



USDA Rural Development Resources for Communities – Grassroots 101 Training January 27, 2022

USDA Rural Development's Mission

- We are committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America
- More than 40 programs to assist rural Kansans
 - Business Programs
 - Community Programs
 - Housing Programs
 - Utilities Programs

USDA Rural Development

In Fiscal Year 2021, USDA Rural Development invested \$ million in Rural Kansas



62 rural Kansas businesses received a total of \$5.4 million in financing



33 rural Kansas community projects received a total of \$27.8 million in financing

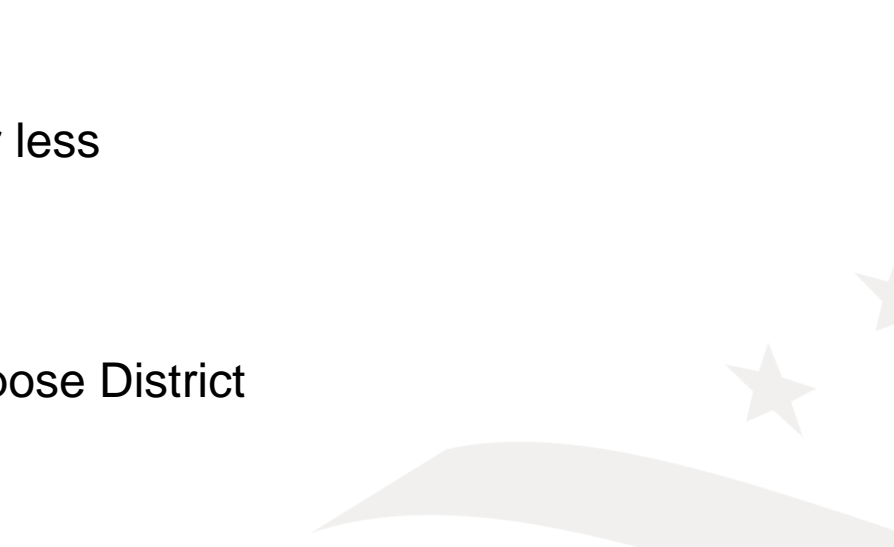


1,572 families or individuals received a total of \$196.4 million in financing to buy or repair a home in rural Kansas



24 rural Kansas communities received a total of \$50.9 million in financing to improve water/sewer infrastructure

Community Facilities – Program Purpose

- Enhance or improve essential community services and/or facilities
 - Public Safety
 - Public Service
 - Health Care
 - Eligible Areas:
 - Rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Public Bodies – County, City, Special Purpose District
 - Not-for-Profit Organizations
 - Federally recognized Indian Tribes
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Community Facilities – Eligible Projects

Health Care

Hospital/Medical
Clinic/Dental
Clinic

Medical
Equipment

Nursing
Home/Assisted
Living

Public Safety

Fire Station/Fire
and Rescue
Equipment

Ambulance

Police Equipment

Public Service

Storm
Siren/Shelter

Library/Museum

Schools/Cafeteria

Public Facilities

Courthouses

Street
Improvements

Community
Centers

Community Support

Child care centers

Fairgrounds

Food
Pantry/Farmers
Market

Community Facilities – Funding Options

- Direct Loan – USDA Rural Development makes and services the loan
- Guaranteed Loan – Bank makes the loan, USDA Rural Development guarantees the loan up to 80%
- Grants – Can be grant only or offered in conjunction with loans

In the Last Three Years, 131 Projects have been Funded in Kansas

Community Facilities Direct Loan	\$89,240,000
Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan	\$15,352,000
Community Facilities Grant	\$3,284,000

Note: **No Application Fee** to submit an application and applications are accepted year round

Community Facilities Application Process

- Application is a two-stage process:
 - Preapplication
 - Application (builds on the preapplication)
- Applications are accepted year-round, and once completed are considered for funding
- Applicants compete within Kansas for funding



Community Facilities Application Navigation Chart

Construction Project

Application conference

Public notice of project

Select professional services:

- Architect and/or engineer
- Legal representation

Provide RD professional architectural and/or engineer report for project

Complete environmental review process

Engage CPA's or other certified financial firm to prepare financial feasibility report

Equipment Project

Application conference

Public notice of project

Select professional services:

- Legal representation

Provide RD with scope of project, need for project, estimated cost

- Can use RD form

Complete environmental review process

Financial Feasibility Analysis

- Can be prepared by borrower or qualified consultant

Community Facilities Project



Through the USDA Community Facilities Program, Chase County received a \$1.213 million loan to renovate the Chase County Courthouse.

Community Facilities Project




Riley County Rural Fire District #1 received a \$650,000 Community Facilities Loan to build a new fire station.

Community Facilities Project



Community Healthcare Systems received \$17.59 million Community Facilities Direct Loan and \$2 million USDA Rural Economic Development Loan to build a new hospital in Onaga.

USDA Funding Partners

- Kansas Department of Commerce
 - Community Service Program Tax Credits
 - Community Development Block Grant
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 - FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - KDEM – Kansas Division of Emergency Management
 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - Lenders/Bankers – Guaranteed Loans
 - Other USDA Rural Development Programs
 - Other Federal programs such as HUD, EPA, etc.
 - Foundations
 - Others
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Water & Environmental Program

- Water Projects
 - Distribution
 - Treatment
- Wastewater Projects
 - Collection
 - Treatment
- Storm Water Projects
- Solid Waste Projects



Water & Environmental Program

- Program Information
 - Population of 10,000 or less
 - Up to 40-year term or life of the facility
 - Applications taken year around
- Eligible Entities
 - Public Bodies
 - Special Purpose Districts
 - Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
 - Non Profit Organizations



Water & Environmental Programs– Funding Options

- Direct Loan – USDA Rural Development makes the loan and services the loan
- Guaranteed Loan – Bank makes the loan; USDA Rural Development guarantees the loan up to 80%
- Grants – May be combined with a loan if necessary, to keep user costs reasonable

In the Last Three Years, 106 Projects have been Funded in Kansas

Water & Waste Disposal Direct Loan	\$102,371,000
Water & Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan	\$0
Water & Waste Disposal Grant	\$29,326,000

Note: **No Application Fee** to submit an application and applications are accepted year round

Water & Environmental Project



Lyon County Rural Water District #1 received \$1.871 million loan to replace the water lines in the community of Americus.

USDA Rural Development Resources

QUESTIONS?

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