



USDA Rural Development Introduction

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One USDA, Seven Mission Areas

Farm & Foreign
Agricultural
Services

Food, Nutrition
& Consumer
Services

Food Safety

Marketing &
Regulatory
Programs

Natural
Resources &
Environment

Research,
Education &
Economics

Rural
Development

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Mission Statement:

"To increase economic opportunity
and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans."

USDA Rural Development
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Seven - Rural Development Offices in Washington State

West Side

*Mount Vernon
Area Office*

Port Angeles

*Olympia State &
Area Offices*

East Side

Spokane Office

*Wenatchee Area
Office*

Yakima Area Office



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USDA Rural Development has over 60 financial assistance programs for a variety of rural applications in housing, business, renewable energy, and critical infrastructure.



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**Utilities + Community
Facilities + Housing +
Business Programs = RD**

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Some USDA RD Programs for Rural Communities

Community Facilities

Construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services.

Water & Wastewater Loans and Grants

For clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants(RCDG)

A versatile program which can be used to improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects

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USDA Eligibility Varies by Program



Eligibility varies by Population and Area Income

- Water and Wastewater financing = areas of 10k pop. or less
- Community Facility financing = 20k pop. or less, and priority for communities < 5,500 pop.
- Rural Community Development Initiative Grants(RCDG) = <50k

Example: Urban areas (in tan) are not eligible for direct loans through the water infrastructure program

Source: [Eligibility \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/eligibility)

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Other Resources

Income and Rural Eligibility

- <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

Handbooks and Regulations

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/directives/handbooks>

State and Local Office Contacts

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>

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