



USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2018 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

ACTION NEEDED: Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to fund the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Development programs at final fiscal year (FY) 2017 levels for the FY2018 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations measure.

BACKGROUND: USDA Rural Development operates many grant and loan programs important to rural communities and regions. These programs include grant funding and loan financing for water/wastewater projects, community facilities, broadband, and business development.

LATEST ACTION: Since the beginning of FY2018 on October 1, 2017, the federal government has been operating under a series of continuing resolutions, the latest of which expires on March 23, 2018.

The House approved an omnibus spending package for FY2018 in September 2017, but the Senate did not complete work on its FY2018 appropriations bills.

On February 12, 2018, the Trump administration released its FY2019 budget proposal, “Efficient, Effective, Accountable: An American Budget.” The budget requests \$465 billion for non-defense discretionary spending and \$627 for defense discretionary spending. The proposal includes \$19 billion for USDA.

Following figures reflect FY2017 final, FY2018 House passed, FY2018 Senate recommended, and FY2019 budget request:

| <i>Budget figures are in millions</i> | FY2017 Final | House FY2018 | Senate FY2018 | Pres FY2019 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rural Housing Service | \$2,068 | \$1,867 | \$1,997 | \$1,743 |
| Rural Utilities Service Loans/Grants | \$673 | \$509 | \$646 | \$123 |
| Rural Business Cooperative Service | \$103 | \$88 | \$100 | \$0 |

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For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115th Congress, see reserve.

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Majority:

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**Indicates Senator serves on the U.S. Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee*

U.S. House Appropriations Committee

Majority:

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+Indicates Chair of the U.S. House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

#Indicates Ranking Member of the U.S. Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

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