

**North Dakota
Rural Development
2006 Progress Report**



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Southwest Water



Napoleon Care Center



Sitting Bull Community College

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NODAK OUTDOORS

International Peace Gardens

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Community Programs provide funds for infrastructure, essential community facilities, and technology enhancement for medicine and learning. Community Programs also provide funds for infrastructure improvements, providing clean drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities, crucial for communities to grow.

Community facility funds were used for the renovation of a city hall and a high school, medical equipment for a clinic, expansion for an assistant care facility, purchase of equipment for a science center, fire truck, and a children's center.



Community Programs funded:

Water & Waste Loans & Grants

13 projects = \$11,528,650

4,158 households served in rural communities

Community Facility Direct/Guaranteed Loans/Grants

\$130,550; one direct loan and three grants

\$1,296,374; four guaranteed loans

Economic Impact Grants

2 projects = \$161,312; medical equipment and town hall

Tribal College Initiative Grants

\$724,361; one grant, Sitting Bull College Science Building

Success of these programs is community commitment and support, as well as partnering with the private sector and non-profit organizations.

HOUSING PROGRAMS



Rural Development employees are committed in providing affordable housing to all rural North Dakota residents. Very low, low and moderate-income individuals and families can buy homes using our direct and guaranteed loan programs.

Another priority is providing financing for construction of apartments and other multiple-family housing units in rural communities that lack sufficient safe and affordable units. It provides rental subsidies to low-income people, many of which are elderly. To date, we have provided funding for construction of approximately 4,500 units.

Rural Development also provides funds for home improvement loans and grants to help low-income people, often the elderly people, remove health and safety hazards from their homes.

New Homes in 2006

2006 investments in housing include:

| | Investment: | Families: |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Guaranteed Home Ownership Loans | \$16,810,753 | 200 |
| Direct Home Ownership Loan | \$6,130,895 | 82 |
| Home Repair Loans & Grants | \$382,194 | 62 |
| | | Units: |
| Rental Housing Rehabilitation Loans | \$385,000 | 3 |
| Housing Preservation Grants | \$116,429 | 2 |
| Rental Assistance Payments | \$2,667,006 | 202 |
| Guaranteed Rental Rehabilitation | \$1,922,489 | 4 |

BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Our business programs promote a dynamic business environment in rural America transforming communities into places of opportunity and growth, providing jobs, and stimulating the economy.

Business programs assisted 31 businesses and created and or saved 551 jobs in rural North Dakota in FY 2006. These programs provide a positive business climate and promote job creation and retention.



Our business programs have provided the following funds to rural North Dakota communities:

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (B&I)
9 projects = \$10,777,600; 390 jobs created or saved

Intermediary Re-lending Programs (IRP)
1 project = \$750,000; 15 jobs created—provide technical assistance for business and community development

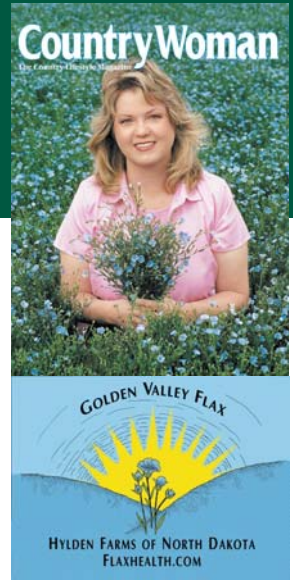
Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG)
6 projects = \$1,167,430; 66 jobs created or saved
Projects include a public television educational program, building renovation, business incubator, and technical assistance

Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)
3 projects = \$293,120; 70 jobs created or saved

Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG)
3 projects = \$300,000; 10 jobs created or saved

Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG)
2 projects = \$355,027; provide technical assistance for cooperative development to Native American People Cooperative and the ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

Rural Energy and Energy Efficiency Grants (RE/EE)
4 projects = \$613,368; provide assistance to farmers, ranchers, and small rural businesses to make energy efficiency improvements



Esther Hylden as seen in Country Woman Magazine



Crete Grain Co., Inc.



Impact Foundation, Inc.



*Soy BoyZ, Inc.,
<http://soyboyzinc.com/index.html>*

THE BOTTOM LINE

- ✓ **282 families or individuals** became homeowners
- ✓ **62 homes** repaired to remove health and safety hazards
- ✓ **4,158 homes** touched by improved central water and wastewater systems
- ✓ **551 jobs** created or saved
- ✓ **61 dedicated USDA Rural Development employees delivering services to rural North Dakota**

Rural Electric Program

Administered out of Washington, D.C., this program provides low interest loans to rural electric membership corporations. Last year, North Dakota received six loans totaling **\$182.8 million**.

Telecommunication Program

Administered out of Washington, D.C., this program provides low interest loans to rural telephone companies. One loan for **\$14,077,000** went to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and another for **\$14,500,000** went to Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

Broadband Program

Administered out of Washington, D.C., this program is to aid rural areas in connecting to the Internet. A grant for **\$343,611** was awarded to Precision Diagnostic Services, Inc., and another for **\$119,006** went to The Great Northwest Education Cooperative Alexander Public School District.

For more information about USDA Rural Development loans and services, feel free to contact any of our offices. We have two Area Offices and four Local Offices strategically located throughout the state. Please contact the office nearest you.

Dickinson Area Office 701-225-9168
Bismarck Local Office 701-250-4367
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Minot Area Office 701-852-1754
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Rural Telecommunication Program

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In Fiscal Year 2006, USDA Rural Development provided over **\$56.6 million** in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens.

USDA Rural Development is the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. It administers financial and technical assistance through a network of state Rural Development offices, various non-profit and educational institutional partners, and its national office.

Further information on these and other rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

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