

USDA



Rural Development

Committed to the future of rural communities.

- *Improving the quality of life of all rural Americans*
- *Increasing economic opportunity in rural America*



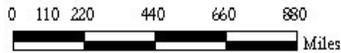
Rural America's Investment Bank

- Venture Capitalist for Rural America
- Building equity in the future of rural communities through investments
- \$90 Billion Loan Portfolio
- 800 Local Service Offices
 - 7,000 experienced Economic Development staff





Source: Office Information Program, RD full time offices



LAPAS Rural Development Offices Project
RD GIS Team
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Bush Administration Investments

Invested over \$63 Billion

– Creating or Saving over 1.1 million jobs

Through the delivery of over 40 Rural Development Programs:

- Housing
- Utilities
- Business



Rural Housing Programs

\$21.2 Billion - 234,000 single-family homes

\$1.28 Billion – 2,870 fire, rescue, and public safety vehicles, buildings, equipment

\$1.25 Billion – 755 communities with health care facilities



Rural Utilities Programs

\$19 Billion - Electric

- Over 1 million new customers receiving electric service

\$4.2 Billion - Telecommunications

- Over 1.5 million new broadband capable subscribers

\$7.8 Billion - Community Infrastructure

- Over 4,500 water/wastewater projects



Rural Business and Cooperative Programs

\$4.9 Billion -- Business Loans

- Over 2,200 loans/businesses Financed.

\$286 Million -- development and cooperative agreement/value-added grants

- 1,500 grants to support rural businesses.



Basic USDA Investment Principle

The Federal Government cannot force development to happen....

USDA Rural Development provides technical assistance, grants and loans to rural communities that demonstrate leadership and desire



USDA Grant Programs

- Competitive -- Ensuring community involvement and appropriate planning
- Involve -- USDA Rural Development personnel assist applicants
- Provide -- Seed money that stimulates additional economic development
- Support – New development, not relocation



Summary

- USDA Rural Development is the leading Advocate for rural America
- USDA Rural Development has an unmatched program distribution system

