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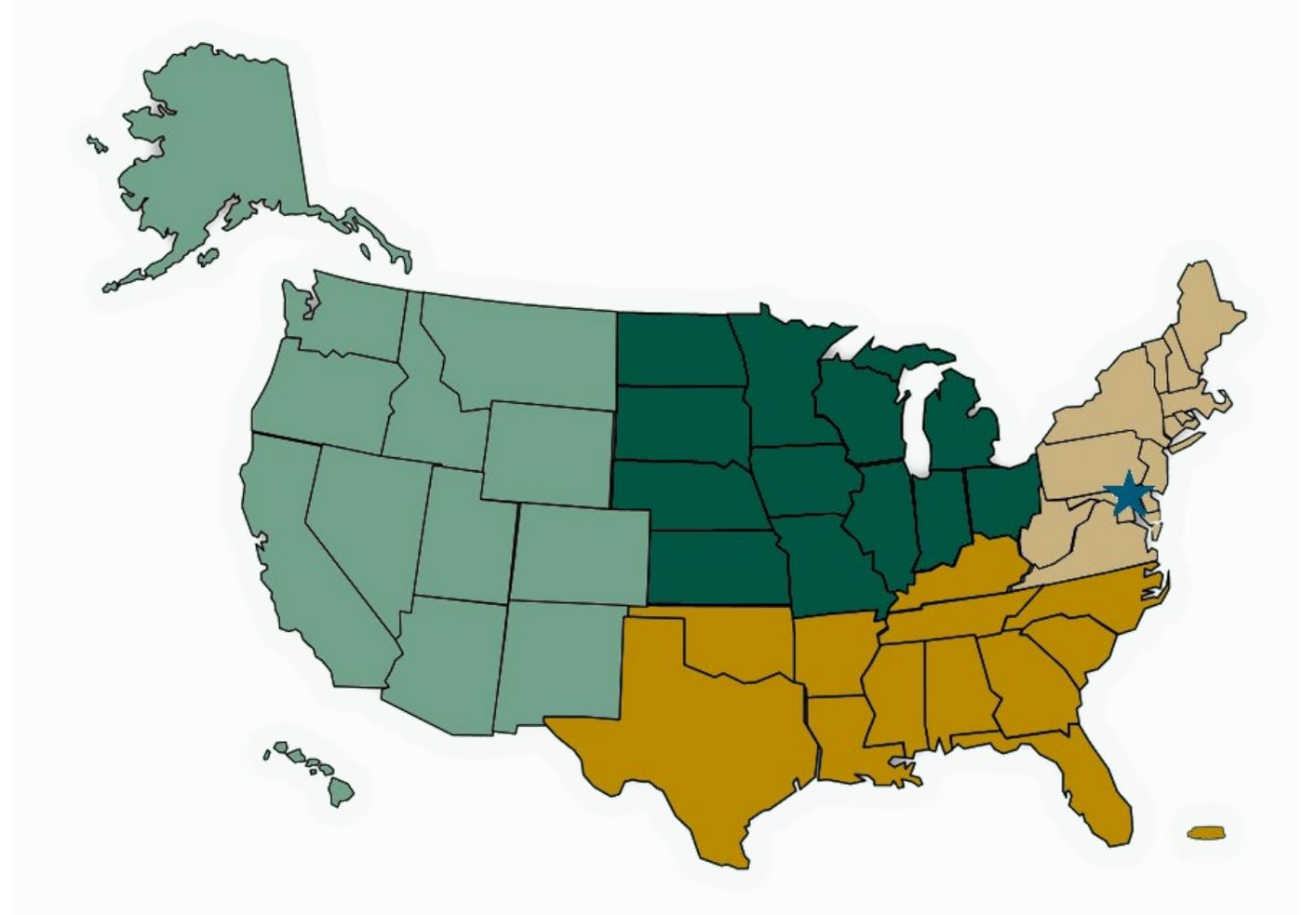
USDA Rural Development Offices

4 Regions

47 State Offices

400 Area Offices

1 National Office in DC



Rural Development (RD) - Community Facilities

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CF Program | Programs and Funding



