

RURAL **HEALTH** WORKSHOP

Rural Healthcare and USDA Partnering for Healthy Communities



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Louisiana Rural Development Partnership Opportunities



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USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways.



USDA Rural Development



Administers over 40 Programs

**Supports rural communities with
loan and grant investments of
over \$50 billion annually**

**Portfolio of investments exceeds
\$220 billion**

Housing Programs





Rural Business-Cooperative Service



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Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Energy Efficiency Eligible Projects



Lighting



Heating



Cooling



Ventilation



Fans



Automated Controls



Insulation



Community Programs

Affordable funding to develop fundamental community infrastructure.



USDA



Community Facilities



Water and Environmental
Programs

FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY



- Funding is in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America.
- Public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized American Indian Tribes can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services.

Additional eligibility requirements

- Applicants must have legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, repay loans, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities
- Applicants must be unable to finance the project from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms
- Facilities must serve rural area where they are/will be located
- Project must demonstrate substantial community support
- Environmental review must be completed/acceptable

FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY



It is in the best interest that communities meet with Rural Development early in the planning phases to ensure the project moves from concept to reality efficiently.

WEST
FELICIANA
HOSPITAL

EMERGENCY



West Feliciana Parish Hospital



- USDA Rural Development invested over \$15 million to construct the a new 53,000-square-foot critical access West Feliciana Hospital that sits on 12 acres behind the existing facility. It is almost three times the size of the old hospital that was built in 1970 and repurposed for other services such as mental health and counseling.
- This hospital embodies a migration from the old building and the way health care used to be in the 70's to the new building and what health care is in the 21st century. Health care has evolved 180 degrees, from keeping patients overnight or for short periods of time in the hospital to diagnosing them and treating them and getting them home as quickly as possible. The hospital was designed and built to be convenient, comfortable, and efficient to meet the healthcare needs of rural citizens for generations to come.
- Costing roughly \$28 million, the new facility has fewer in-patient rooms—12 instead of 22 and includes a private triage area, six exam rooms, a full-service laboratory and two trauma rooms as well as newer imaging technology for MRIs, bone density testing and CT scans. A partnership with [Woman's Hospital](#) provides for 3D mammography.



West Feliciana Hospital offers expanded specialties like cardiology, podiatry, pediatrics and gynecology—services patients in the hospital's target area would typically seek in Zachary, Baton Rouge or Natchez, Mississippi. The ER features treatment rooms that allow patients to be seen quickly in a private setting, 2 state-of-the-art trauma rooms, and a psych eval room.

North Caddo Medical Center, Vivian

- USDA Rural Development invested over \$20 million to construct the new 70,000 square foot North Caddo Medical Center in Vivian, La. With this funding and local funding, the Hospital Service District demolished and replaced the old North Caddo Medical Center with a state-of-the-art Medical Center.





St James Parish
Hospital (Lutcher, LA)





'A long time coming'



**Trinity Medical Center (Vidalia,
LA)**

Madison Parish Hospital (Tallulah, LA)



Community Facility Loans and Grants Program

Interest rate: Fixed at 3.750% -- (April-June 2023)

Term: Useful life of the facility up to 40 years.

