

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the network of Regional Development Organizations (RDOs) that NADO represents across the country support federal programs and regional initiatives that improve economic conditions and quality of life in America's rural and small metropolitan communities.

Across the country, RDOs serve as catalysts for regional economic development, urban and rural planning, public-private partnerships, and strategic initiatives designed to fulfill locally-identified priorities. RDOs collectively assist thousands of cities and counties with economic development, workforce training, transportation planning, public infrastructure, affordable housing, disaster prevention, public health, and other community services.



The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) provides advocacy, education, research, and training for the nation's network of RDOs. NADO's 2019 legislative priorities include:

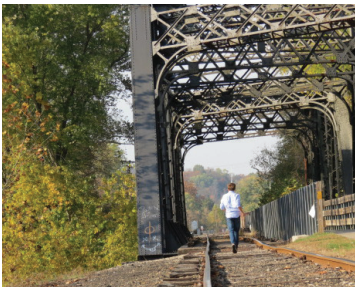
Economic Development

- Reauthorize the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) with an emphasis on public works and planning grants, especially in distressed rural communities
- Support legislative changes to localize control of EDA Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) in order to end burdensome reporting requirements on RLF recipients
- Prioritize long-term economic sustainability in post-disaster recovery efforts
- Maintain SBA's 504 Certified Development Company microloan lending and technical assistance program
- Support authorized funding levels set by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and continued support of locally-driven Workforce Investment Boards with enhanced regional coordination service delivery



Community Development

- Promote robust funding for flexible, locally-driven community development through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Maintain full funding and program flexibility for HHS Area Agencies on Aging
- Support EPA's brownfields cleanup and assessment programs and support the recovery of administrative costs consistent with other federal programs





Transportation & Infrastructure

- Support programs and policies to plan, coordinate, rehabilitate, and maintain highway, public transportation, non-motorized transportation, short line railroad, and road safety improvements that benefit underserved and rural regions
- Promote affordable, advanced, and accessible telecommunications and broadband services in underserved and rural areas
- Support federal-state partnerships to assist state and local governments and regional development organizations in planning, developing, and maintaining water and wastewater infrastructure systems including revolving loan funds
- Strengthen the role of Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) in the transportation planning process, building upon provisions enacted in MAP-21 and continued under the FAST Act
- Support efforts to shore up the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund
- Support the application of new and emerging technologies in transportation to improve safety and mobility in rural and small metropolitan communities



Rural Development

- Support USDA rural development grant and loan programs for infrastructure improvements, business development, community facilities, housing, broadband services, and their regional set-aside initiative



Federal-State Commissions

- Support funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Delta Regional Authority (DRA), Denali Commission, Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), and other federal-state regional commissions at authorized levels, including support for ARC and DRA local development districts



Disaster Prevention and Emergency Preparedness

- Ensure small metropolitan and rural areas receive adequate resources and equitable access to the broad portfolio of homeland security and emergency preparedness programs, including first responder emergency management performance grants and pre-disaster mitigation resources; in addition, fully fund FEMA's floodplain map modernizations and mitigation programs

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