Program	Objective	FY 2022 Funding Level	FY 2022 Obligated	FY 2022 Available (CR)
Direct Loans	Improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities. Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.	\$2.8 Billion	\$439 Million	\$1.2 Billion
Guaranteed Loans	This program provides loan guarantees to eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 50,000 residents.	\$650 Million	\$33 Million	\$267 Million
CF Grants	Improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities. Facilities must primarily serve rural residents with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.	\$36.1 Million	\$2.3 Million	\$14.7 million
Technical Assistance and Training Grants	The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.	\$1.9 Million	Undistributed	NOSA Under Development
Rural Community Development Initiative	To facilitate housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects.	\$6 Million	Undistributed	NOSA Published
Tribal College Grants	This program provides funding to 1994 Land Grant Institutions (Tribal Colleges) to make capital improvements to their educational facilities and to purchase equipment.	\$10 Million	Undistributed	Undistributed

Community Facilities Program Overview

- Community Facilities Programs offer fixed rate, low-cost **direct loans, loan guarantees** and **grants** to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America.
- These amenities help **increase the competitiveness of rural communities** in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for their residents.
- These facilities **improve the basic quality of life** and assist in the development and sustainability of rural America.



Community Facilities Programs Overview

- Offers direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities
- Eligible Purposes: Construct, expand, renovate, or improve essential community facilities



Community Facilities Program Overview

- **Essential Community Facilities**
 - Health Care Facilities & Equipment
 - Education & Cultural Facilities
 - Public Buildings & Equipment
 - Public Safety Facilities
 - Other (Natural Gas Distribution, Fairgrounds, Levees, Dams, Farmers Markets,...)



Community Facilities Programs Overview: Who's Eligible

- An applicant must be:
 - A public body
 - A not-for-profit organization
 - Native American tribe on Federal or State Reservations or other Federally recognized tribes
- Facility must be located in a town/city/village with a population:
 - Under 20,000 for a direct loan and/or grant
 - Under 50,000 for guaranteed loans.
- Projects must primarily serve rural residents residing in communities with a population:
 - Under 20,000 for a direct loan and/or grant
 - Under 50,000 for guaranteed loans.
- Applicant must be unable to finance the project from their own resources or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.



Community Facilities Programs Overview: Direct Loans

CF Direct Loan Rates and Terms

- Interest rates currently at 2.5% (Interest rates change quarterly)
- 40-year term or useful life
- Adequate security to protect the interest of the Government
- Repayment ability



Community Facilities Programs Overview: Grant Programs

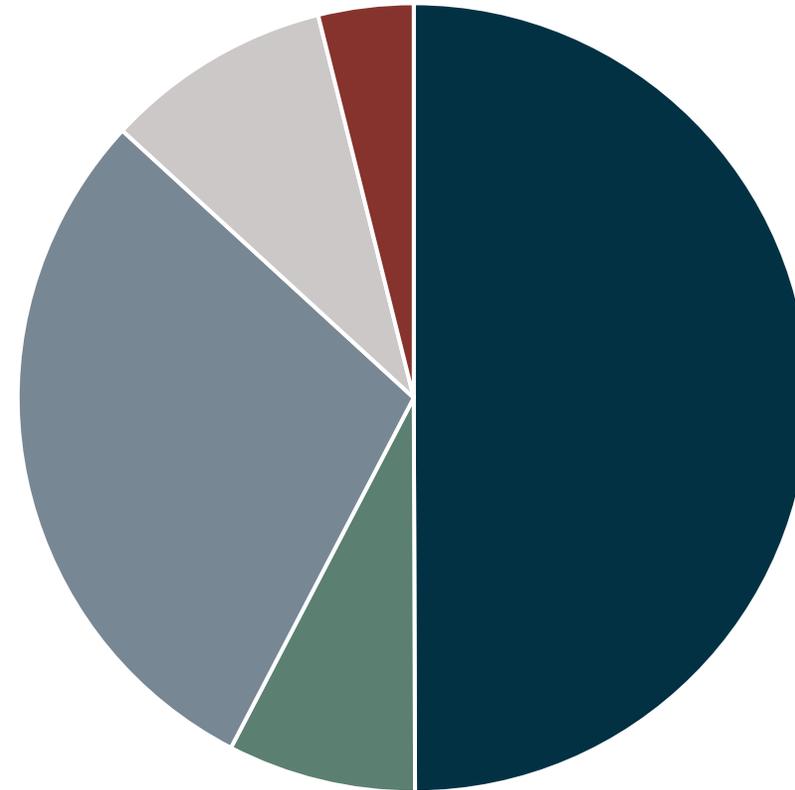
CF Regular Grants

- Limited grant funds available for the most-needy communities
 - Average grant obligated in FY21 was \$42,000
- Same eligibility requirements as the direct loan program
- Grant funds cannot exceed 75 percent of the cost of project and authorized on a graduated basis
- Grant funding limitations are based on population and income, economic feasibility and availability of grant funds
- Projects are selected based on a priority point system. Points are assigned based on population, income and other priorities
- Maximum grant assistance cannot exceed the lower of the qualifying percentage of eligible project cost determined, minimum amount sufficient to provide for economic feasibility as determined, and either 50 percent of the annual State allocation or \$50,000, whichever is greater

