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**Rural Development
Working for Rural Communities**

Our Mission

- Increase **Economic Opportunity** and Improve the **Quality of Life** for people living in Rural Communities



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Program Areas

Homes



Community



Business



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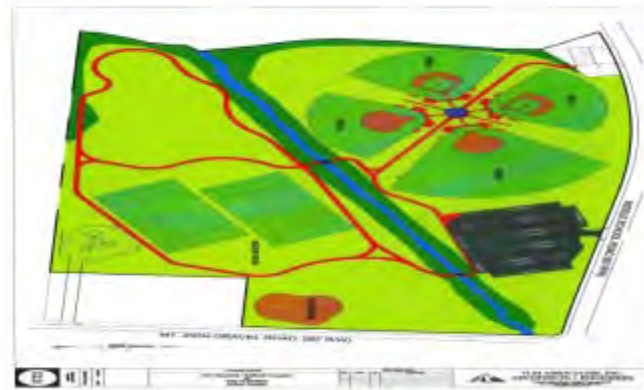
Homes

- Guaranteed Loans
 - Up to 115% of median income for an area
 - 30 years
 - Low fixed rate
- Direct Loans
 - 50-80% of median income for area to qualify
 - 33 years
- Home Repair
 - 50% of median income for area to qualify
 - To improve safety or remove health concerns
 - Loans up to \$20,000
 - Grants to \$7,500
- Multi-Family Housing
 - Available for families 50-80% of median income for area



Community Programs

- Safe, reliable drinking water
- Waste disposal
- Healthcare
- Education
- Job training
- First responder equipment
- Community facilities
- Rural electric
- Rural Telephone
- Broadband
- Distance learning
- Telemedicine projects



Community Programs Con't.

- Direct and Guaranteed Loans
 - Communities less than 20,000 in population
 - Funds can be used to construct, enlarge or improve:
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Public safety
 - Public services
 - Three levels of interest rate
 - Poverty = 4.5%
 - Intermediate = midpoint between poverty & market
 - Market = set by the US Treasury



Broadband & Telecommunications

- Broadband
 - Eligible Areas
 - Town or area with more than 20,000 population
 - Urbanized area with more than 50,000 population
- Telecommunications
 - Cost of Money Loans
 - Guaranteed Loans
 - Hardship Loans
 - Can be used for:
 - Improvements
 - Expansions
 - Constuction



Water and Waste Disposal

- Direct Loans and Grants
 - Population of less than 10,000
 - Loans with a maximum of 40 year terms
 - Terms change quarterly
- Guaranteed Loans
 - Population less than 10,000
 - Not to exceed 80% of the loan
 - Not to exceed 40 years



Rural Business Programs

- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
 - Improve, develop, finance businesses
 - Funds can be used for:
 - Acquisitions
 - Conversion, enlargement, repair
 - Land purchases
 - Equipment purchases
 - 60-80% guarantee depending on loan amount
 - Loan terms between 7 and 15 years



Rural Business Programs Con't

- Intermediary Relending Program
 - Designed to alleviate poverty & spur employment
 - Up to \$2 million in loans
 - \$1 million in subsequent application
 - Funds can be used for:
 - Acquisition
 - Land purchase
 - Equipment purchase
 - Start up costs
 - Pollution control
 - Transportation services
 - Feasibility studies
 - Hotels, motels, B&B, convention centers



Rural Business Programs Con't

- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant
 - Provides funding through local utilities
 - Zero-interest loans to service providers
 - Funds can be used for:
 - Capitalization of revolving loan funds
 - Technical assistance in conjunction with funded projects
 - Community development assistance
 - Facilities and equipment for education and training
 - Facilities and equipment for medical care
 - Telecommunications/computer networks for distance learning



Energy Programs

Rural businesses are eligible for grants to fund

- Energy Efficiency improvements
- Renewable energy production



Energy Programs

Eligibility

- Rural Business or Agricultural Producer
- U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residency
- 51% or more U.S. owned
- No Fed Judgments, Delinquencies, Debarment
- Demonstrated Financial Need (Grants)



Naifeh's Food Rite



Ethanol Grain Processors – Farmer Coop

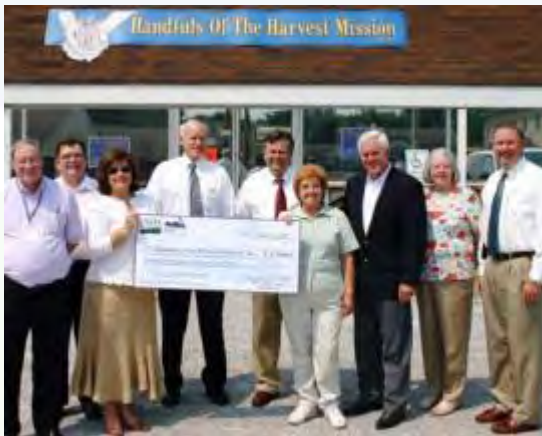
Value-Added Programs

- Up to 50% matching grants
 - planning activities
 - working capital
 - farm-based renewable energy production
- Eligibility
 - independent producers
 - farmer and rancher cooperatives
 - agricultural producer groups
 - producer-based business



Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships

We are committed to helping groups and individuals learn about and access Rural Development programs that can increase their capacity to serve their community.



Jobs

We help the private sector create jobs and diversify the local economy.

- Loan-guarantees increase the pool of investment capital available
 - start-up
 - expansion
 - modernization.
- Loan and grant programs finance business-infrastructure necessary to sustain the community's economic health.



Tennessee

- Rural Business and Industry Guaranteed loan (Sillco)
 - \$1.3 Million
 - Investment created more than 40 Jobs
- Rural Business Enterprise Grant (Cumberland Culinary Center)
 - \$223,340 (multiple grants in 2 years)
 - Investment allowed 5 companies to produce local, marketable products with 8 more companies in development



Tennessee Con't

- Single Family Housing Home Loan (Kinner Family)
 - \$79,827
 - Investment provided single mother the dream of homeownership
- Rural Broadband (Twin Lakes)
 - \$16,076,833 Infrastructure Loan
 - \$16,076,834 Infrastructure Grant
 - Investment created 349 jobs
 - Brought broadband to more than 5,000 homes and businesses



“Leadership is a
choice, not a
position”

-Dr. Steven R. Covey

8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness





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