Emergency Rural Health Care Grants
Track Two: Impact Grants Webinar

American Rescue Plan
Community Facilities Program, Rural Housing Service
USDA Rural Development

- Telecommunications
- Electric
- Community Facilities
- Water and Environmental
- Business and Cooperative
- Single Family Housing
- Multifamily Housing
Community Facilities

- Hospitals, health clinics
- Colleges
- Schools
- Daycares
- Fire houses, first responder vehicles and equipment
- Community centers and more
Community Facilities Programs Overview

- Offers direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities

- Eligible Applicants: Public Bodies, Non-Profits, Indian Tribes

- Eligible Purposes: Construct, expand, renovate, or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services

- Populations of 20,000 or less
Community Facilities Programs Overview

**CF Direct Loans**
- Interest rates currently at 2.25% (Interest rates change quarterly)
- 40-year term or useful life
- Adequate security to protect the interest of the Government
- Repayment ability
- Unable to obtain other commercial credit

**CF Grants**
Priority selection is based on:
- Rural population
- Median household income
- Emergencies / Natural Disaster
CF Guarantee Rates, Terms, and Fees

• Interest rate set by lender (fixed or variable)
• Term set by lender (max 40-year term or useful life)
• Adequate security to protect the interest of the Government
• Repayment ability
• Lender must be unable to make loan without guarantee
• Up to an 80% guarantee on loss currently
• Up front fee of 1.50% fee payable upon issuance of Loan Note Guarantee, and 0.50% annual renewal fee
Emergency Rural Health Care Program
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American Rescue Plan Act

This program provides up to $500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities.

Funding is available to eligible applicants through two tracks:

• **Track One: Recovery Grants** provide immediate relief to address economic conditions arising from the COVID-19 emergency. Grants range from $25,000 - $1 million.

• **Track Two: Impact Grants** advance ideas and solutions to solve regional health care problems to support the long-term sustainability of rural health. Grants range from $5 million - $10 million.

https://rd.usda.gov/erhc
**Track One: Recovery** funds must be used to support immediate health care needs stemming from the pandemic, to prepare for future pandemic events, or to increase access to quality health care services

- a) Increase capacity for vaccine distribution (cold storage, vehicle, transportation, and other equipment expenses)
- b) Provide medical supplies and equipment to increase surge capacity (PPE and lab equipment)
- c) Reimburse for lost health care-related revenue
- d) Increase telehealth capabilities
- e) Construct or renovate temporary or permanent structures to provide health care services
- f) Support staffing needs for vaccine administration and/or testing
- g) Support facility, equipment, and increased operating expenses associated with food banks and food distribution facilities
- h) To pay professional service fees and charges, only when necessary and only when secondary part of the grant
- i) To pay for pre-award costs incurred between March 13, 2020 and the proposed start date
Track Two: Impact Grants advance ideas and solutions to solve regional health care problems to support the long-term sustainability of rural health.

Track Two applicants are expected, with the help of a consortium, to do the following:

- Identify a regional health care need,
- Identify expected outcomes and aims of the proposed project,
- Identify and implement the steps necessary to further the project, and
- Evaluate the project’s progress and success toward meeting program goals to support the long-term sustainability of rural health care.

$125 million in available Track Two funding

- $5 million grant minimum
- $10 million grant maximum
- Approximately 10-15 awards nationally
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Eligible Applicants – Tracks One and Two

Who May Apply?

• Public bodies
• Nonprofits*
• Federally-recognized Tribes

Entity must be engaged in provision of health care services or nutritional assistance.

* Nonprofit applicants must also demonstrate significant ties with the local community through one or more of the following:
• Close association with, or control by, a local unit of government
• Broad-based ownership and control by members of the community
• Substantial public funding
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Eligible Applicants – Tracks One and Two

What Rural Areas?

• *Population* - Facilities must be located in & primarily serve rural areas with no more than 20,000 population based on the 2010 decennial Census data
  • Prison populations and the first 1,500 military base populations may be excluded

• *Income* - Median Household Income (MHI) of the population to be served must be less than the poverty line or 90% of statewide nonmetropolitan MHI
  • Smaller communities with the lowest median household incomes (MHI) are eligible for a higher proportion of grant funds
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Maximum Percentage of Grant – Tracks One and Two

Cost-Sharing / Matching Funds Requirement

Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- 75% when the proposed project is located in a rural community with a population of 5,000 or less and MHI of the population to be served is below the higher of the poverty line or 60% of State nonmetro MHI
- 55% when the proposed project is located in a rural community with a population of 12,000 or less and MHI of the population to be served is below the higher of the poverty line or 70% of State nonmetro MHI
- 35% when the proposed project is located in a rural community with a population of 20,000 or less and MHI of the population to be served is below the higher of the poverty line or 80% of State nonmetro MHI
- 15% when the proposed project is located in a rural community with a population of 20,000 or less and MHI of the population to be served is below the higher of the poverty line or 90% of State nonmetro MHI
Track One: Recovery Grants

- Submit applications to the Rural Development State Office where your project is located
- Applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funds are exhausted
- State Offices will conduct an initial review and selection of complete applications received by 4 p.m. local time on October 12, 2021
- Subsequent application reviews, rankings, and selections will occur thereafter

Track Two: Impact Grants

- Submit applications to the Rural Development State Office or National Office where your organization is headquartered
- Applications must be received by the applicable RD office by 4 p.m. local time on October 12, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered.