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# OVERVIEW

- More than 220 organizations from across the country
- Advocating for investment in infrastructure that recognizes rural America's needs are fundamentally unique
- Infrastructure improvements are needed for U.S. to maintain status as the global leader in agriculture & support rural communities
- Solutions...
  - Federal investment alone insufficient
  - Streamlined regs and requirements
  - Creativity and flexibility
  - long-term perspective (i.e. no "quick fix")

## “Working Group”



# Coalition Priorities



AG RESEARCH



BROADBAND



ENERGY



FINANCING



HEALTHCARE



TRANSPORTATION



HOUSING



WATER



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## AG RESEARCH

- Federal government should continue its history of supporting agricultural research.
- Cutting-edge research is being conducted in outdated agriculture research infrastructure.
- \$8.4 billion in total deferred maintenance outstanding in Ag Research building and infrastructure.



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## BROADBAND

- Broadband is vital to economic development, education, agriculture, health care & public safety activities.
- The High-Cost Universal Service Fund lacks sufficient resources to reach rate/service parity for rural & urban areas.
- Less federal regulatory burden for permits & access to government lands would boost investment in rural broadband.



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## ENERGY

- RUS loan program helps modernize the grid, combat cyber threats & integrate renewable energy.
- RUS loans produce net income for the Treasury – approximately \$300 million in 2016.
- Reducing the regulatory burden on RUS loans & infrastructure siting would increase development.



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## HEALTHCARE

- 80 rural hospitals closed since 2010, 673 facilities are vulnerable, making up 1/3+ of facilities.
- Funding needed for 77% of rural counties in Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- Telehealth, combined with broadband, facilitates early diagnosis & treatment in rural areas that can lead to lower health care costs.



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## HOUSING

- Low income rural Americans depend on multifamily housing loans through USDA Rural Development.
- Need to modernize housing programs such as MPR and Sections 538 and Section 521.
- Rural communities need senior care facilities, higher proportion of population over 50 years old.



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## TRANSPORTATION

- Most our locks and dams are dilapidated and have outlived their 50-year design lifespan.
- Waterways are critical corridors of commerce & supported \$128 billion in ag exports in 2015.
- Most of the US transportation system is rural: 74% of bridges and 73% of roads.



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## WATER

- 94%+ of U.S. drinking water utilities supply communities with fewer than 10,000 persons.
- USDA Water and Waste Water program backlog is \$2.5 billion, with 995 pending applications.
- Aging & deteriorating systems beyond useful life/with have the greatest public health needs need priority.



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## FINANCING

- Access to affordable and long-term financing options is critical for rural infrastructure projects.
- Rural infrastructure facilities often are smaller, don't attract major financial institutions.
- Federal funding often is limited for rural projects, private sector financing partners are needed.



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### **100-Year-Old Mission**

*Support rural communities  
and agriculture with reliable,  
consistent credit and financial  
services, today and tomorrow.*

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## Farm Credit Facts

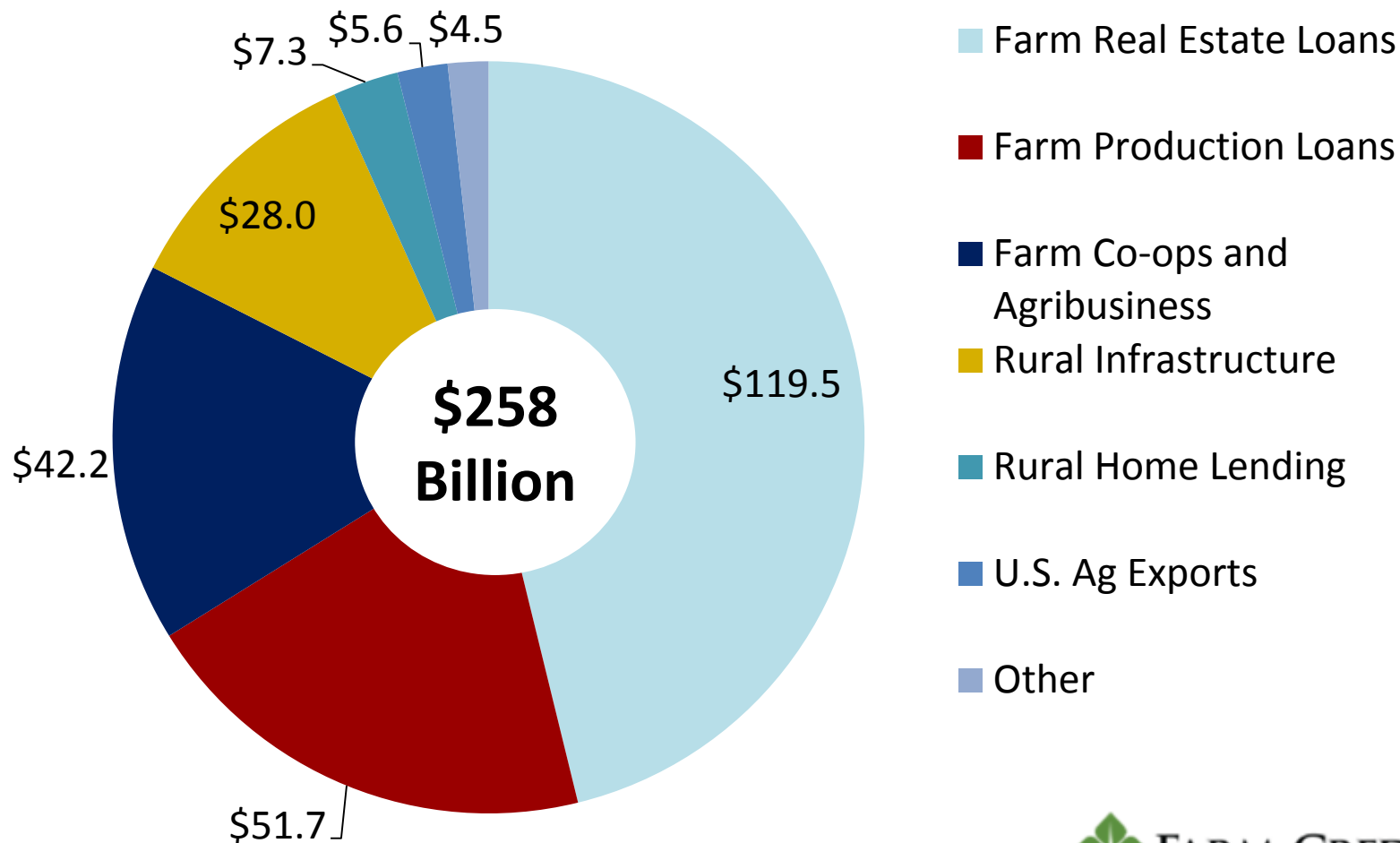
- Customer-owned Cooperative
- Provides Loans and Financial Services
- Nationwide Service
- No Government Funding
- Created in 1916
- Agriculture Committee Jurisdiction
- Regulated by Farm Credit

Administration



# Supporting Rural Communities and Agriculture

## Farm Credit Loans

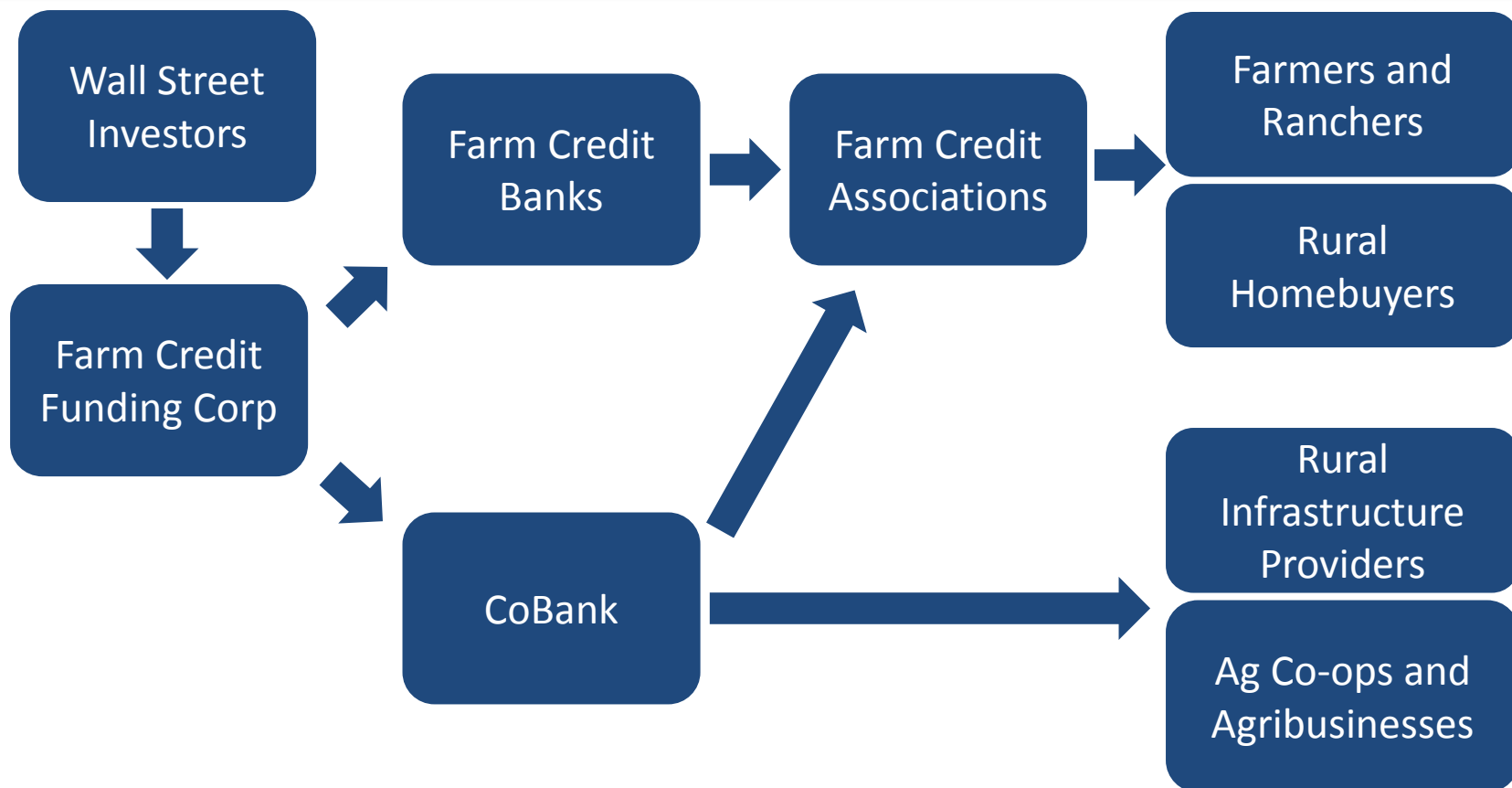


\$billions, 12/31/17



# Supporting Rural Communities and Agriculture

## Farm Credit Funding Flows from Wall Street to Rural America



## The Administration Proposal

- \$200 billion in increased federal spending to leverage to \$1.5 trillion in total investment
- “One Agency, One Decision” and other measures to streamline the permitting process down to two years
- Reforms and increases in current infrastructure programs
- Workforce Development
- Reforms to Public Land Infrastructure and financing, Disposition of Federal Real Property and creation of Federal Capital Financing Fund
- Rural Infrastructure Program
  - \$50 billion in total Federal Investment
  - \$40 billion in grants to states
  - \$10 billion for “rural performance grants”
  - Eligible asset classes under this proposal: Transportation, Broadband, Water/Wastewater, Power/Electric & Water Resources



## Senate Democrats Proposal

- \$1.022 trillion federal investment
  - Pay for by repealing some provisions in the “ Tax Reforms and Jobs Act”
- Increases funding for many exciting infrastructure programs and targets a board range of asset classes

Reconstruct Roads & Bridges	\$100B	Improve Airports	\$30B
Revitalize Main Street	\$100B	Address Ports & Waterways	\$10B
Expand TIGER	\$10B	Build Resilient Communities	\$25B
Rehabilitate Water and Sewer	\$110B	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Energy Infrastructure	\$100B
Modernize Rail Infrastructure	\$50B	Expand Broadband	\$20B
Repair & Expand Transit	\$130B	Invest in Public Lands & Tribal Infrastructure	\$20B
Vital Infrastructure Program	\$200B	Modernize VA Hospitals	\$10B
Rebuild Public Schools	\$75B	Provide Innovative Financing Tools	\$10B

### Provisions for increased rural infrastructure funding:

- Roads & Bridges by \$45 billion,
- Water and Sewers by \$35 billion,
- Broadband projects by \$40 billion,
- Rural Transit projects by \$6.5 billion,
- Tribal & Federal Lands by \$25 billion,
- Small and Medium sized airports by \$15 billion,
- An estimated \$9 billion for Rural School
- Housing and Community Development in Rural and Tribal Communities by \$3 billion

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## Infrastructure on the Hill

- As many as 11 committees could have jurisdiction of over sections of any possible infrastructure proposal
- Some recent hearings on Infrastructure:
  - House Ag Committee : The State of Infrastructure in Rural America (July 19, 2017)
  - Senate EPW: The Administration's Framework for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America (March 1, 2018)
  - House T&I Committee: Examining the Administration's Infrastructure Proposal (March 6, 2018)
  - Senate Commerce Committee: Rebuilding Infrastructure in America: State and Local Transportation Needs (March 13, 2018)
  - Senate Commerce Committee : Rebuilding Infrastructure in America: Investing in Next Generation Broadband (March 13, 2018)
  - Senate Commerce Committee : Rebuilding Infrastructure in America: Administration Perspectives (March 14, 2018)



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Questions?  
Thank You!



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