Community Facilities Programs

- Healthcare \$6.2 Billion
- Education \$3.6 Billion
- Public Buildings \$1.2 Billion
- Public Safety \$1.0 Billion
- Other \$0.5 Billion

Community Facilities - Total Portfolio



■ Healthcare ■ Public Safety ■ Education ■ Public Buildings ■ Other

Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants

Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants is a step by step guide to help applicants apply for a Community Facilities Direct loan.

This guide book outlines the application process, financial feasibility requirements, construction and closing of an essential community facility for small towns and rural areas.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/community-facilities-programs>



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Together, America Prospers

Emergency Rural Health Care Grants American Rescue Plan Act

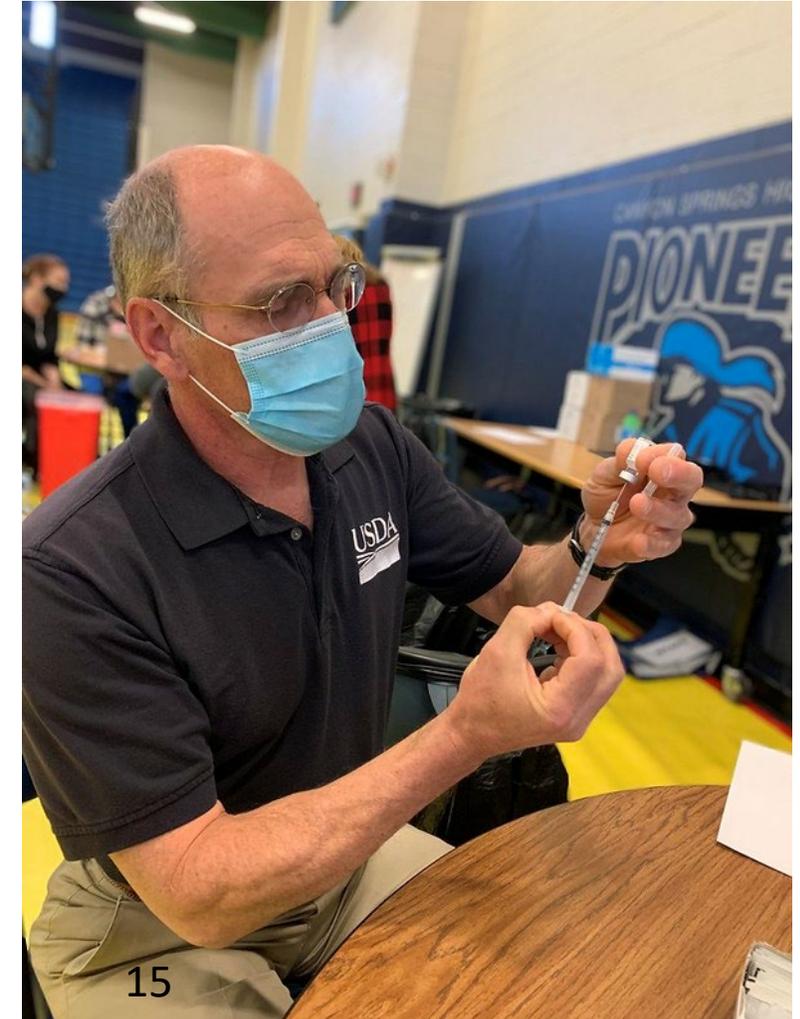
This program provides up to \$500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities.

Funding was made available to eligible applicants through two tracks:

- **Track One: Recovery Grants** provide immediate relief to address economic conditions arising from the COVID-19 emergency. Grants range from \$25,000 - \$1 million.
- **Track Two: Impact Grants** advance ideas and solutions to solve regional health care problems to support the long-term sustainability of rural health. Grants range from \$5 million - \$10 million.

Applications accepted until funding no longer available

Deadline October 12, 2021; Applications no longer accepted



Rural Community Development Initiative - RCDI

- Grants to build capacity for housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects
- Rural for this program is a population of 50,000 or less
- RCDI has the “train the trainer” concept
- RCDI program has a dollar-for-dollar match requirement
- Grant amounts range from \$50,000 - \$250,000
- Funding announcement is published in the Federal Register
- \$6 Million is generally available

Technical Assistance and Training Grants - TAT

Grants can be used to:

- Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identify resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Prepare applications for Agency financial assistance
- Improve the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities
- Rural for this program is a population of 20,000 or less

Community Facilities Loans and Grants

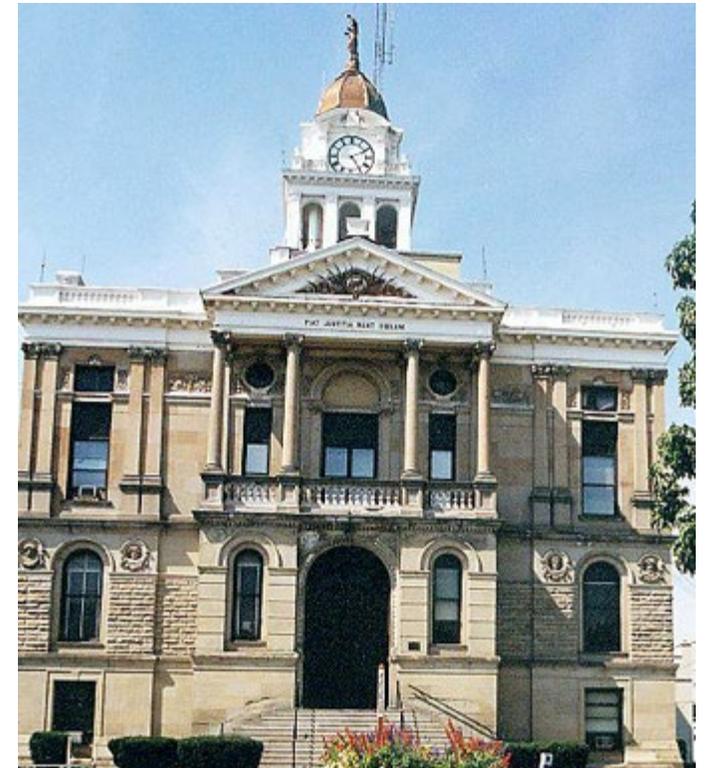
Project Examples

Project: Fayette County Courthouse Restoration(OH)

- CF Direct Loan

CF Direct: \$1.85 million

- Renovate and restore a historic landmark constructed in 1834 and is still in use today.
- CF loan Funds used to upgrade mechanical systems that improve the buildings safety and energy efficacy. Also, to improve the buildings ADA compliance.



Project: Fort Edward Rescue Squad (NY)

- CF Direct Loan

CF Direct: \$12.3 million

- Construction of A new building to house the rescue team.
- Former facility was not compliant with current codes and regulations and was not handicap accessible, provided inadequate overnight sleeping quarters and will not accommodate the replacement of the next vehicle due to ceiling height. It does not have adequate space for storage or training.
- The new building has space for the squad's storage and training needs.



Project: City of Mercer(ND) - Direct/Grant Combination

CF Direct: \$19,600

CF Grant: \$4,800

- Funding used to purchase a Skid steer loader for snow removal
- It was not financially feasible for the city to contract to this work out and the current equipment is not dependable



Project: Nadeau Township(MI) - Direct/Grant Combination

CF Direct: \$160,000
CF Grant: \$135,000

- Purchase of a new firetruck
- Towns existing fire truck was an outdated 25-year-old vehicle that did not have proper foaming capabilities.



Project: city of Aitkin(MN)

- CF Direct Loan

CF Direct: \$12.3 million

- Purchase of portable generators to aid in power outage and emergency power supply



Project: Upper Dauphin County Emergency Services(PA) - Direct/Grant Combination

CF Direct: \$78,500

CF Grant: \$15,000

- Purchase of new Ambulance and other rescue equipment such defibrillators to replace failing equipment



Project: Village of Palestine(IL) - Grant

CF Grant: \$10,600

- Emergency warning systems to alert the public of impending weather dangers.
- Critical for a town that has a history of tornados in the area. Would also be used to warn the public of other dangers such as chemical spills



Project: Wild Rose Fire District(WI) - Direct/Grant Combination

CF Direct: \$710,000

CF Grant: \$100,000

- Construction of a new fire station to replace outdated and unsafe existing facility
- New Building includes drive through bays for fire and emergency vehicles. Office and meeting room spaces for trainings and debriefings and adequate storage space for tools and equipment



Contact Information

Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

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