USDA Rural Development

• USDA Rural Development Mission
  – Committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America

• Priorities
  – Infrastructure
  – Partnerships
  – Innovation
In 2018 USDA Rural Development Invested $416 million in Rural Kansas

- 45 rural Kansas business received a total of $12.3 million in financing
- 1,449 families or individuals bought or repaired a home in rural Kansas
- 35 rural Kansas community projects received a total of $109 million in financing
- 36 rural Kansas communities received a total of $99 million in financing to improve water and sewer infrastructure
### Community Programs

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Note. Community Programs generally have a population limit of 20,000. However, the new farm bill extends population on guaranteed loans up to 50,000.
• This program provides funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, which is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area

• Eligible borrowers are: Public bodies, Community-based non-profit corporations and Federally-recognized Tribes
Community Facilities – Eligible Projects

Health care
- Hospital/Medical Clinic/Dental Clinic
- Medical Equipment
- Nursing Home/Assisted Living

Public Safety
- Fire Station/Fire and Rescue Equipment
- Ambulance
- Police Equipment

Public Service
- Storm Siren/Shelter
- Library/Museum
- Schools/Cafeteria

Public Facilities
- Courthouses
- Street Improvements
- Community Centers

Community Support
- Child care centers
- Fairgrounds
- Food Pantry/Farmers Market
The city of Fowler received a $1,400 Community Facilities Grant. The city purchased shelves for the Fowler Public Library to display and preserve educational materials, and contributed $7,941 towards the project.
Marion County invested in a new 800-megahertz emergency communications system for all county departments. The county sheriff’s office updated its 20-year old dispatch system, five county fire districts and two police departments also purchased new radios.

USDA provided a $202,000 loan and $82,100 grant to Marion County through its Community Facilities Program.
Community Facilities

Smith County Memorial Hospital

USDA Rural Development invested $27.725 million to build a new 62,000 square-foot critical access hospital and clinic in Smith Center. The 16-bed facility will house all hospital services in one building: Inpatient Care, Labor and Delivery, Emergency Department, Surgery, Laboratory, Radiology, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Cardiopulmonary Rehab, a Therapy Pool, Physician clinic, and Outpatient Specialty Clinics.
# Water & Environmental Programs

## Loan/Loan Guarantees
- Water & Waste Disposal Loans

## Grants
- Water & Waste Disposal Grants
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households
- Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Costs

*Note. Water & Environmental Programs generally have a population limit of 10,000. However, the new Farm Bill extends population limits of guaranteed loans to 50,000.*
Water & Waste Disposal Program

• This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

• Currently Taking Project Applications
  – Take applications year round

• Kansas Inter-Agency Committee (KIAC) Meetings
  – Preliminary Engineering Reports sooner in the process
  – The sooner that RD is involved in the process the better
  – ePER’s
Additional WEP Planning & Assistance Grants

• Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grants
  – Smaller communities (less than 2,500) with no matching funds available
  – 100 percent

• Predevelopment Planning Grants
  – Communities have some matching funds, typically little bigger communities
  – 75 percent, 25 percent matching funds

• Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)
  – This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water
The city of Reserve received $214,000 Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) loan and a $295,000 WWD grant to improve the city’s water infrastructure. The original infrastructure was constructed in the 1930s. This project will install 9,700 linear feet of PVC water line, 12 fire hydrants and 55 service connections/meters. Improvements to the city’s water storage tank include repair/repainting, new telemetry system, recirculation system.
A new 250,000 gallon water storage tank and 1.7-million gallon per day water treatment plant was built by Public Wholesale Water Supply District #25 in Douglas County. Two Rural Water Districts came together to form the PWWSD after declines in water quantity and quality from Clinton Reservoir.

USDA Rural Development provided a $16.9 million Water and Waste Disposal Loan.
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- Rural Business Development Grants  
- Value Added Producer Grants |

*Note. Business Programs generally have a population limit of 50,000.*
Rural Energy for America Program

- Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements
- Renewable Energy
  - Solar, Geothermal, Wind
- Energy Efficiency
  - HVAC, Insulation, Lighting, Cooling, Doors, Windows, Irrigation Motors, EE Equipment

Krehbiels Specialty Meats – McPherson, KS
• Grocery store had freezer and cooler cases that were more than 20 years old
• Total project cost was $123,953, business received a $30,988 (25%) REAP grant to help install new freezer and cooler cases
• New cases have saved the store at least $600 a month
Current Deadlines
April 1, 2019

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Rural Business Development Grants

- RBDG finances and facilitates the development of small and emerging rural businesses, help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment-related adult education programs

- RBDG funds were used to purchase and install solar panels and equipment at Cloud County Community College, for its solar program
Rural Business Development Grants

Current Deadline
March 29, 2019

Application Available Online

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ReConnect Program

• The program will be designed to focus on rural area where at least 90% of the households to be served shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to broadband, defined for this pilot program as 10 Mbps downstream, and 1 Mbps Upstream
  
  • 100 Percent Grant
    Up to $200,000,000 is available for grants. 25% cash match required. May 31 deadline.
  
  • 50 Percent Loan / 50 Percent Grant
    Up to $200,000,000 is available for loan/grant combinations. Loan and grant amounts will always be equal. June 21 deadline.
  
  • 100 Percent Loan
    Up to $200,000,000 is available for loans. USDA will evaluate and award loan-only projects on a first-come-first-serve basis. July 12 deadline.
Telecommunications Program

- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants**
  - Helps rural residents tap into the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the Internet for education and health care, two of the keys to economic and community development
    - Applications with an opioid focus are due April 15
    - All other applications due May 15

- **Community Connect**
  - Helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream is eligible.
    - Applications due April 15
Housing Programs

• Single Family Housing
  • Home Mortgages
  • Home Repair Loans and Grants
  • Generally rural areas with a population of less than 35,000 are eligible

• Multi-Family Housing
  • Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
  • Rental assistance for families, elderly and disabled residents

Jamie Tittel in her new home in Riley, Kansas.
Think of USDA Rural Development not only as a funding source, but as a partner in creating opportunities for rural communities.
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