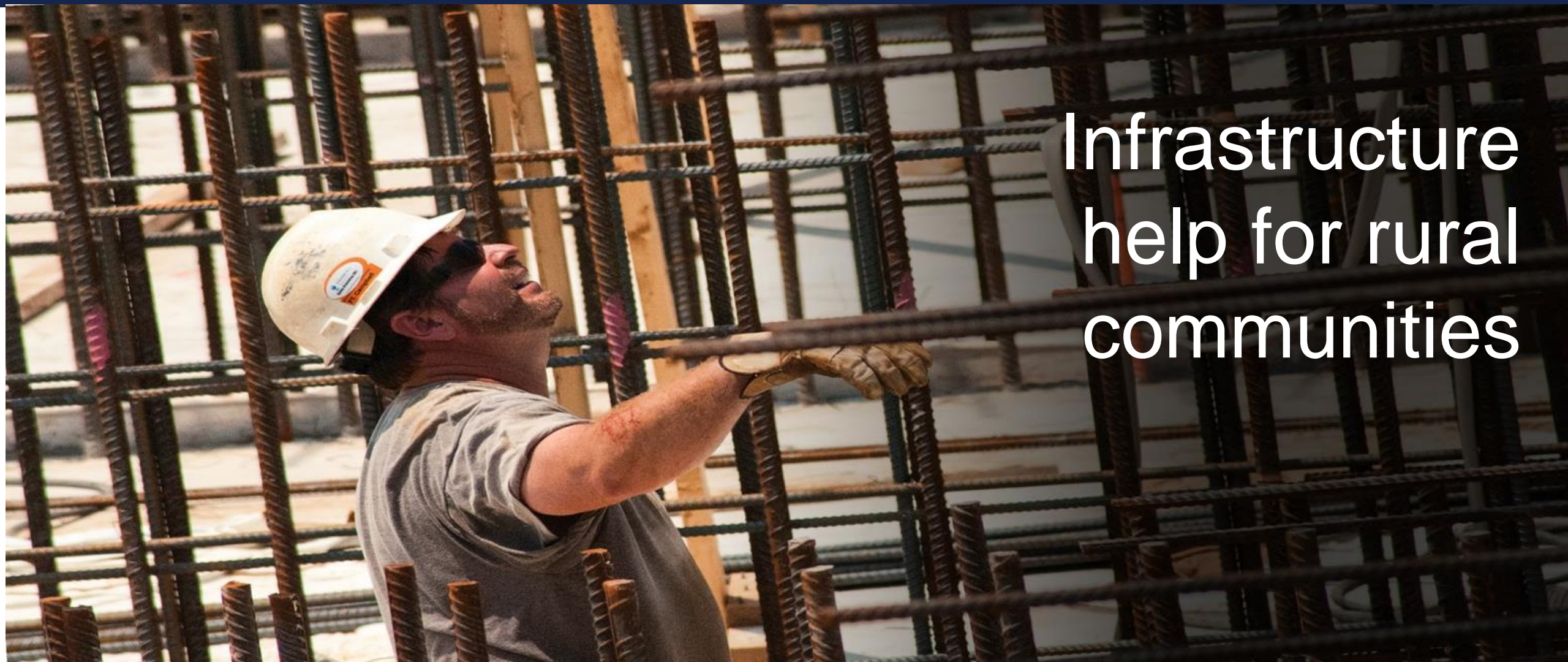
Grant Maximum: A percentage (15% - 75%) of the project costs.

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round.



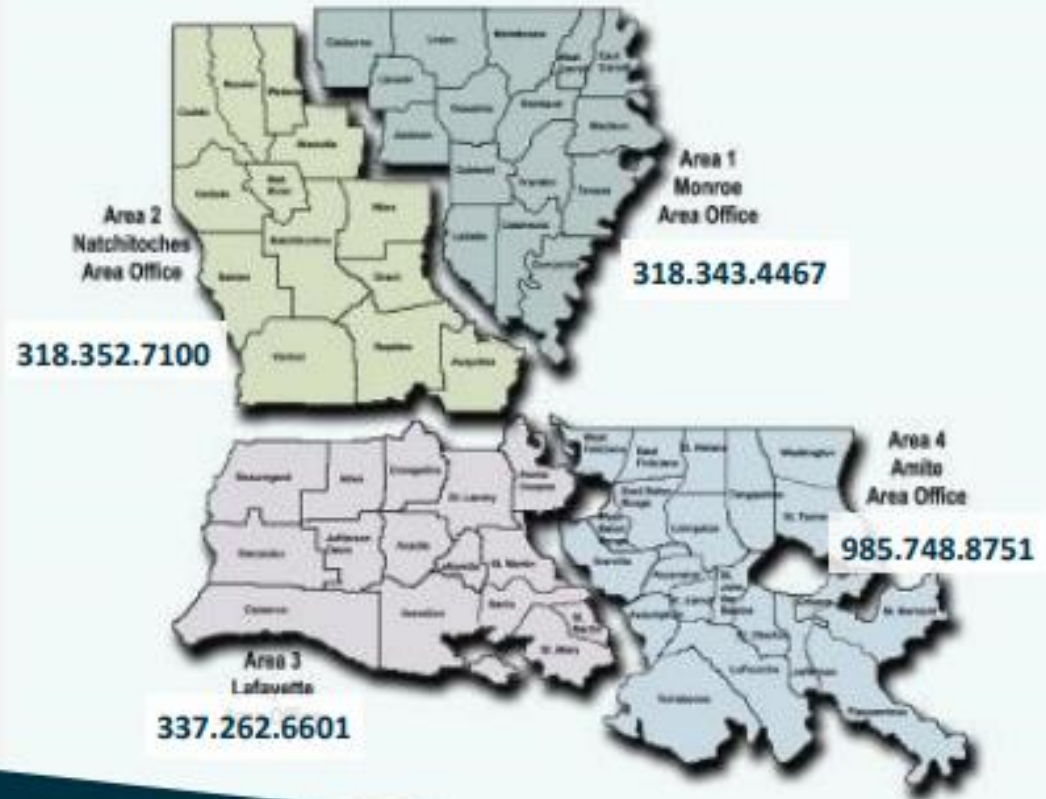
OneRD Guaranteed Loans for Community Programs

Infrastructure
help for rural
communities



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