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#### Rural Home Repair Loans \$198,805 Area I - Provo Area Office - 801-377-5580 x6 Housing Preservation Grant \$50,000 Serves Utah, Salt Lake, Wasatch, Summit Technical Assistance Grants \$2,266,080

Rural Rental Assistance \$5,056,729 Water and Environmental Loans \$8,895,000 Water and Environmental Grants \$2,855,800

Over \$116 Million From USDA Rural

Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Impacted

\$3,700,100

\$418,350

\$359,000

\$31,203,352

30,110,736

\$246,300

\$328,700

Native American Water & **Environmental Grants** 

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants \$1,249,514

Community Connect High Speed Internet/Broadband Grants \$205,416 B & I Loan Guarantees \$27,805,326

Rural Utah:

Loans

Community Facilities Direct

Community Facilities Grants

Guaranteed Home Loans

Rural Home Repair Grants

**Economic Impact Initiative Grants** 

Direct Home Ownership Loans

Rural Business Opportunity \$56,518 Grant \$418,780 Rural Business Enterprise Grants Renewable Energy, Section 9006 \$712,500 Value Added Producer Grants \$238,400

#### TOTAL FY07 IMPACT \$116,025,406

"We have the privilege of working for an agency that touches people's lives, that strengthens communities, that builds hope one business, one job and one home at a time. Our mission and structure have changed significantly over the years. While remaining absolutely committed to our core program areas, we are also reinventing ourselves once again to respond to the remarkable new opportunities arising due to distributed computing, broadband, economic diversification and not least ... renewable energy. In our present form, we are essentially an investment bank for rural America with a portfolio of more than \$97 billion. This is invested in rural infrastructure, housing, community facilities, business, and energy development. We are, in fact, the only agency in the federal government that can build an entire community from the ground up."

#### Thomas Dorr, Under Secretary of Rural Development

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## **USDA Rural Development** Utah

#### **2007 ANNUAL REPORT**



Fiscal Year 2007 was another successful year for our Utah rural communities. Rural Development has invested almost \$950,000,000 in Utah from 2001 through 2007. These funds helped provide jobs, quality housing, clean drinking

water, and modern essential community facilities and services. This assistance improves the quality of life and increases economic growth for rural residents and businesses across our great state of Utah.

A national directive of our agency is to assist our country become more energy efficient. We will be looking toward funding renewable energy projects that support energy independence for America. We will also pay increased attention to guaranteed loans for group housing and for community facilities. I'm confident Rural Development employees in Utah will bring their considerable talents into play and help ensure business, housing and community development funds are available for our rural communities. Again, Utah Rural Development will want to place emphasis on projects which will assist in energy independence for our country. We will continue to emphasize our Mutual Self Help Initiative under the housing program because of the success (over 450 owner built homes) in the past few years.

Rural Development is the only agency within USDA that can help with almost any rural need from housing and agriculture, health care and public safety, water and wastewater systems, education, broadband, distance learning and telemedicine, to assisting start-up businesses and to reviving existing ones.

Our staff truly exemplifies our national agency's commitment to the future of rural communities. I know in 2008 they will continue to help rural communities in Utah gain access to economic opportunities and the infrastructure development that is so vital to future growth.

JOHN R. COX STATE DIRECTOR

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#### COMMUNITY FACILITY PROGRAMS \$4,477,450 in FY07

#### Community Facilities (CF) Direct and Guaranteed



Loans and Grants provided funds to construct, enlarge, and improve community facilities that provide essential services and purchase equipment in rural areas. In FY07,

\$3,700,100 was funded in direct loans and \$418,350 in CF grants. This provided 14 communities with essential facilities, and served 48,000 rural residents by providing for a new charter school, buses, play ground equipment, jail, public safety facilities and equipment, a new tribal administration building and a health clinic.

Economic Impact Initiative Grants provided needed community facilities in rural communities that had extreme high unemployment and severe economic depression. \$359,000 provided for seven essential community facilities, including two fire stations, senior center vans, public works building and equipment,

ambulance, and city hall upgrades. Nearly 32,000 individuals in 23 communities were benefited.



# FY07 USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD WINNER

Rural Development proudly recognized **Kane County Water Conservancy District** as the recipient of the 2007 Project of the Year Award for their commitment, vision and success in providing for the critical utility needs of Johnson Canyon area residents. This



community met safe drinking water codes by expanding the system with added facilities including: new treatment facility, water rights, transmission and distribution lines to

enable 370 hook-ups (up from 112) and combining two systems with increased efficiency. The \$3,100,000 project was made possible with a \$2.1 loan/grant through USDA Rural Development.

**FY07 IMPACT – USDA Rural Development** through **Community Programs** assisted 80,000 individuals within 34 communities.



#### RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS \$69,132,002 in FY07

#### Single Family Direct Housing Loans/Grants

Funding is used for new construction, purchase of existing homes, and repairs for existing homes. Direct loans for new construction and purchase totaled

\$31,203,352, for 227 homes. Repair loans and grants totaled \$445,105. Utah Rural Development provided \$2,266,080 in grants to



nonprofits to administer Mutual Self Help Initiatives, with another \$50,000 for home repairs.

Rural Development has developed partnerships with nonprofit housing groups and with Olene Walker Housing Fund for home owners to build their own homes, providing opportunities for individuals to build



65% of their own home and benefit from sweat equity. Over the past seven years, 460 homes have been successfully completed with general contractor expertise.

Technical Assistance Grants: Nonprofit organizations received \$2,266,080 for self help plus \$50,000 for repair grants to administer special initiative programs. These programs included Mutual Self Help and counseling prior to home ownership and post ownership counseling.

Repair Loans and Grants: 73 rural households received assistance to repair homes and remove health and safety hazards.



**Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Loans:** Through \$30,110,736 invested by Utah Rural Development in FY07, 192 rural households have become successful homeowners through the GRH program. Rural Development provides a 90% guarantee to lenders that provide 100% financing for 30 year loans.

Multi-Family Housing (MFH) Programs: Over 2,000 MFH units are occupied throughout the state. \$5,056,729 of rental assistance allowed over 580 households to receive assistance with rental payments.

**FY07 IMPACT -USDA Rural Development** through **Housing Programs** assisted 492 individual rural households with homeownership financing, and 582 households with rental needs.



#### BUSINESS & COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS \$29,331,524 in FY07

#### **RBCS Summary Information**

Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantee Program: \$27,805,326

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program: \$418,780 Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program: \$156,518 Renewable Energy, Section 9006: \$712,500 Value Added Producer Grant: \$238,400

**B&I Guaranteed Loans:** \$27,805,326 to businesses supporting rural tourism, rural health, manufacturing,



value-added agriculture, natural resources, energy development and conservation, waste recycling, retail sales, and rural consumer needs. B&I assistance will assist 17,677 businesses to create and save 498 jobs.

Rural Business Enterprise Grants: \$418,780 in RBEG assistance to projects for truck driver training, medical coding, planning for a Native American tribe, industrial park development and 'Woody Biomass' renewable energy. RBEG funds will assist 91 businesses to create and save 209 jobs.

#### Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG):

\$156,518 in RBOG assistance to projects supporting rural Ag. Tourism, strategic planning, and business development training for a Native American tribe. RBOG funds assisted 90 businesses to create and save 225 jobs.



#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program:

\$712,500 in Section 9006 energy efficiency funding assistance to a business that will produce hydro generated 'clean' electrical power for 138 businesses. Our investment in this project is a \$250,000 grant and \$462,500 guaranteed loan.

<u>Value Added Producer Grant Program:</u> \$238,400 in VAPG assistance to rancher based ventures that will improve producer profits and expand consumer markets for value-added cattle and sheep products. VAPG funds will assist 28 businesses and producers to create and save 81 jobs.

Cooperative Programs: Cooperative development technical assistance was provided to a number of cooperatives, individuals and groups interested in forming a cooperative. Assistance included multiple bio-diesel ventures, arts and crafts proposals, marketing ventures, rural housing, cooperatives specializing in financial services, and agricultural.

**FY07 IMPACT – USDA Rural Development** through **Business Programs** assisted 184 rural businesses and created or saved 1,013 rural jobs.



#### RURAL UTILITIES PROGRAMS \$13,534,430 in FY07

#### **Water and Environmental Loans and Grants**

assist in developing and repairing drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, including solid



waste disposal and storm drainage in rural areas. \$8,895,000 in loans and \$3,184,500 in grants (inclusive of \$328,700 Native American grants) assisted in ten water projects and one storm water drainage project. These loans and grants helped nearly 21,506 rural residents in nine communities.



Distance Learning
and Telemedicine
Grants assists
rural Utah by
enhancing
education or
healthcare

opportunities and linking them to universities or metro hospitals. Three grants totaling \$1,249,514 was awarded to UVSC and CEU-San Juan, to improve educational programs in Navajo Nation and San Juan County with assistance to 14,413 residents in 13 communities.

#### **Broadband Community Connect Grants**

Provide funds to previously underserved communities to facilitate high speed broadband

services with hard wiring to each rural residence and business. This service enhances economic growth, educational, health



care, public safety services and improves the quality of life in rural America. A \$205,416 USDA-Rural Development grant assisted in financing high speed internet service and a community center equipped with ten computer work stations for public use of the 279 people living at Navajo Mountain; a most isolated area of the state who were without broadband services.

FY07 IMPACT – USDA Rural Development through Utilities Programs provided assistance to 36,392 individuals within 22 communitie