

USDA Rural Community Facilities Loans & Grants

Total Funding Available: \$130 million (\$67 million loans; \$63 million grants)

State Funding Available: N/A

Overview:

This program provides funds to build or improve essential public facilities in cities and towns with no more than 20,000 in population. The service area for the facility must not exceed 50,000 in population.

Examples of eligible projects includes health care facilities such as hospitals and clinics, nursing homes, daycare centers, public safety facilities and equipment such as fire trucks, community buildings, educational facilities such as libraries and activity centers for disabled persons, and roads.

The fund makes both grants and loans. Loan terms are up to 40 years with collateral required for security. Funding decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Special Factors: USDA has not announced any changes to this program that are specific to the federal stimulus. Stimulus dollars are merely being added to existing funding streams, although USDA has not yet announced the mix of loans and grants available from the stimulus package.

How to Access Funding: Meet **now** with your USDA Rural Development district office for assistance in applying for this funding.

Federal Contact: www.usda.gov/recovery

State Contact: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nc/>
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Contact the appropriate USDA Rural Development district office:

- **Asheville:** (828) 254-0916 x.7
- **Jefferson:** (828) 246-2885
- **Lumberton:** (910) 739-3349
- **Asheboro:** (336) 629-4449
- **Henderson:** (252) 438-3141
- **Greenville:** (252) 752-2035
- **Smithfield:** (919) 934-6089
- **Kinston:** (252) 526-9799

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