,
 Rescue

Building

Rural fire station, northeast Kansas





Community Facility Program "Before & After"



Former Library



Former City Hall





New City Hall / Library



Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Program







Home Buyer Benefits

- 103.5% LTV
- No Mortgage Insurance
- 30 Year Fixed Rate
- Partner with Approved Lenders
- No Loan Limit
- Fees & Repairs may be Financed
- Unlimited Gifts or Seller Contributions



GRH Loan Purposes

- Purchase New
 - Stick, Modular or Manufactured
- Purchase Existing
 - Stick, Modular
- Repairs (initial loan only)
- Typical Loan Closing Costs to 100% of appraisal
- 3.5% GRH Fee can be financed above appraised value
- Limited Refinance: RD Direct or GRH ONLY
- Rural areas with a population up to 50,000



Prohibited Purposes

- Furniture & Personal Property
- Existing Manufactured Home
- Income Producing Property
- In-Ground Swimming Pool



502 DIRECT RURAL HOUSING LOANS



Direct Housing Loans – loans made by USDA Rural Development to low and very low income applicants to buy, build or repair homes—payments may be subsidized.



Direct Guidelines

Loan Terms

- Up to 100% of the Appraised Value
- Maximum repayment period is 33 years & under certain conditions, 38 years
- Interest rate currently 4.675% Interest rate can be subsidized to as low as 1%. Borrowers will always pay at least 24% of adjusted gross income.
- Rural areas with a population up to 50,000



Business Programs

- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan
- Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant
- Rural Business Enterprise Grant
- Renewable Energy / Energy Efficiency



Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Program (B&I)



B&I Guaranteed Loan Program

Program Purpose:

- Create and maintain employment & improve the economic climate in rural communities.
- Assist in creating and saving jobs

Eligible Area:

Rural areas with a population up to 50,000



B&I Guaranteed Loan Program

• Eligible Entities:

 Any legal entity, including individuals, corporations, public and private organizations and federally recognized Indian tribal groups



B&I Guaranteed Loan Program

- Eligible Purposes eligibility includes, but not limited to:
 - Business acquisitions
 - Construction / Expansion
 - Repair / Modernization
 - Development Costs
 - Equipment purchase
 - Start-up working capital
 - Refinancing under certain conditions



Manufacturing facility



central Kansas

Grain handling facility



southeast Kansas



Cotton Gin



southwest Kansas



Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

Program Purpose:

- Loans to eligible utilities to make a passthru loan to a rural business
- Grants to eligible utilities to establish revolving loan funds to initially make loans to eligible rural projects
- Eligible Areas:
 - Rural areas with population up to 50,000



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

- Eligible Entities:
 - Electric and Telephone Rural Utility Cooperatives
- Eligible Ultimate Loan/Grant Recipients:
 - Any legal entity, including individuals, public bodies, and federally recognized Indian Tribes



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

- Term (Loan):
 - Maximum of 10 years
- Interest Rate (Loan):
 - -0% (Loan)



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

Eligible Types of Projects

- Grocery Store
- Community College Improvements
- Livestock Handling Equipment
- Feed Mill
- Seed Company
- Industrial Building
- Repair Shops

- Hospital Improvement
- Library
- Furniture Business
- Supply Store
- Implement Dealer
- Fire / Emergency Vehicles
- Hotels



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program







Electrical repair company northeast Kansas



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP or 9007)



What size of grant is available?

- Not exceed 25% of total eligible project costs
- Minimum grant request
 - Renewable energy system \$2,500
 - Energy efficiency improvements \$1,500
- Maximum grant request
 - Renewable energy system \$500,000
 - Energy efficiency improvements \$250,000



Maximum grants per applicant per fiscal year is \$750,000

What size of Guaranteed <u>Loan</u> (GL) is available?

- Not exceed 75% of total eligible project costs
- Maximum combination GL and grant cannot exceed 75% of total eligible project costs
- Minimum GL request is \$5,000 (less grant amount)
- Maximum GL request is \$10 million



Can combine with up to \$25M of Business and Industry GL for larger projects

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

- Agricultural producers directly engaged in ag production (≥ 50% of their gross income)
- Rural small businesses that meet the SBA Size Standards
- Demonstrated financial need
- Project must be located in a rural area
- Non-profit organizations and public entities are excluded



Actual Definitions available in 7 CFR Part 4280

What projects are eligible?

- Purchase RE or make EE improvements
- <u>Pre-commercial</u> or commercially available, and replicable technology (No Research and Development)
- Technical Merit and located in a rural area
- Sufficient revenues for O&M, Maintenance & Debt Service
- Applicant must own the project and control the revenues and expenses, including O&M



Pre-Commercial: at least one commercial unit in operation for at least 1 full year in U.S.

Eligible uses

- Post-application purchase and installation of equipment; (except agricultural tillage equipment & vehicles)
- Post-application construction or project improvements; (except residential)
- Energy audits or assessments;
- Permit fees and Feasibility Studies;
- Professional service fees; (except application preparation)



Only costs identified in the Energy Audit for energy efficiency improvements are allowed (EE)

Energy Efficiency Examples

- Building Envelope
- Lighting
- HVAC Systems
- Water Heating
- Power Systems
- Refrigeration

- Grain Drying and Curing
- Irrigation
- Fans and Blowers
- Compressors
- Pumps

EE Projects must have the previous 12 months history of energy use in order to measure savings from the project improvements.



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