

Rural Development:

*Building communities
in Colorado from
the ground up*



Building Communities



Rural Development Programs

- **Housing programs** – funding for rural citizens to buy, build or renovate decent housing, rental opportunities.
- **Business programs** - funds for the growth and establishment of local businesses and cooperatives.
- **Community facilities programs** - funding and technical assistance for schools, health clinics, libraries, assisted living, and emergency response facilities
- **Utilities programs** - helping rural communities to improve water, energy, broadband, electric, and telecommunications services

Business Development



Rural Business Programs

- Rural Business Enterprise Grant
- Rural Business Opportunity Grant
- Intermediary Relending Program
- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan
- Value Added Producer Grant
- Rural Energy for America Program

Rural Business Opportunity Grant

- **To promote sustainable economic development:**
- **Public bodies, Indian Tribes, non-profit corporations, and cooperatives may apply**
- **Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 10,000**

Funds used to develop feasibility studies, technical assistance, for business and economic development, planning, and training

Rural Business Enterprise Grant

To finance and facilitate the development of community economic programs which will assist small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas:

- Non-profit corporations, Indian Tribes, and public bodies may apply
- Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 50,000

Funds may be used for revolving loan fund, technical assistance, or other business development

Intermediary Relending Program

- Comprised of two elements: **Intermediary** - a private non-profit corp., profit, public agency, cooperative, or Indian Tribe who borrows from government; **Ultimate Recipient** - individuals whom the intermediary makes loans to
- Goal is capitalize locally run revolving loan programs for small businesses unable to obtain adequate bank financing
- Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with population less than 25,000

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

- To promote specific community or business development projects that will improve the economic condition of rural areas
- Electric and telephone cooperatives which were financed by Rural Utilities Service may apply
- Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with population less than 50,000

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan

- Provide incentive for business lending which will save and create jobs in rural areas, Rural Development guarantees business loans made by banks
- Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 50,000
- Loans used for real estate, equipment, working capital, and refinancing - for non-farm businesses, integrated businesses (agriculture with processing)

Value Added Producer Grants

- Help producers increase their profit margins by adding value to their commodities.
- Planning
- Working Capital



VAPG – Eligible Applicant

- Farmer or Rancher Cooperative
- Agricultural Producer Groups
- Majority Controlled Producer
- Independent Producer

Rural Energy For America Program

- Renewable Energy
 - *Wind, Solar, Biomass, Geothermal, Hydrogen, Hydro*
- Energy Efficiency
 - *Facilities, Buildings, Processes*
- Audit
- Feasibility Studies

Rural Energy For America Program

- Agricultural Producers
- Rural Small Businesses



Rural Energy For America Program

- Grant Funding
 - *25% of total project cost or*
 - *\$500,000 for Renewable Energy Projects*
 - *\$250,000 for Energy Efficiency Projects*
- *which ever is less



Rural Energy For America Program

- Guaranteed Loan Funding
 - *For loans/loan and grant combos*
 - 75% of total project costs up to \$25 million
 - Guarantees:
 - *85% guarantee under \$600,000*
 - *80% guarantee for loans between \$600,000 to \$5 million*
 - *70% guarantee for loans between \$5 million to \$10 million*
 - *60% guarantee for loans over \$10 million*

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