



PURPOSE

- To promote rural economic development and job creation projects

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Rural Development Utilities Programs (Rural Utility Service) Electric and Telephone utility borrowers, including former borrowers under discount prepayment program
- Financially sound organization
- Current on all Federal debts

USE OF LOAN FUNDS

- Business start-up or expansion
- Community facility and development projects
- Business incubator projects
- Medical and educational projects, including advanced telecommunications and computer networks for medical and/or educational services

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM LOAN AMOUNTS

- Maximum \$1,000,000
- Minimum \$10,000

LOAN TERMS AND REPAYMENT

- Zero-interest loan provided to the Rural Development Utilities Programs Borrower on a pass-through basis to the ultimate recipient (project owner)
- Maximum 10 year repayment period
- Payments may be deferred up to two years
- Repayment by the ultimate recipient may not be more restrictive than the repayment schedule of the Rural Development Utilities Programs Borrower
- Minimum 20% supplemental financing required of ultimate recipient

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications are submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office for review and rating
- Applications are forwarded to the USDA Rural Development National Office for the national competitive selection process
- Applications are selected for funding on a monthly basis.

COMPETITIVE SELECTION FACTORS

- Nature of the project
- Job creation projections
- Supplemental funds
- Unemployment rates
- Per capita personal income
- Change in population
- Number of long-term jobs
- Location (rural)
- Support for program - cushion of credit payments
- Probability of success
- Ownership and management of the project
- Ultimate recipient's business plan

FOR MORE INFORMATION / HOW TO APPLY

Contact the USDA Rural Development Business Program Specialist according to the project location:

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